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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. September 5, 2017 – For the week ending September 3, 2017, below normal temperatures returned to the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Small amounts of rain fell in central and western areas, while the eastern third of the State remained dry. There were 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 7 percent very short, 31 short, 60 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 5 percent very short, 29 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 1 percent, equal to both last year and the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 42 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dough was 93 percent, near 94 last year and 96 average. Dented was 75 percent, near 78 last year, and equal to average. Mature was 30 percent, ahead of 24 last year, and equal to average. Harvested was 3 percent, equal to last year, but behind 10 average.

Soybean condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 35 fair, 47 good, and 7 excellent. Soybeans setting pods was 94 percent, ahead of 89 last year and 88 average. Dropping leaves was 8 percent, near 5 last year, and equal to average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 33 fair, 49 good, and 9 excellent. Sorghum headed was 95 percent, near 99 last year and 94 average. Coloring was 46 percent, well behind 66 last year, and near 50 average. Mature was 5 percent, near 8 last year and 6 average.

Cotton condition rated 2 percent very poor, 6 poor, 41 fair, 46 good, and 5 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 70 percent, behind 76 last year and 81 average. Bolls opening was 15 percent, ahead of 10 last year, and near 14 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 62 good, and 4 excellent. Sunflowers blooming was 93 percent, near 94 last year and 92 average. Ray flowers dried was 26 percent, equal to both last year and average. Bracts turning yellow was 7 percent. Bracts turning brown was 3 percent.

Alfalfa condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 35 fair, 51 good, and 3 excellent. Alfalfa fourth cutting was 59 percent complete, ahead of 50 last year, and well ahead of 37 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 34 fair, 53 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 90 adequate, and 1 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-09-05-2017.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 September 3, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.9	6.9	6.3	6.8	6.7
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	3	2	10	15	9	4	18	1	1	7
Short	16	26	26	49	43	47	34	11	17	31
Adequate	73	71	63	36	48	49	40	86	82	60
Surplus	8	1	1	0	0	0	8	2	0	2
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	3	0	6	13	10	0	12	1	1	5
Short	21	26	23	44	48	35	37	10	13	29
Adequate	75	73	70	43	42	63	43	87	86	65
Surplus	1	1	1	0	0	2	8	2	0	1
Corn Dough	76	94	98	93	100	99	96	97	96	93
Corn Dented	43	74	73	69	95	86	86	88	88	75
Corn Mature	15	19	22	26	64	44	20	39	63	30
Sorghum Headed	89	98	98	91	97	92	95	96	98	95
Sorghum Coloring	26	50	51	33	50	50	59	51	76	46
Sorghum Mature	1	1	7	1	5	10	0	10	23	5

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

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