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## KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

TOPEKA, KS, March 3, 2014 -- For the month of February 2014, cold, snowy weather at the beginning of the month resulted in over a foot in some northeast areas, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Monthly precipitation totals were within a half inch of normal across much of the state. Average temperatures were colder than normal, with most areas averaging six to ten degrees colder than normal. As the snow melted, wheat fields started to green up and show signs of growth. Some concerns continue regarding the potential for winterkill due to the extremely cold temperatures. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 38 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21 percent very short, 40 short, 39 adequate, and 0 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 18 poor, 44 fair, 32 good, and 2 excellent.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cold temperatures made for increased challenges for Kansas ranchers with cows calving during February. Cattle and calf conditions were 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 48 fair, 46 good, and 2 excellent. Cattle and calf losses were 8 percent below normal, 88 normal, and 4 above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions were 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 42 fair, 52 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb losses were 9 percent below normal, 88 normal, and 3 above normal. Hay and forage supplies rated 7 percent very short, 10 short, 77 adequate, and 6 surplus. Stock water supplies were rated 14 percent very short, 21 short, 65 adequate, and 0 surplus.

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

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