



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 20, 2015 – For the week ending April 19, 2015, needed moisture was received at the end of the week over much of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Most areas received half an inch or less of rain. Producers welcomed the moisture and indicated that more is needed to aid germination and reduce wind erosion. Before the moisture occurred, producers were able to make good progress in their fieldwork activity. Temperatures for the week were six to ten degrees above normal over much of the state. Reports indicated that, on average, fieldwork began April 15. There were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 33 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 23 short, 71 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 48 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent.

Durum wheat planted rated 4 percent, ahead of last year at 0, but near the five-year average at 5.

Spring wheat planted rated 22 percent, well ahead of 1 last year and 9 average.

Barley planted rated 13 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 6 average.

Oats planted at 13 percent was ahead of 0 last year and 7 average.

Dry edible peas planted were 6 percent complete, ahead of 1 last year, but near 5 average.

Potatoes planted were 2 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but behind 7 average.

Sugarbeets planted reached 53 percent, well ahead of last year at 0 and 12 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 72 good, and 17 excellent. Calving was 69 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 45 average, and 55 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 71 good, and 14 excellent. Lambing was 83 percent complete. Shearing was 83 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, 4 short, 78 adequate, and 18 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 8 short, 83 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-04-20-2015.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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