

#### United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service, Kansas Field Office



## CROP WEATHER

#### **Kansas Agricultural Statistics**

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation fell across the eastern half of the state, with the heaviest amounts in the southeast corner. Farmers averaged 4.8 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture is rated at 8 percent very short, 20 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated at 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Primary farm activity involved top dressing wheat, weed control, preparing for corn planting, alfalfa seeding, and seeding oats.

**Field Crop Report:** Wheat is estimated at 18 percent jointed, compared to 60 percent in 2007 and 38 percent for the 5-year average. Wheat condition is rated 6 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Wind damage to the wheat crop across the state is 88 percent no damage, 9 percent having light damage, 2 percent with moderate damage, and 1 percent with severe wind damage. Freeze damage to wheat is being rated at 90 percent with no damage, 8 percent with light damage, and 2 percent of the wheat has moderate freeze damage. Insect infestation of the wheat crop is rated at 90 percent none, 9 percent light, and 1 percent moderate. Disease infestation is rated at 83 percent none, 16 percent light, and 1 percent moderate. Three percent of **corn** has been planted, compared to 1 percent last year and 5 percent for the 5-year average. **Oats** planted is 89 percent complete, compared to 75 percent for 2007 and 76 percent for the 5-year average.

**Feed Supplies Report:** Range and pasture conditions were rated at 9 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 11 percent short, 84 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated 3 percent very short, 18 percent short, 76 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were estimated at 4 percent very short, 11 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Livestock activities primarily involved calving and lambing around the State. Some areas reported the burning of pastures and cattle being placed on pasture.

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**Crop Conditions for Week Ending 04/06/08** 

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
04/06/08	6	16	34	36	8
03/30/08	5	15	36	36	8
04/08/07	6	10	29	37	18
Range & Pasture	9	17	36	35	3

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 04/06/08

	NW	WC	SW	NC	С	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Wheat Joint	19	5	30	3	13	32	5	9	52	18	10	60	38

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for Week Ending 04/06/08

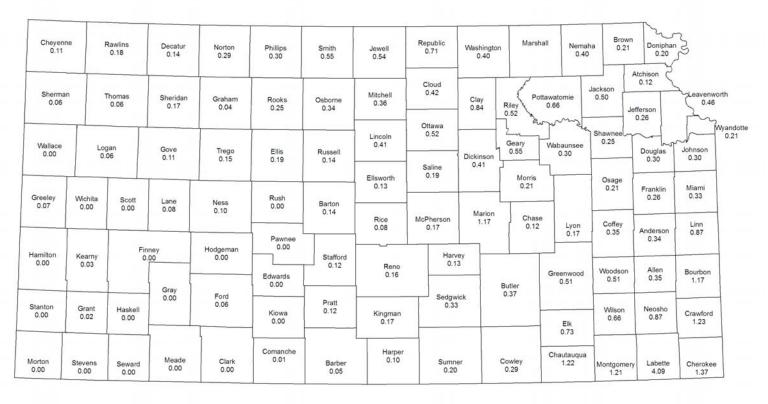
										<u></u>	LAST	LAST
	NW	WC	SW	NC	С	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	WEEK	YEAR
Days Suitable												
For Fieldwork	5.2	6.3	6.9	5.6	5.1	6.1	1.4	3.8	3.0	4.8	4.8	2.6
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	1	30	54	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	6	0
Short	58	65	35	7	16	34	0	0	2	20	16	3
Adequate	41	5	11	92	82	57	81	87	62	64	68	85
Surplus	0	0	0	1	2	1	19	13	36	8	10	12
Subsoil Moisture	Subsoil Moisture (Percent)											
Very Short	7	28	38	1	0	4	0	0	0	7	5	1
Short	65	50	42	12	14	14	0	0	2	18	14	12
Adequate	28	22	20	87	80	81	96	88	67	68	73	84
Surplus	0	0	0	0	6	1	4	12	31	7	8	3

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 04/06/08

		Temperature								Temperature					Precip
Station		Air			Soil	Soil 4"		Station		Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	-
NW	Colby	69	20	42	58	39	.05	SC	Hesston	68	31	49	65	41	.04
WC	Tribune	70	21	44	61	41	.00	NE	Powhatt	72	33	48	64	38	.35
SW	Garden Cty	72	25	46	59	43	.01	NE	Manhat	68	31	47	59	42	.52
NC	Scandia	67	30	45	54	35	.78	EC	Ottawa	71	31	50	58	44	.20
С	Hays	74	31	47	61	34	.05	EC	Slvr Lk	71	34	49	54	43	.13
SC	Hutch	69	27	48	53	45	.03	EC	Rossvl	71	31	49	54	43	.24
SC	St John	71	25	47	62	38	.03	SE	Parsons	73	33	51	61	44	1.95

Data collected by Automated Stations (above) may differ from official stations (below). Automated stations report through midnight on Sunday. Official reporting stations data are through 8:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

### PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 6, 2008



Omission of an entry indicates report not received.