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Return of Hot, Dry Conditions Stresses Ks Crops

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The return of hot, dry conditions to Kansas has put stress on farm crops in many parts of the state.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service says in its late crop report that temperatures averaged 2 to 6 degrees above normal in most of Kansas last week, with some areas seeing triple-digit highs.

The agency rated 10 percent of the state's corn crop in poor to very poor condition. About 31 percent is listed as fair, 44 percent as good and 15 percent excellent.

Most of the sorghum, soybean and sunflower crops are faring somewhat better than corn.

About 24 percent of the soybeans are setting pods, and 14 percent of the sorghum has headed.

Stock water supplies are adequate to surplus across 78 percent of Kansas.

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