



CROP WEATHER

Kansas Agricultural Statistics

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Agricultural Summary: Moderate temperatures and very little precipitation across the State aided producers in getting field work done. Producers averaged 5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture is rated as 4 percent very short, 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated as 7 percent very short, 10 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Primary farm activities involved cutting hay, planting wheat, and harvesting corn, soybeans, and sorghum.

Field Crop Report: Twelve percent of the **wheat** has been planted, compared to 14 percent in 2007 and 20 percent for the 5-year average. Sixty percent of **corn** has matured, compared to 90 percent last year and 85 percent for the 5-year average. Eleven percent has been harvested, compared to 37 percent for 2007 and 35 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Seventy-seven percent of the **sorghum** is coloring, compared to 97 percent last year and 86 percent for the 5-year average. Eighteen percent is mature, compared to 34 percent for both 2007 and the 5-year average. Three percent has been harvested, compared to 4 percent last year and 9 percent for the 5-year average. Sorghum condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Forty-one percent of **soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to 54 percent last year and 58 percent for the 5-year average. Soybean condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Twenty-five percent of **cotton** is in the bolls open stage, compared to 16 percent last year and 28 percent for the 5-year average. Cotton condition is rated as 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Seventy-nine percent of the **sunflowers** are in the ray flower dry stage, compared to 73 percent in 2007 and 81 percent for the 5-year average. Fifty-four percent are in the bracts yellow stage, compared to 61 percent for the previous year and 65 percent for the 5-year average. Six percent are mature, compared to 24 percent for both last year and the 5-year average. Sunflower condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. Sixty-four percent of the fourth cutting of **alfalfa** has been completed, compared to 71 percent for the previous year and 69 percent for the 5-year average.

Feed Supplies Report: Range and pasture conditions were rated as 5 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Feed grain supplies were rated as 3 percent very short, 10 percent short, 86 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Hay and forage supplies were rated as 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 81 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus. Stock water supplies were rated as 2 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

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Crop Conditions for Week Ending 09/21/08

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	3	10	35	44	8
Sorghum	3	9	31	47	10
Soybeans	1	4	29	49	17
Cotton	5	10	30	45	10
Sunflowers	1	6	28	58	7
Range & Pasture	5	9	28	49	9

Crop Progress by Agricultural Statistics District as of 09/21/08

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	5-YR AVG.
Corn Mature	30	36	44	83	78	81	69	73	81	60	41	90	85
Corn Harvested	3	3	19	16	17	20	4	9	28	11	5	37	35
Sorghum Coloring	80	77	50	82	76	85	99	74	85	77	63	97	86
Sorghum Mature	6	10	11	24	14	38	33	13	27	18	10	34	34
Soybeans Dropping	36	33	43	71	40	50	57	37	10	41	21	54	58
Wheat Planted	20	24	42	5	4	10	6	1	6	12	5	14	20

Days Suitable and Moisture Conditions for Week Ending 09/21/08

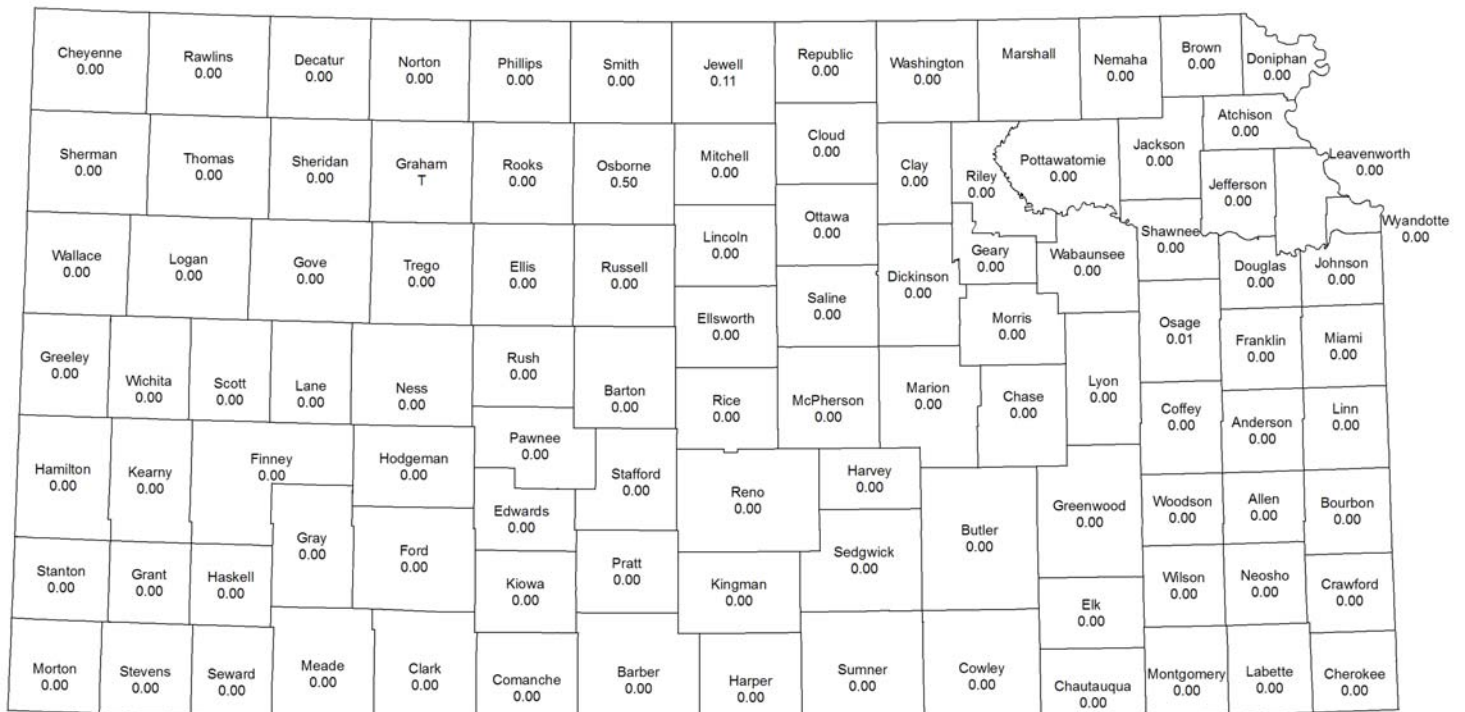
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR
Days Suitable For Fieldwork	6.1	7.0	6.9	6.4	4.9	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8	5.0	2.6	5.5
Topsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	2	44	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	8
Short	27	25	22	3	7	4	0	0	0	8	4	36
Adequate	62	31	67	92	84	80	79	94	72	77	63	55
Surplus	9	0	0	4	9	16	21	6	28	11	30	1
Subsoil Moisture (Percent)												
Very Short	9	31	34	1	3	1	0	0	0	7	5	3
Short	29	39	22	12	8	4	0	0	0	10	9	43
Adequate	59	30	43	84	81	81	77	100	80	74	68	54
Surplus	3	0	1	3	8	14	23	0	20	9	18	0

TEMP. AND PRECIP. DATA, SELECTED SITES, FOR WEEK ENDING 09/21/08 at 7:00 a.m.

Station		Temperature					Precip	Station		Temperature					Precip
Dist	City	Air			Soil 4"			Dist	City	Air			Soil 4"		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Max			Min	Avg	Max	Min		
NW	Colby	85	38	66	85	50	.00	SC	Hesston	82	43	65	80	56	.01
WC	Tribune	85	40	64	73	60	.00	NE	Powhatt	82	41	64	80	57	.00
SW	Garden Cty	87	38	67	80	60	.00	NE	Manhat	81	43	64	79	61	.00
NC	Scandia	82	39	65	73	51	.00	EC	Ottawa	84	46	66	76	57	.00
C	Hays	84	37	65	82	51	.00	EC	Slvr Lk	83	42	65	74	62	.00
SC	Hutch	81	43	64	79	62	.00	EC	Rossvl	83	43	65	76	61	.00
SC	St John	81	43	66	81	60	.00	SE	Parsons	82	46	65	73	61	.00

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).

PRECIPITATION FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 21, 2008 at 7:00 a.m.



Omission of an entry indicates report not received. T – Precipitation less than .005.