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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 24, 2017 - For the week ending April 23, 2017, temperatures averaged one to five degrees below normal across the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Northwestern North Dakota experienced warm, windy conditions early in the week, which allowed producers to work their fields in preparation for planting. However, cold soil temperatures and snow continued to slow fieldwork and planting progress across the State. Calving and lambing has progressed well, but some scour problems have been reported due to the up and down temperatures. Reports indicated that, on average, producers began fieldwork on April 22. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 71 adequate, and 24 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 76 adequate, and 17 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 1 percent, near 5 last year and 4 for the five-year average.

Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 3 poor, 19 fair, 70 good, and 5 excellent. Winter wheat jointing was 4 percent, near 3 last year.

Spring wheat planted was 9 percent, behind 24 last year and 22 average. Emerged was 2 percent, near 4 last year and average.

Barley planted was 6 percent, behind 18 last year and 15 average.

Oats planted was 10 percent, behind 26 last year and 18 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 30 percent, behind 48 last year and near 33 average.

Durum wheat planted was 5 percent, near 6 last year, and behind 10 average.

Canola planted was 2 percent, near 4 last year.

Flaxseed planted was 2 percent, near 4 last year.

Dry edible peas planted was 10 percent, near 14 last year and 12 average.

Potatoes planted was 1 percent, near 3 last year and 5 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 72 good, and 11 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 63 average, and 34 light. Calving progress was 70 percent, equal to last year, and near 73 average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 62 average, and 35 light. Lambing progress was 82 percent, near 78 last year, but equal to average. Sheep shorn was 72 percent complete, behind 85 last year and 86 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 short, 73 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-04-24-2017.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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