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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND May 13, 2013 – For the week ending May 12, 2013, much warmer weather conditions across the state allowed most producers to make good progress with their fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. According to reports, the warmer, drier weather allowed almost all producers across the state to either start preparing their fields for planting or make good progress in getting their crops in the ground. Statewide, on average, there were 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. High winds have caused newly planted fields to dry quickly. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 65 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 7 percent very short, 30 percent short, 57 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Livestock conditions improved last week as a result of the better weather. However, as a result of a blizzard received on April 15, some calf losses were reported due to scours and pneumonia. Other livestock activities occurring last week were branding of calves and breeding of cows.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat seeding rated 26 percent complete, still behind last year at 92 percent and 53 percent average, but advanced 19 percentage points from last week. Emergence rated 1 percent, behind last year at 65 percent and 25 percent average.

Oats seeding advanced 21 percentage points from last week with 30 percent rated complete, behind 85 percent last year and 50 percent average. Oats emergence rated 1 percent, behind last year at 55 percent and 21 percent average.

Barley seeding is now 11 percent complete, behind 90 percent for 2012 and 48 percent average.

Durum wheat seeding rated 11 percent complete, behind 73 percent for 2012 and 34 percent average.

Canola seeding rated 12 percent complete, behind last year at 78 percent and 36 percent for the average.

Flaxseed seeding rated 4 percent complete, behind 50 percent last year and 25 percent average.

Sugarbeet planting rated 42 percent complete, behind last year at 99 percent and 68 percent average.

Corn planting rated 18 percent complete, behind 79 percent last year and 43 percent average.

Soybean planting rated 3 percent complete, behind last year at 45 percent and 14 percent average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Calving was 93 percent complete, while lambing was 96 percent complete. Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 68 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Hay and forage supplies rated 13 percent very short, 35 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Pasture and range conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 1 percent excellent.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service.*

*Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:*

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2013/CropProg-05-13-2013.pdf>

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

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

[http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM\\_state.htm?ND,HP](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?ND,HP)