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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND April 28, 2014 – For the week ending April 27, 2014, wet, cool conditions limited fieldwork across most of the state, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil temperatures remained in the high 30’s. Limited planting and fertilizer applications occurred. Only 2.3 days were suitable for fieldwork. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by May 1. Pastures were beginning to green up. Continued wet conditions were a concern for calving and lambing. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 78 adequate, and 20 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 83 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 15 poor, 38 fair, 43 good, and 3 excellent.

Durum wheat planted rated 1 percent, near last year at 0 but behind 9 for the five-year average.

Spring wheat planted was 3 percent, near 2 last year but behind 19 average.

Barley planted rated 2 percent, near last year at 0 but behind 14 average.

Oats planted at 3 percent was near 1 last year but behind 14 average.

Dry edible peas planted were 2 percent complete, compared to last year at 0 but behind 13 average.

Sugarbeets planted reached 5 percent, ahead of last year at 0 but well behind 34 average.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 74 good, and 12 excellent. Calving was 72 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 23 percent below normal, 75 normal, and 2 above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 71 good, and 10 excellent. Lambing was 80 percent complete and shearing 75 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 18 percent below normal, 79 normal, and 3 above normal.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 85 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 85 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-04-28-2014.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>