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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND March 31, 2014 – For the month of March, precipitation averaged 50 percent below normal across much of North Dakota, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The month ended with blizzard conditions reported as high winds made travel difficult. Temperatures during the month averaged up to 10 degrees below normal across portions of the northeast and 2 to 6 degrees below normal elsewhere. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 90 adequate and 5 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 88 adequate and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 8 poor, 45 fair, 45 good, and 1 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 69 good, and 3 excellent. Calving was 27 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 10 percent below normal, 84 percent normal, and 6 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 25 fair, 65 good, and 5 excellent. Lambing was 35 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 8 percent below normal, 86 percent normal, and 6 percent above normal. Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 2 short, 90 adequate, and 7 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 84 adequate, and 8 surplus.

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

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http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND®ion=HPRCC

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

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