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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. March 27, 2017 - For the month of March 2017, calving and lambing were in full swing, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The northern half of North Dakota averaged two to four degrees below normal, while the rest of the State averaged near normal temperatures. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 68 adequate, and 27 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 76 adequate, and 18 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 75 good, and 4 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 75 good, and 5 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 66 average, and 33 light. Calving progress was 31 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 4 percent heavy, 60 average, and 36 light. Lambing progress was 52 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 80 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, and 8 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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