



# News Release

1805 NDSU Research Park Dr., Fargo, ND 58102  
Media Contact: Darin Jantzi (701) 412-5953

## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 6, 2015 – For the week ending April 5, 2015, above normal temperatures along with drier conditions were experienced statewide, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. These conditions allowed producers to start some seeding of small grains, primarily in the south central and southeastern parts of the state. Wet snow fell in western areas of North Dakota, which could delay fieldwork activities. However, the moisture was needed as dry conditions were experienced over much of the winter. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 15. There were 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 28 short, 64 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 22 short, 72 adequate, and 4 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 11 poor, 35 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 11 fair, 73 good, and 15 excellent. Calving was 44 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 44 average, and 56 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 71 good, and 13 excellent. Lambing was 69 percent complete. Shearing was 66 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 55 average, and 45 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 79 adequate, and 19 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 84 adequate, and 9 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/2015/CropProg-04-06-2015.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>

NASS provides accurate, timely, useful and objective statistics in service to U.S. agriculture. The Agency invites you to express your thoughts and provide occasional feedback on our products and services by joining a data user community. To join, sign in at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/subscriptions> and look for “NASS Data User Community.”