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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND December 2, 2013 – For the week ending December 1, 2013, below normal temperatures were recorded across much of the state last week, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Some areas in the northwest were as much as 10 degrees below normal. Little precipitation was received allowing producers to continue with row crop harvest, but fall tillage came to a halt due to the freezing temperatures. Livestock producers were preparing for winter, weaning calves and moving them to market. Statewide, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 79 adequate, and 18 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 81 adequate, and 14 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2013 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through March, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (December) will be issued December 30. Weekly reports will begin April 7th for the 2014 season.

Field Crops Report: Corn harvest was 86 percent complete, well behind last year's 100, but ahead of 76 average.

Sunflowers harvested were 78 percent, well behind 99 last year and 95 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 9 fair, 76 good, and 14 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 75 good, and 12 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 2 short, 85 adequate, and 12 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 83 adequate, and 16 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-12-02-2013.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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