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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. January 3, 2017** -- For the month of December 2016, heavy snow across much of the State caused hardship for livestock producers, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Multiple winter storms made access to feed and facilities difficult. Temperatures averaged from two degrees above normal to six degrees below normal across North Dakota. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 70 adequate, and 22 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 80 adequate, and 12 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 77 good, and 6 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 66 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 4 percent heavy, 51 average, and 45 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 26 fair, 61 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 4 percent heavy, 45 average, and 51 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 84 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 84 adequate, and 5 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/2017/CropProg-01-03-2017.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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