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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**MANHATTAN, Kan. September 18, 2017** – For the week ending September 17, 2017, above normal temperatures returned to Kansas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The eastern half of the State received measurable rainfall, while most of the western half remained dry. There were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 16 percent very short, 42 short, 41 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 12 percent very short, 39 short, 48 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 7 percent, near 8 for both last year and the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 28 fair, 43 good, and 12 excellent. Corn dented was 91 percent, near 95 last year and 94 average. Mature was 61 percent, near 62 last year, and equal to average. Harvested was 19 percent, near 16 last year, but behind 24 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 37 fair, 40 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 38 percent, well ahead of 18 last year, and ahead of 28 average. Harvested was 1 percent, near 0 last year, and equal to average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 32 fair, 49 good, and 10 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 81 percent, behind 91 last year, but near 79 average. Mature was 21 percent, behind 28 last year, but equal to average. Harvested was 2 percent, near 4 both last year and average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 32 fair, 56 good, and 9 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 90 percent, near 89 last year and 93 average. Bolls opening was 29 percent, ahead of 22 last year, and near 28 average. Harvested was 2 percent, equal to last year, and near 1 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 29 fair, 60 good, and 9 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 63 percent, near 61 last year and 66 average. Bracts turning yellow was 38 percent, ahead of 33 average. Bracts turning brown was 16 percent.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 81 percent complete, ahead of 70 last year, and well ahead of 57 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 39 fair, 42 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 short, 82 adequate, and 4 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-09-18-2017.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/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District  
 For the Week Ending September 17, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
<b>Days Suitable for Fieldwork</b>	6.8	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.4	6.1	6.4	6.6
<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	17	4	23	24	21	12	22	2	8	16
Short	37	49	38	50	51	55	33	28	33	42
Adequate	43	47	39	26	28	33	40	70	58	41
Surplus	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	1
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	13	2	18	17	20	6	20	2	12	12
Short	35	40	29	51	53	46	39	35	22	39
Adequate	50	58	53	32	27	47	35	62	66	48
Surplus	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	1
<b>Winter Wheat Planted</b>	7	10	20	3	5	2	4	2	4	7
<b>Corn Dented</b>	72	92	94	88	99	99	94	97	100	91
<b>Corn Mature</b>	31	35	55	61	90	72	70	81	84	61
<b>Corn Harvested</b>	3	3	10	7	35	29	17	22	64	19
<b>Sorghum Coloring</b>	68	86	88	70	78	85	81	82	90	81
<b>Sorghum Mature</b>	4	22	26	12	19	28	14	30	60	21

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

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