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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. May 18, 2026 - For the week ending May 17, 2026, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 27% very short, 42% short, 30% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 26% very short, 40% short, 33% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 24% very poor, 34% poor, 27% fair, 14% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat headed was 93%, ahead of 82% last year, and well ahead of 72% for the five-year average. Coloring was 22%, ahead of 6% last year and 5% average.

Corn planted was 63%, behind 71% last year and 68% average. Emerged was 45%, behind 51% last year, but near 44% average.

Soybeans planted was 53%, near 54% last year, but ahead of 44% average. Emerged was 23%, equal to last year, and near 19% average.

Sorghum planted was 12%, equal to last year, and near 9% average.

Cotton planted was 45%, near 42% last year, and ahead of 38% average.

Sunflowers planted was 10%, ahead of 3% last year and 5% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 15% very poor, 24% poor, 29% fair, 28% good, and 4% excellent.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, KSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition publication at:

<https://esmis.nal.usda.gov/publication/crop-progress>

Access Crop Progress and Condition graphical products at:

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts_and_Maps/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2026/index.php

**Crop Progress by District
For the Week Ending May 17, 2026**

	Percent									
	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Winter Wheat Headed	89	94	87	92	98	96	93	88	92	93
Winter Wheat Coloring	2	6	17	2	33	40	1	2	37	22
Corn Planted	28	32	57	70	86	78	93	76	99	63
Corn Emerged	7	11	39	50	74	62	80	55	90	45

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