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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**MANHATTAN, Kan. October 16, 2017** – For the week ending October 15, 2017, above normal temperatures in the east preceded late week rains while the western half of the State remained mostly cool and dry, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat seeding and row crop harvest continued across Kansas with some reports of soybean pods shattering. There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 77 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 4 percent very short, 18 short, 74 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat planted was 42 percent, well behind 71 last year and 75 for the five-year average. Emerged was 25 percent, behind 44 last year, and well behind 46 average.

Corn mature was 92 percent, behind 99 last year and 97 average. Harvested was 54 percent, well behind 74 last year, and behind 73 average.

Soybean condition rated 5 percent very poor, 14 poor, 37 fair, 39 good, and 5 excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 93 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 87 average. Harvested was 34 percent, ahead of 25 last year, but near 36 average.

Sorghum condition rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 32 fair, 46 good, and 12 excellent. Sorghum mature was 75 percent, behind 88 last year, and near 78 average. Harvested was 13 percent, well behind 41 last year, and behind 32 average.

Cotton condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 27 fair, 60 good, and 11 excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 72 percent, near 74 last year and 75 average. Harvested was 7 percent, equal to last year, and near 5 average.

Sunflowers condition rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 26 fair, 56 good, and 14 excellent. Sunflowers ray flowers dried was 93 percent, near 94 last year and 96 average. Bracts turning yellow was 83 percent, near 87 last year, and behind 88 average. Bracts turning brown was 69 percent, near 72 last year and 70 average. Harvested was 5 percent, behind 24 last year and 22 average.

Alfalfa fourth cutting was 92 percent complete, near 96 last year, but ahead of 86 average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 15 poor, 35 fair, 43 good, and 3 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 14 short, 82 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-10-16-2017.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 October 15, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
<b>Days Suitable for Fieldwork</b>	4.6	5.0	5.1	3.2	3.7	4.9	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.4
<b>Topsoil Moisture</b>	<b>Percent</b>									
Very Short	0	0	2	3	5	0	3	3	5	2
Short	5	8	7	16	16	14	15	14	12	11
Adequate	55	75	90	73	76	79	70	76	76	77
Surplus	40	17	1	8	3	7	12	7	7	10
<b>Subsoil Moisture</b>										
Very Short	2	0	2	5	6	1	16	3	7	4
Short	11	10	10	23	25	24	26	21	18	18
Adequate	72	86	87	66	68	73	56	72	72	74
Surplus	15	4	1	6	1	2	2	4	3	4
<b>Winter Wheat Planted</b>	56	47	55	33	40	35	22	26	18	42
<b>Winter Wheat Emerged</b>	36	32	36	13	19	20	16	9	11	25
<b>Corn Mature</b>	74	75	96	98	100	99	100	100	100	92
<b>Corn Harvested</b>	25	29	47	36	85	75	53	76	91	54
<b>Sorghum Mature</b>	61	69	84	66	78	79	67	68	90	75
<b>Sorghum Harvested</b>	4	13	13	5	13	26	8	32	57	13

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

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