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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 30, 2018 – For the week ending April 29, 2018, there were 3.2 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, 35 short, 51 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 34 short, 48 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Spring wheat planted was 3 percent, behind 17 last year and 22 for the five-year average.

Durum wheat planted was 1 percent, behind 12 last year and 8 average.

Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 62 fair, 26 good, and 0 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent, behind 7 last year.

Canola planted was 2 percent, near 3 last year and 6 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 10 percent, well behind 31 last year and 38 average.

Oats planted was 1 percent, behind 19 last year and 20 average.

Barley planted was 1 percent, behind 12 last year and 17 average.

Dry edible peas planted was 2 percent, behind 21 last year and 17 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 8 percent heavy, 70 average, and 22 light. Calving progress was 75 percent complete, near 78 last year.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 74 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 5 percent heavy, 69 average, and 26 light. Lambing progress was 87 percent complete, equal to last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 14 percent very short, 41 short, 44 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 19 short, 75 adequate, and 3 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.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition publication at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2018/CropProg-04-30-2018.pdf>

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