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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 20, 2020 - For the week ending April 19, 2020, there were 1.9 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 29th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 62 adequate, and 37 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 65 adequate, and 34 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 3 percent, near 1 for the five-year average.

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 86 percent, up from 83 last week.

Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 11 fair, 67 good, and 18 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 64 average, and 34 light. Calving progress was 56 percent complete, behind 62 last year and 65 average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 15 fair, 60 good, and 23 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 59 average, and 38 light. Lambing progress was 75 percent complete, near 76 last year and 78 average. Shearing progress was 86 percent complete, near 88 last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 20 short, 67 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 77 adequate, and 22 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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