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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. March 13, 2017 – For the week ending March 12, 2017, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal across the majority of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was limited to eastern counties and a few northern areas, with amounts generally less than a half inch. Warm and windy conditions affected the entire State. Wildfires caused damage in many areas, most notably Clark and Comanche counties. Temperature fluctuations raised concerns about wheat and livestock health. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 26 percent very short, 41 short, 33 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 38 short, 43 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 37 fair, 38 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 5 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 2.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 67 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 53 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 57 average, and 42 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 80 good, and 4 excellent. Lambing progress was 67 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 58 average, and 42 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, 6 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 4 percent very short, 12 short, 83 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 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 March 12, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.5	5.1	6.5	5.7	6.6	6.4	6.0	6.4	6.2	6.1
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	43	40	56	14	8	8	10	12	14	26
Short	37	43	26	35	42	52	42	58	44	41
Adequate	20	17	18	51	49	40	48	30	42	33
Surplus	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	32	25	48	7	7	7	5	4	10	19
Short	48	49	31	27	43	34	38	56	28	38
Adequate	20	26	21	66	50	59	57	40	62	43
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Wheat Jointed	3	2	1	3	6	9	1	6	15	5

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