



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, March 30, 2015 – For the month of March 2015, above normal temperatures along with drier conditions were experienced statewide, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The lack of snow cover had livestock producers concerned for grazing and haying potential. However, these same conditions allowed for good lambing and calving with minimal death losses. Crop producers welcomed the cooperative weather conditions and should be able to start planting their crops much earlier than the previous two years. Some precipitation will be needed this spring because of the lack of moisture. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 27 short, 67 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 20 short, 73 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 35 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 72 good, and 17 excellent. Calving was 26 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss was rated 0 percent heavy, 43 average, and 57 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 66 good, and 16 excellent. Lambing was 43 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss was rated 0 percent heavy, 55 average, and 45 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 80 adequate, and 18 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 86 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 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

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

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