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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND April 14, 2014 – For the week ending April 13, 2014, little to no precipitation was received across most of the state, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. On the other hand, warmer than average temperatures melted most of the remaining snow cover causing wet fields and minor flooding in localized areas. Very little fieldwork had begun, but some producers were attempting to harvest last year’s corn crop. However, progress was difficult due to the wet conditions. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 28. There were 0.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 81 adequate and 14 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 2 short, 86 adequate and 11 surplus. Livestock producers reported a generally good week of calving.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 9 poor, 38 fair, 49 good, and 3 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 13 fair, 74 good, and 11 excellent. Calving was 48 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 19 percent below normal, 79 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 70 good, and 10 excellent. Lambing was 55 percent complete and shearing 58 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 15 percent below normal, 82 percent normal, and 3 percent above normal. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 86 adequate, and 13 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, and 8 surplus.

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://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-04-14-2014.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®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

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

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