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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, January 5, 2015 – For the month of December 2014, above normal temperatures and limited precipitation occurred statewide, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. With temperatures below zero near the end of the month, the lack of snow cover in many areas was cause for concern for winter wheat and hay crops. Livestock producers continued allowing herds to graze corn stalks where possible, while others were moving cattle to market. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 20 short, 73 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 16 short, 76 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 7 poor, 28 fair, 58 good, and 5 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 80 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 16 fair, 76 good, and 7 excellent.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 84 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 88 adequate, and 6 surplus.

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

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

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