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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND March 3, 2014 – For the month of February 2014, average temperatures were well below normal. This combined with limited snow cover and high winds impacted winter wheat, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Livestock producers also felt the effects with increased feed requirements and some calf and lamb losses. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 short, 83 adequate and 9 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 83 adequate and 11 surplus. Agricultural activities included caring for livestock and preparing equipment for spring.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 46 fair, 43 good, and 4 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 25 fair, 65 good, and 5 excellent. Calving was 9 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 12 percent below normal, 83 percent normal, and 5 percent above normal. Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 23 fair, 66 good, and 8 excellent. Lambing was 16 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 7 percent below normal, 91 percent normal, and 2 percent above normal. Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 86 adequate, and 10 surplus. Hay and forage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 79 adequate, and 14 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://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-03-03-2014.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>