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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 10, 2017 - For the week ending April 9, 2017, temperatures averaged four to eight degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The warm temperatures melted much of the remaining snow across North Dakota and warmed soils at the same time. Some northern areas, where large amounts of snow were received this winter, were experiencing some flooding. Producers continued to prepare machinery for planting spring crops. Calving and lambing has progressed well with average to below average death losses. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork on April 20. There were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 70 adequate, and 25 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 74 adequate, and 18 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 74 good, and 4 excellent.

Spring wheat planted was 2 percent, near 4 last year and 5 for the five-year average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 72 good, and 10 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 65 average, and 33 light. Calving progress was 52 percent, behind 41 last year, but near 48 average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 69 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 60 average, and 37 light. Lambing progress was 67 percent, ahead of 60 last year, but near 66 average. Sheep shorn was 53 percent complete, behind 63 last year and 69 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 20 short, 72 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 87 adequate, and 9 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-04-10-2017.pdf>

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

<http://www.hpcc.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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