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Love

Moisture critical for wheat crop

That old familiar tune, "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow", is probably on most farmers' mind.

The lack of moisture is the biggest obstacle for the current wheat crop, along with the summer crops for this coming year. The top 3-6 inches of soil are dry, then there is about 18-24 inches of moisture, and that is it.

Wheat blowing is a definite concern, especially in wheat that was planted late and does not have much growth. However, the shorter and smaller wheat is in better shape than the taller wheat, which has used more moisture. Basically, if producers have short wheat, they are worried it will blow, but if have tall wheat, they are worried it will run out of water.

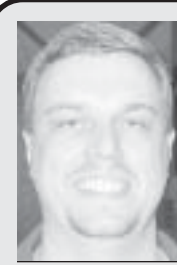
I would rate approximately 70 percent of the wheat in fair to poor condition. This will become worse if moisture is not available when the wheat comes out of winter dormancy and starts growing. There really is no solution for this situation

besides moisture. The area received approximately 40-60 percent of its usual annual rainfall in 2002. That means roughly 8 to 13 inches of moisture is needed to bring values close to normal.

According to State Climatologist Mary Knapp, March will be a critical month for moisture accumulation. Ms. Knapp said Kansas typically does not get much precipitation, even under the best of circumstances, in the winter. So even if snow or rainfall is "normal" or "above normal," that is not that much.

"March starts the 'wet season,'" she said, and favorable moisture that begins then and continues through the spring could quickly end the drought. At this time, the long-range outlook calls for equal chances of above normal, normal or below normal moisture."

Many producers will be looking at March's rain and snow totals to determine if they will plant corn or



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

a more drought tolerant crop like grain sorghum or sunflowers this summer.

The other management decision that dry weather will affect is livestock stocking rates on native pastures. After last year's dry conditions, many pastures were overgrazed.

The native grass in the pastures used many root reserves and is in a delicate state. If stockmen overgraze again, the possibility of having poor quality annual weeds or unpalatable perennial grasses take

over good pasture will increase once the area returns to more normal precipitation. Probably the smartest decision to make is either to get rid of the cattle or double the number of acres livestock have to graze.

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Preparation key to safe driving

A winter snow can be breathtaking, but hazardous. In recent years, as many as 2,400 accidents in Kansas can be attributed to snow, blowing snow and ice.

We can't control weather, the roads or other drivers. For that reason, it's imperative that we take control of ourselves and our vehicles. Slowing down and allowing extra time when traveling seems almost too practical, but drivers need to think about that before getting behind the wheel.

Before driving, use a snow brush, ice scraper — or both — to clean the windshield, side and windows, exterior mirrors, headlights, and tail lights. Drivers can easily overlook snow on the hood and fenders that also should be removed so it will not blow up onto the windshield and reduce visibility. Removing snow from the roof of the car, trunk lid and or rear deck will prevent blowing snow from obscuring other drivers.

Drivers who make sure they have optimum visibility are more likely to reach their destination safely.

In addition to slowing down, there is good reason to allow more car lengths between vehicles. On slip-

pery roads, it requires greater distance — and a longer time — to bring a vehicle to stop.

Slamming on the brakes can cause the wheels to lock and the vehicle to skid. If a skid occurs, let up on the accelerator. Apply pressure slowly to the brakes to allow the tires to grip the road.

Remember also that melting snow or condensation can make roads and bridges that may have been cleared dangerous.

Intersections can be particularly hazardous. Having the right of way isn't likely to matter if a driver entering an intersection from another direction isn't able to stop. As tires spin, snow can turn to ice.

Snow that has been cleared and piled nearby also can melt, run back on roadways, and re-freeze. Again, allow more time to stop.

Here are additional safety tips:

- Make sure your tires are in good condition and inflated to the recommended air pressure. In cold weather, tires can lose as much as six pounds of air pressure.
- Keep the gas tank full to add weight and reduce potential condensation in the tank. In lighter-weight vehicles, such as a light truck, and



Home Time

By Trena Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

others without front wheel drive, you should add weight that won't shift, such as sandbags, in the rear.

• New vehicle? Drivers who have changed vehicles since last winter — and others who like to feel more familiar with how their car or truck will handle in adverse weather — may want to practice starts, stops, turns and skids in an empty parking lot. It could avoid an accident.

• Keep sunglasses handy to protect eyes from reflection from the snow.

• Stow a winter car kit in your vehicle. And, if you have a cell phone, take it with you.

Share your travel plans, including your route and expected time of arrival. This can be important when driving longer distances or in rural areas.

If you fail to arrive, the fact that

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