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Winter Wheat Planting Nearing Completion

Winter wheat planting in Kansas is nearly complete with 98 of the crop seeded as of Sunday.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that planting of the 2013 crop is running at roughly the same pace as last year, but ahead of the five-year average. About 87 percent of the wheat has now emerged.

The agency rates the emerging crop's condition as 13 percent poor to very poor, 50 percent fair, 35 percent good and 2 percent excellent.

Meanwhile, the Kansas corn harvest is 99 percent complete, with cutting more than three weeks ahead of normal.

Harvest of other crops also made some good progress over the past week, with 86 percent of the soybeans and 75 percent of the sorghum now safely in the bin.

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