



# News Release

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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 18, 2016 – For the week ending April 17, 2016, much needed rainfall was received across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Amounts ranged from half an inch in the eastern and western edges of the State to one and one-half inches in the central portion. Before the moisture occurred, many producers made good progress planting small grains. However, wind and cooler temperatures in the northern tier of the State did limit progress. Livestock producers have continued to experience good calving and lambing conditions. Temperatures averaged two to four degrees below normal in the north but two to four degrees above normal in the south. Reports indicated that, on average, fieldwork began on April 15. There were 4.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 18 short, 70 adequate, and 7 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 23 short, 69 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 34 fair, 58 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent, equal to last year.

Durum wheat planted was 3 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 5.

Spring wheat planted was 14 percent, near 17 last year and 10 average.

Barley planted was 10 percent, equal to last year, and near 6 average.

Oats planted was 15 percent, near 11 last year, but ahead of 8 average.

Corn planted was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but equal to average.

Canola planted was 1 percent.

Flaxseed planted was 1 percent.

Dry peas planted was 6 percent, near 5 last year and 4 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 25 percent, behind 41 last year, but ahead of 12 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 71 good, and 16 excellent. Calving was 62 percent complete, near 65 for both last year and the average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 44 average, and 55 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent. Lambing was 72 percent complete, behind 82 last year and 77 average. Sheep shorn was 76 percent complete, near 80 last year, but behind 82 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 45 average, and 54 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 81 adequate, and 12 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 11 short, 81 adequate, and 6 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/2016/CropProg-04-18-2016.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

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

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

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

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