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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 9, 2018 – For the week ending April 8, 2018, there were 0.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork on May 3. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 31 short, 55 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 33 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 9 poor, 53 fair, 31 good, and 3 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 72 average, and 21 light. Calving progress was 47 percent complete, near 50 last year and 48 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 69 average, and 28 light. Lambing progress was 68 percent complete, near 66 last year, and ahead of 62 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 10 percent very short, 30 short, 58 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, NDSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.

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