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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 10, 2014 -- For the week ending March 9, 2014, cold, dry conditions prevailed across most of Kansas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow and ice early in the week in south central and southwest areas of Kansas accounted for limited precipitation with most totals half inch or less. Average temperatures in the eastern half of the State were more than 15 degrees below normal in some areas, while near normal temperatures were recorded in the far northwest. Winter wheat has started to green in a few areas. There were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 33 short, 50 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 19 percent very short, 35 short, 46 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 13 poor, 45 fair, 35 good, and 2 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** The cold temperatures continued to challenge Kansas ranchers, from calving during snow storms to respiratory issues in newborns. Some pastures were beginning to green up, but dry conditions and low pond levels were growing concerns. Cattle and calf conditions were 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 30 fair, 62 good, and 3 excellent. Cattle and calf losses were 23 percent below normal, 75 normal, and 2 above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 36 fair, 59 good, and 3 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses were 21 percent below normal, 77 normal, and 2 above normal. Hay and forage supplies rated 3 percent very short, 11 short, 82 adequate, and 4 surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 11 percent very short, 20 short, 69 adequate, and 0 surplus.

*Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and KSU Extension Service.*

*District level data is provided on the back page.*

*Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=KS&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=KS&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable and Soil Moisture by District  
for the Week Ending March 9, 2014**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.9	3.2	3.5	3.7	1.9	2.8	1.2	1.4	3.1	2.9	NA	2.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent											
Very Short	47	26	29	26	8	1	1	6	3	16	17	18
Short	41	43	39	29	42	32	15	25	26	33	38	30
Adequate	12	31	32	43	49	67	83	66	67	50	44	46
Surplus	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	3	4	1	1	6
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	41	25	35	32	21	1	4	5	3	19	21	42
Short	41	47	38	36	40	32	29	28	28	35	40	41
Adequate	18	28	27	32	39	66	64	66	69	46	39	16
Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1