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Winter Wheat Needs Moisture, Corn Being Planted

The latest government snapshot says the Kansas winter wheat crop is in need of moisture in most of the state.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 25 percent of the state's wheat crop is in poor to very poor condition. About 43 percent is rated as fair, with 30 percent in good and 2 percent in excellent condition.

The report noted the persistence of dry conditions in southwest Kansas during the past week, while parts of eastern and northwest Kansas received some light rain and snow. Extremely windy conditions have caused blowing soils, particularly in southwest Kansas.

Farmers have also just started putting in their corn crops. An estimated 1 percent of the planned crop has now been planted.

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