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Report: Warm Ks Weather Speeds Planting

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The government's weekly snapshot of Kansas crops indicates warmer weather and steady winds have helped dry out soggy wheat fields.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service also reported Monday that producers are nearly done planting sorghum and soybeans. First cutting of alfalfa is almost complete.

The agency said 47 percent of the state's wheat crop was now ripe. It rated 45 percent of the crop in poor to very poor condition. About 27 percent was in fair shape with just 24 in good and 4 in excellent condition.

Corn condition was rated 8 percent poor to very poor, 34 percent fair, 51 percent good and 7 percent excellent.

Sorghum planting was 89 percent finished, with soybean planting not far behind at 88 percent.