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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**Fargo, ND** – For the week ending April 24, 2016, additional, much-needed moisture was received across most of the State, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The northern tier of counties reported little to no rain while the remainder of the State received one to two inches. Producers made good planting progress before the rains occurred but were stalled until the ground dries. Some livestock producers in the northwest part of the State experienced difficult calving and lambing conditions last week. There were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 10 short, 78 adequate, and 10 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 17 short, 77 adequate, and 5 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 31 fair, 61 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 3 percent, behind 8 last year.

Durum wheat planted was 6 percent, near 9 both last year and the five-year average.

Spring wheat planted was 26 percent, behind 36 last year, but ahead of 18 average. Emerged was 5 percent, near 2 last year and 4 average.

Barley planted was 19 percent, behind 25 last year, but ahead of 13 average. Emerged was 4 percent, near 1 both last year and the average.

Oats planted was 28 percent, near 25 last year, but ahead of 14 average. Emerged was 1 percent, near 2 both last year and the average.

Corn planted was 6 percent, equal to last year, and near 4 average.

Canola planted was 5 percent, near 4 last year and 3 average.

Flaxseed planted was 4 percent, near 1 last year, and equal to the average.

Dry peas planted was 15 percent, near 17 last year, but ahead of 10 average.

Potatoes planted was 3 percent, behind 11 last year, but near 5 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 52 percent, well behind 74 last year, but well ahead of 26 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 72 good, and 16 excellent. Calving was 71 percent complete, near 75 both last year and the average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 45 average, and 53 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 73 good, and 12 excellent. Lambing was 79 percent complete, behind 86 last year and 84 average. Sheep shorn was 86 percent complete, near 87 last year and 88 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 42 average, and 57 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, 9 short, 82 adequate, and 7 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-04-25-2016.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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