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TWIN CITIES INT'L AIRPORT, UNIV. OF MINN. EXTENSION SERVICE, STATE CLIMATOLOGY, FSA, NRCS, AND DNR

The following comments are from Minnesota's County Extension Educators, FSA (USDA - Farm Service Agency), and NRCS (USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service) Offices

BROWN: Unseasonably cold. Much snow, but only about an inch of actual precipitation.

DODGE: Unseasonably cool temperatures may hinder early field work. Several measurable March snowfalls have helped recover needed soil moisture.

HUBBARD: Some spring harvest of corn has taken place with 700-1000 acres remaining in the field. Due to warmer weather, snow cover is melting with only 4-8 inches remaining. Livestock conditions and feed supplies are good. If warm conditions continue there will be very little snow cover remaining on crop land fields.

KITTSOON: Spring calving nearing completion. Adequate livestock feed supplies exist. Heavy snow cover still on fields. No soil showing yet. Moderate flood concerns.

LINCOLN: Beef cow operations are calving. Feed availability is good. Some farmers are arranging leases and financing during March yet. Low milk prices are a concern, as are fuel and fertilizer costs. Farmers are delivering grain.

MARTIN: Some snow cover to date. Good feed availability. All corn has been harvested. Warmer weather next week should allow for snow disappearing in the fields.

MORRISON: Morrison County has very little snow cover left. All of the March snow storms missed us. There still is some frost as of this writing. Feed supplies remain adequate. The majority of corn that was left out over winter is now harvested.

PENNINGTON: Producers are purchasing seed for spring planting. Livestock has wintered well. Temperatures this week are slightly below normal.

POLK: Polk County has a good snow cover. This next week should reduce this significantly. A rapid melt could mean damaging flooding in the next few weeks.

RICE: Snow cover is 4 inches and dwindling. Livestock and feed supplies doing well. Farmers gearing up for planting season. Soil moisture adequate.

ROSEAU: Snow cover is gradually starting to melt, but with the amount we have in Roseau County it is going to take a while. There is a real concern for spring flooding and/or late prevented plantings, yet again. Livestock are doing well despite intensive TB testing of cattle herds.

SIBLEY: Some snow on ground, light and spotty. No cropping activity to date.

ST LOUIS: We still have 8-12 inches of snow on the ground and still hunkered down in winter and cold weather. Feed supplies "OK".

WADENA: Livestock are doing well in the area. Beef cow operations are calving. Snow conditions have slowly subsided. Limited days of melting conditions have really slowed this. Most all corn left in the field has been removed. Producers are starting to get prepared for the spring season.

Thank you for your comments.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY, 2006:

Temperatures during February averaged from 4.2 degrees below normal in the Northwest District to 0.4 degree above normal in the Southeast District. Temperature extremes included a low of -29 degrees at Warroad, Hibbing, Preston and a high of 53 degrees at Winona. Precipitation averaged from 0.37 inch below normal in the West Central and East Central Districts to 0.17 inch above normal in the North Central District. Greatest monthly precipitation of 1.18 inches was recorded in Red Wing.

Precipitation and Temperature Summary for February 2006

	Temperature			Precipitation	
	High	Low	Month Ave	Month Total	Dept. for Month
<u>NW DIST 1</u>					
Crookston	32	-25	6.2	-5.0	.56 .02
Moorhead	34	-22	9.6	-4.5	.41 -.18
Warroad	35	-29	5.4	-3.0	.30 -.25
<u>NC DIST 2</u>					
Grand Rapids	38	-21	12.5	-1.5	1.05 .44
Intl. Falls	29	-27	4.4	-6.5	.68 .04
Itasca	33	-25	6.6	-3.7	.66 .03
<u>NE DIST 3</u>					
Duluth	34	-22	11.7	-3.1	.94 .11
Grand Marais	35	-14	16.6	-1.9	.44 -.12
Hibbing	34	-29	7.8	-4.9	.49 -.11
<u>WC DIST 4</u>					
Alexandria	36	-21	11.6	-3.7	.30 -.37
Browns Valley	44	-15	14.9	-2.2	.12 -.55
Canby	47	-14	18.2	-2.3	.18 -.57
Fergus Falls	35	-23	10.2	-3.2	.94 .36
Montevideo	42	-16	15.0	-1.7	.07 -.84
Morris	38	-19	10.6	-4.8	.41 -.28
<u>CENT DIST 5</u>					
Becker	38	-17	15.0	-1.1	.42 -.27
Collegeville	43	-16	17.0	-1.4	.33 -.40
Hutchinson	40	-17	17.4	.1	.51 -.02
Olivia	43	-18	14.4	-2.2	.24 -.21
St. Cloud	38	-17	14.5	-1.6	.20 -.39
Staples	34	-24	8.4	-5.1	.39 -.22
Willmar	38	-17	13.8	-2.4	.53 -.09
<u>EC DIST 6</u>					
Aitkin	39	-20	12.0	-2.3	.52 -.16
Forest Lake	47	-17	17.6	.7	.50 -.30
MSP Airport	43	-13	20.0	-.1	.32 -.47
St. Paul - UofM	44	-14	20.7	-.9	.23 -.55
<u>SW DIST 7</u>					
Lamberton	49	-13	18.1	-.6	.41 -.12
Pipestone	48	-13	18.1	.1	.30 -.21
Redwood Falls	43	-10	17.5	-2.3	.07 -.54
Worthington	51	-13	19.0	1.0	.29 -.32
<u>SC DIST 8</u>					
Faribault	45	-15	17.6	-1.4	.36 -.36
Mankato	48	-16	18.2	-1.2	.42 -.20
Waseca	47	-20	17.6	-.3	.52 -.43
Winnebago	47	-18	18.5	-.3	.83 .14
<u>SE DIST 9</u>					
Preston	51	-29	19.2	-.0	.63 -.23
Red Wing	48	-13	20.4	1.9	1.18 .54
Rochester	46	-19	19.6	1.2	.40 -.35
Rosemount	42	-16	17.7	.6	.33 -.53
Winona	53	-17	21.2	-.7	.54 -.30

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