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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. April 3, 2017 – For the week ending April 2, 2017, spring fieldwork and small grain seeding began in some parts of the State, with soil moisture conditions rated primarily adequate, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Weather conditions were generally favorable for calving and lambing, with average to above average temperatures statewide. The week was dry for most eastern locations, while some areas of the southwest received one-half to one inch of rainfall. There were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 18 short, 79 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 41 fair, 53 good, and 0 excellent.

Spring wheat planted was 6 percent, near 7 last year and 10 for the five-year average.

Oats planted was 2 percent, near 5 last year, and behind 7 average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 79 good, and 6 excellent. Calving progress was 41 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 72 average, and 27 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 21 fair, 73 good, and 3 excellent. Lambing progress was 70 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 71 average, and 29 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 4 percent very short, 16 short, 77 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 86 adequate, and 1 surplus.

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

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition Report at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-04-03-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hpcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>

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