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Winter Wheat Coloring as Harvest Draws Closer in KS

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The latest government report shows winter wheat in Kansas is turning color as harvest draws closer.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that 96 percent of the wheat has headed, with 16 percent now coloring

Wheat condition is rated as 8 percent poor to very poor while 33 percent is in fair shape. The agency says 51 percent is in good condition and 8 percent is in excellent condition.

Meanwhile, spring planting made some progress last week despite some rainy days that kept farmers out of fields. About 90 percent of the corn has now been seeded in Kansas, along with 21 percent of the soybeans and 6 percent of the sorghum.

The agency says 72 percent of Kansas pastures and ranges are in good to excellent condition.

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