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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. August 28, 2017 – For the week ending August 27, 2017, temperatures were below normal across most of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Heavy rains fell in eastern counties, with some locations receiving as much as six inches. Corn harvest began in southeast Kansas. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 6 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 26 short, 66 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 29 fair, 41 good, and 14 excellent. Corn dough was 89 percent, near 91 last year and the five-year average of 92. Dented was 58 percent, near 62 last year and 61 average. Mature was 15 percent, near 14 last year, but behind 20 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 36 fair, 46 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 88 percent, ahead of 80 last year and 78 average. Dropping leaves was 3 percent, near 2 last year and 4 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 46 good, and 14 excellent. Sorghum headed was 88 percent, behind 95 last year, but equal to average. Coloring was 26 percent, well behind 47 last year, and behind 34 average. Mature was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 2 average.

Cotton condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 37 fair, 49 good, and 6 excellent. Cotton squaring was 95 percent, near 92 last year, and equal to average. Setting bolls was 54 percent, behind 63 last year and 71 average. Bolls opening was 10 percent, near 6 last year, and equal to average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 60 good, and 11 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 81 percent, behind 88 last year, and near 85 average. Ray flowers dried was 6 percent, behind 14 last year and 21 average.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 48 good, and 4 excellent. Alfalfa third cutting was 96 percent complete, near 94 last year, and ahead of 89 average. Fourth cutting was 41 percent, equal to last year, but ahead of 27 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 34 fair, 50 good, and 6 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 9 short, 86 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:
<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-08-28-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District
 For the Week Ending August 27, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.9	6.5	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.2	5.0	3.7	5.4	6.0
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	1	1	12	9	8	4	7	1	2	6
Short	8	16	22	49	40	34	36	4	3	25
Adequate	77	82	66	42	52	58	49	80	95	65
Surplus	14	1	0	0	0	4	8	15	0	4
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	2	1	5	10	9	2	14	1	2	5
Short	21	15	21	45	47	28	37	11	8	26
Adequate	73	84	74	45	41	65	41	70	90	66
Surplus	4	0	0	0	3	5	8	18	0	3
Corn Dough	67	90	90	90	99	95	95	96	94	89
Corn Dented	25	41	55	59	87	61	71	78	77	58
Corn Mature	4	4	7	17	45	23	10	18	41	15
Sorghum Headed	74	94	91	82	92	89	91	90	91	88
Sorghum Coloring	10	27	29	11	34	35	16	34	48	26

Note: District-level soybean estimates will not be published in 2017 due to lack of external funding.

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