



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, February 29, 2016 – For the month of February 2016, temperatures averaged six to nine degrees above normal, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The mild conditions have been easy on livestock and limited hay demands. Snow cover was minimal as the month closed. Producers were busy moving grain to market before spring road weight limits changed. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 22 short, 71 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 5 percent very poor, 4 poor, 37 fair, 53 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 77 good, and 10 excellent. Calving was 7 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 41 average, and 59 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 73 good, and 11 excellent. Lambing was 11 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 38 average, and 61 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 81 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 9 short, 86 adequate, and 3 surplus.

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

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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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