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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, Neb. April 3, 2017 – For the week ending April 2, 2017, temperatures averaged near normal across Nebraska, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rain at mid-week covered many western and southern counties, halting fieldwork. North central counties recorded only limited precipitation. Producers continued to monitor calving progress and were waiting for sunshine to dry and warm soils so spring fieldwork could progress. There were 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 19 short, 67 adequate, and 8 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 25 short, 64 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 42 fair, 42 good, and 5 excellent.

Oats planted was 28 percent, ahead of 18 last year and 25 for the five-year average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 17 fair, 71 good, and 12 excellent. Calving progress was 62 percent complete, ahead of 55 last year. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 65 average, and 34 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 67 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 74 average, and 25 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 92 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 93 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-04-03-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NE>

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