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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 1, 2019** - For the week ending March 31, 2019, 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 April 25th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 74 adequate, and 20 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 74 adequate, and 8 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 3 excellent.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 70 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 6 percent heavy, 71 average, and 23 light. Calving progress was 33 percent complete, behind 38 last year, but near 32 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 32 fair, 59 good, and 5 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 8 percent heavy, 76 average, and 16 light. Lambing progress was 52 percent complete, behind 62 last year, but ahead of 47 average. Shearing progress was 59 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 69 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 5 short, 73 adequate, and 20 surplus.

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