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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 3, 2017 - For the week ending April 2, 2017, grain producers have started preparing equipment for planting season, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures were well above average across the state, causing snow melt and flooding in some areas in the north. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork on April 19. There were 1.4 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 67 adequate, and 28 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 72 adequate, and 20 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 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 74 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 66 average, and 32 light. Calving progress was 41 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 70 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 4 percent heavy, 60 average, and 36 light. Lambing progress was 60 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 74 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 83 adequate, and 12 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-04-03-2017.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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