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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, January 4, 2016 – For the month of December 2015, temperatures averaged above normal with precipitation limited statewide, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat had only light snow cover to protect against subzero temperatures. Livestock stress was minimal due to the mild winter. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 27 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 28 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 22 fair, 70 good, and 1 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 76 good, and 12 excellent.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 77 good, and 11 excellent.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 81 adequate, and 17 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 14 short, 83 adequate, and 1 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.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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