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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 6, 2020** - For the week ending April 5, 2020, there were 0.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intend to begin fieldwork on April 28th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 56 adequate, and 43 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 63 adequate, and 36 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 68 good, and 6 excellent.

Due to wet conditions impeding harvest last fall, some crops remained in the field for harvest over the winter and in the spring.

Corn harvested was 81 percent, up from 75 last week.

Sunflowers harvested was 95 percent, up from 91 last week.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 68 good, and 14 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 70 average, and 27 light. Calving progress was 37 percent complete, behind 42 last year and 43 average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 4 poor, 18 fair, 64 good, and 14 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 74 average, and 24 light. Lambing progress was 63 percent complete, ahead of 58 last year, and near 61 average. Shearing progress was 73 percent complete, near 71 last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 21 short, 65 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 80 adequate, and 18 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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