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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND May 19, 2014 – For the week ending May 18, 2014, drier conditions allowed fieldwork to progress over much of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average temperatures ranged 6 to 15 degrees below normal with rainfall received Sunday night. Before these showers came, producers took advantage of the drier conditions to get as much planting done as possible. Statewide, 4.2 days were suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 68 adequate, and 31 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 77 adequate, and 22 surplus. Livestock producers were busy moving cattle out to pastures and branding and working calves.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 16 poor, 39 fair, 39 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed advanced to 19 percent.

Durum wheat planted rated 14 percent, well behind last year at 32 and 41 for the five-year average. Emerged was 1 percent, near 4 last year but behind 19 average.

Spring wheat planted was 25 percent, behind 47 last year and 55 average. Emerged was 6 percent, near last year at 9 but well behind 30 average.

Barley planted rated 22 percent, compared to last year at 30 and behind 49 average. Emerged was 3 percent, equal to last year but well behind 26 average.

Oats planted, at 29 percent, was behind 48 last year and 56 average. Emerged was 6 percent, near 10 last year but behind 28 average.

Canola planted was 13 percent, behind last year at 26 and 44 average.

Flaxseed planted was 4 percent, behind last year at 11 and 27 average.

Dry edible peas planted were 24 percent complete, behind last year at 45 and well behind 61 average. Emerged was 3 percent, ahead of 0 last year but well behind 21 average.

Dry beans planted were 2 percent complete, equal to last year but behind 14 average.

Potatoes planted were 6 percent, behind 21 last year and well behind 41 average.

Sugarbeets planted reached 29 percent, well behind last year at 78 and 75 average.

Corn planted was 17 percent, behind last year at 55 and 54 average.

Soybeans planted were 5 percent, behind 17 last year and 25 average.

Sunflower planting was just beginning with 1 percent complete, behind 8 last year and 10 average.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 9 poor, 30 fair, 55 good, and 4 excellent.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 80 adequate, and 19 surplus.

Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 71 good, and 14 excellent. Calving was 92 percent complete. Cattle and calf death losses rated 30 percent below normal, 68 normal, and 2 above normal.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 74 good, and 10 excellent. Lambing was 93 percent complete and shearing 92 percent. Sheep and lamb death losses rated 25 percent below normal, 73 normal, and 2 above normal.

*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-05-19-2014.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&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=ND&region=HPRCC)

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*  
<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>