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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND April 7, 2014 – For the week ending April 6, 2014, blizzard conditions early in the week were accompanied by heavy snowfall which will delay spring planting, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 26. There were no days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 82 adequate and 15 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 86 adequate and 11 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 9 poor, 41 fair, 48 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 71 good, and 13 excellent. Calving was 30 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 11 percent below normal, 86 percent normal, and 3 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 66 good, and 14 excellent. Lambing was 40 percent complete and shearing 30 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 9 percent below normal, 88 percent normal, and 3 percent above normal. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 86 adequate, and 13 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 86 adequate, and 9 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/2014/CropProg-04-07-2014.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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