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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, December 1, 2014 – For the week ending November 30, 2014, dry conditions and below average temperatures dominated the week, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The dry weather allowed corn and sunflower harvest to continue, but at a slower pace due to the cold conditions. Producers expressed concern over the lack of snow cover needed to protect crops. The cold weather caused some producers to start using supplemental feed for their cattle herds. Statewide, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 76 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 83 adequate, and 7 surplus.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2014 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 January 5, 2015. Weekly reports will begin April 6th for the 2015 season.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 32 fair, 58 good, and 7 excellent.

Corn harvest advanced to 92 percent complete, ahead of 85 last year and 81 for the five-year average.

Sunflower harvest was 86 percent complete, ahead of 76 last year, but behind 92 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 8 poor, 25 fair, 55 good, and 10 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 83 adequate, and 10 surplus.

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

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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