



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 13, 2015 – For the week ending April 12, 2015, average temperatures were two to four degrees above normal over much of the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. With the exception of the southwest, little moisture was received last week. The southwest corner received significant snow accumulations that halted fieldwork, but provided much needed moisture. The dry and warm conditions in the south and east allowed producers to start fieldwork activities. Livestock producers experienced good calving and lambing conditions. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 14. There were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 29 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 23 short, 70 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 37 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent.

Spring wheat planted rated 5 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to the five-year average.

Barley planted rated 2 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near 3 average.

Oats planted at 7 percent was ahead of 0 last year and 4 average.

Dry edible peas planted were 1 percent complete, compared to last year at 0, but near 2 average.

Sugarbeets planted reached 12 percent, ahead of last year at 0 and 2 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 73 good, and 15 excellent. Calving was 56 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 43 average, and 57 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 72 good, and 13 excellent. Lambing was 79 percent complete. Shearing was 71 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 54 average, and 46 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 78 adequate, and 19 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 84 adequate, and 8 surplus.

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

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

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2015/CropProg-04-13-2015.pdf>

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

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

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