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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. September 25, 2017 – For the week ending September 24, 2017, the State continued to experience above normal temperatures, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Measureable rainfall was received in western Kansas. Row crop harvest and winter wheat seeding continued. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 17 percent very short, 41 short, 40 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 15 percent very short, 38 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 14 percent, near 18 last year, and behind 20 for the five-year average. Emerged was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 4 average.

Corn condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 29 fair, 39 good, and 13 excellent. Corn dented was 96 percent, near 98 last year and 97 average. Mature was 75 percent, near 79 last year and 76 average. Harvested was 29 percent, near 27 last year, but behind 35 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 15 poor, 37 fair, 38 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 60 percent, well ahead of 32 last year, and ahead of 44 average. Harvested was 6 percent, near 2 last year and 3 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 32 fair, 47 good, and 11 excellent. Sorghum coloring was 90 percent, behind 95 last year, but near 88 average. Mature was 35 percent, behind 44 last year, but near 34 average. Harvested was 6 percent, near 9 last year and 7 average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 55 good, and 8 excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 93 percent, equal to last year, and near 96 average. Bolls opening was 41 percent, near 37 last year, and equal to average. Harvested was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near 1 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 57 good, and 12 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 76 percent, near 75 last year and 78 average. Bracts turning yellow was 59 percent, ahead of 52 last year and 53 average. Bracts turning brown was 32 percent, ahead of 21 last year.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 87 percent complete, ahead of 80 last year, and well ahead of 65 average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 39 fair, 39 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 17 short, 78 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-09-25-2017.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 24, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.4	6.2	6.2	6.1	6.6	6.8	6.0	5.1	5.9	6.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	11	3	22	30	23	19	25	3	12	17
Short	37	41	36	49	48	56	34	23	30	41
Adequate	46	51	41	21	29	25	38	73	58	40
Surplus	6	5	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	2
Subsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	10	4	19	22	22	12	26	2	15	15
Short	30	36	25	52	51	53	37	32	21	38
Adequate	59	55	55	26	27	35	34	65	64	46
Surplus	1	5	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	1
Winter Wheat Planted	17	19	32	5	9	6	5	6	5	14
Corn Dented	87	96	99	95	100	100	96	100	100	96
Corn Mature	49	46	73	79	96	88	82	92	95	75
Corn Harvested	12	14	14	19	51	44	24	40	74	29
Sorghum Coloring	79	94	97	81	87	92	91	95	93	90
Sorghum Mature	7	32	42	27	35	48	20	42	68	35
Sorghum Harvested	1	2	8	1	6	14	0	5	41	6

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

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