



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Agricultural Summary: Kansas farmers saw above normal temperatures and scattered showers last week. Highs were in the 90's to start the week, but temperatures cooled down as the week progressed, dipping down into the 40's by Sunday. The northeastern corner of the State received most of the precipitation last week, while the remainder of the State received scattered showers. Three counties received more than 3 inches of rain; Brown County had the most with 5.62 inches, followed by Leavenworth with 3.32, and Nemaha with 3.06 inches, while Meade County was the only county reporting no precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were reported at 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. The subsoil moisture supplies were rated at 7 percent very short, 25 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Producers averaged 4.9 days suitable for field work last week.

Field Crop Report: September's warm weather has allowed fall harvesting to continue at a steady pace, as over half of the Kansas corn crop has been harvested. **Corn** was reported at 93 percent mature, well ahead of 74 percent the previous year and the 5-year average of 85 percent. Corn harvest was 54 percent complete by week's end, ahead of only 17 percent last year and 34 percent for the 5-year average. By harvesting 15 percent of the corn acreage last week, Kansas corn producers are progressing more than a week ahead of normal and more than a month ahead of the 2009 harvest. **Sorghum** acreage turning color reached 96 percent, ahead of 84 percent last year and the 5-year average of 89 percent. Sorghum matured advanced 21 points last week to reach 52 percent, well ahead of 19 percent last year and the 5-year average of 36 percent. Thirteen percent of the sorghum for grain has been harvested compared to 3 percent last year and 9 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition was rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Fifty-four percent of the **soybean** crop had leaves dropping, slightly behind last year's 56 percent and the 5-year average of 63 percent. Kansas farmers are just beginning soybean harvest in most areas, which was reported to be 7 percent complete, compared to 1 percent last year and the 5-year average of 4 percent. The condition of the crop was rated as 4 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** producers have planted 21 percent of the acreage by the end of the week, the same as last year but behind the 5-year average of 28 percent. Four percent of the wheat crop has emerged compared to 7 percent last year and 9 percent for the 5-year average. The Kansas **cotton** crop is maturing rapidly as the acreage with bolls opened advanced 25 points to reach 70 percent, well ahead of 29 percent last year and the 5-year average of 32 percent. The condition of the cotton crop was rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 62 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Eighty-two percent of **sunflowers** were reported as having ray flowers dry, ahead of 80 percent last year but behind 84 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-seven percent of the sunflowers were reported having turned yellow, ahead of 56 percent last year but behind the 5-year average of 67 percent. Twenty-four percent of sunflowers were reported as having turned brown, ahead of 10 percent last year and 22 percent for the 5-year average, while 2 percent of sunflowers were reported as harvested, compared to 2 percent last year and 4 percent for the 5-year average. Sunflower condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 76 percent complete at week's end, ahead of both 62 percent last year and 72 percent for the 5-year average.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture condition was rated at 5 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 3 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were reported at 5 percent short, 89 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated at 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 82 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated at 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Rains in recent weeks have improved pasture conditions for late grazing.

Crop Conditions for the Week Ending 09/26/10

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(Percent)				
Cotton	1	4	25	62	8
Sorghum	3	9	29	51	8
Soybeans	4	13	35	40	8
Sunflowers	1	5	29	58	7
Range & Pasture	5	13	36	43	3

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District for the Week Ending 09/26/10

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Mature	84	83	97	91	99	100	92	96	100	93	84	74	85
Corn Harvested	29	39	60	41	87	82	43	56	92	54	39	17	34
Sorghum Coloring	99	98	98	95	93	95	97	97	99	96	92	84	89
Sorghum Mature	43	42	63	46	57	53	62	43	71	52	31	19	36
Sorghum Harvested	5	12	14	5	16	25	5	4	43	13	6	3	9
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	73	57	57	64	66	64	50	49	38	54	37	56	63
Soybeans Harvested	23	4	13	12	12	13	1	5	3	7	1	1	4
Winter Wheat Planted	32	36	35	6	12	17	3	7	5	21	11	21	28

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for the Week Ending 09/26/10

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable												
For Fieldwork	6.2	6.4	6.4	4.1	4.3	5.1	3.2	4.5	4.3	4.9	4.6	4.5
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	15	24	27	2	4	2	0	0	0	7	11	2
Short	45	44	47	14	25	13	3	4	2	20	24	11
Adequate	40	32	26	79	62	83	80	92	86	67	57	78
Surplus	0	0	0	5	9	2	17	4	12	6	8	9
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	17	19	23	4	9	3	0	1	0	7	9	4
Short	43	43	49	19	32	18	8	17	10	25	27	11
Adequate	40	38	28	74	58	78	84	81	88	66	61	81
Surplus	0	0	0	3	1	1	8	1	2	2	3	4



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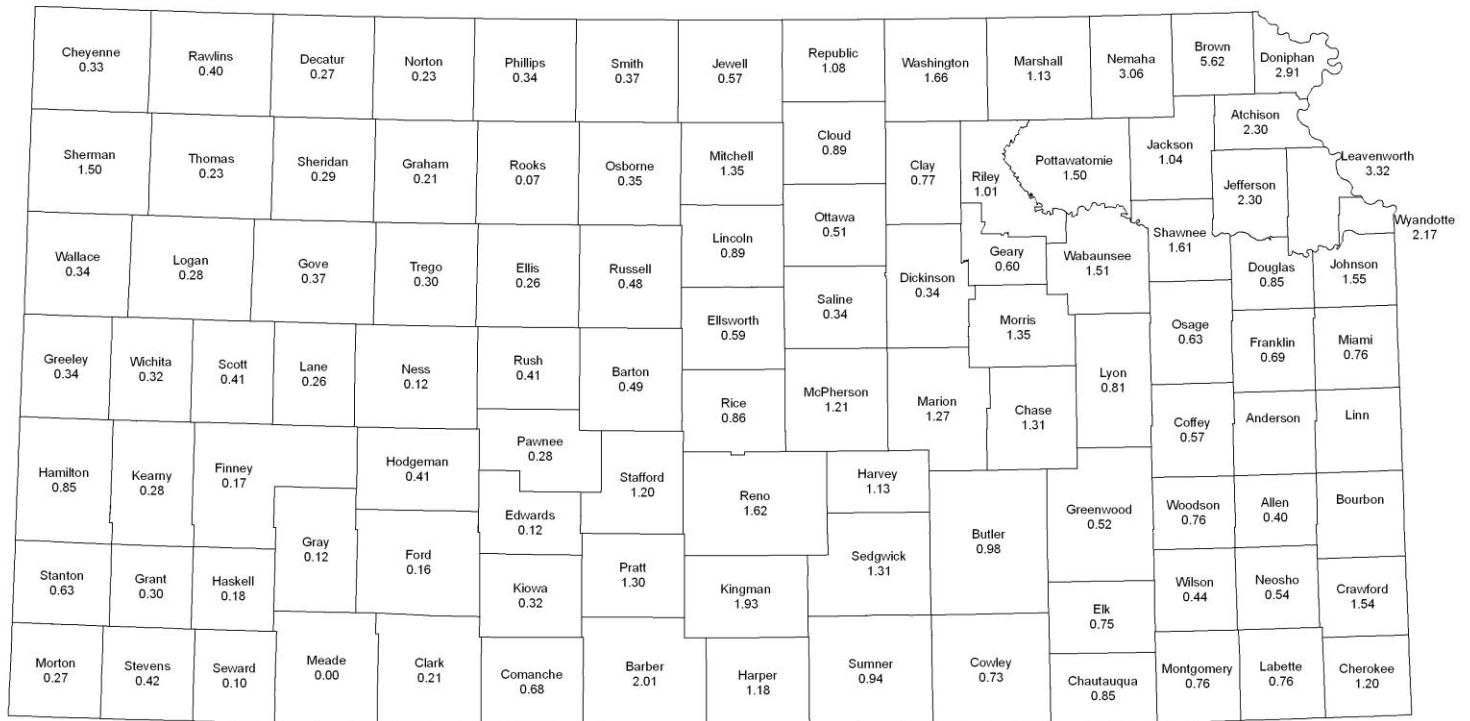
Temp. and Precip. Data, Selected Sites, for the Week Ending 09/26/10

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
		Air			Soil 4"					Air			Soil 4"		
Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min		Dist	City	Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	
NW	Colby ^{1/}	93	43	68	79	63	.22	NE	Powhatt	89	44	67	83	56	1.23
WC	Tribune	91	42	69	80	66	.30	NE	Manhat	92	45	72	86	55	.98
SW	Garden Cty	90	42	71	80	66	.12	EC	Ottawa ^{1/}	90	47	71	83	60	.57
NC	Scandia	90	45	69	74	56	.48	EC	Slvr Lk	90	45	70	77	65	1.04
C	Hays ^{1/}	90	43	70	83	54	.12	EC	Rossvl	92	44	70	82	62	1.47
SC	Hutch	90	46	71	76	67	1.14	SE	Parsons	91	48	72	81	66	.30
SC	St John	90	43	71	82	63	.59								

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 7:00 a.m. Sunday. The map data are collected by individuals (one or more per county).

^{1/}Soil temperatures are under bare ground.

Precipitation for the Week Ending September 26, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.



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