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Kansas Farmers Begin Planting 2013 Wheat Crop

Kansas farmers have begun seeding the 2013

winter wheat crop amid a grim fall harvest of other major crops in the state.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 2 percent of the state's winter wheat crop had been planted by Sunday.

Meanwhile, growers are harvesting their drought-stressed crops, with about 41 of the corn acreage now cut. Soybean harvest has begun in some parts of the state with 1 percent of that crop now harvested. Sorghum harvest also is under way with 4 percent cut.

The condition of fall-harvested crops still in the fields remains sobering in spite of some scattered precipitation.

The agency gave poor to very poor ratings to 71 percent of the corn, 70 percent of the soybeans and 68 percent of the sorghum.

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