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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND April 21, 2014 – For the week ending April 20, 2014, little to no precipitation and cooler than normal temperatures were experienced across most of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Fieldwork continued to be delayed with soil temperatures still in the 30's and 40's. There were only 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 29. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 81 adequate and 12 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 3 short, 85 adequate and 11 surplus. Livestock producers continued to report generally good calving conditions.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 49 good, and 3 excellent.

Spring wheat planted rated 1 percent, near last year at 0, but behind 10 for the five-year average.

Dry edible peas planted rated 1 percent complete, compared to last year at 0 and 6 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent. Calving was 59 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 17 percent below normal, 81 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 71 good, and 10 excellent. Lambing was 65 percent complete and shearing 67 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 12 percent below normal, 85 percent normal, and 3 percent above normal.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 87 adequate, and 12 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 85 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/2014/CropProg-04-21-2014.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>

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