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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, March 2, 2015 – For the month of February 2015, below normal temperatures were experienced statewide with light precipitation in the central portion of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The lack of snow cover, combined with cold temperatures, continued to be a concern for winter wheat crops. Extreme cold temperatures caused concern for early calving. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 28 short, 67 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 18 short, 76 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 10 poor, 25 fair, 60 good, and 4 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 77 good, and 9 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss was rated 0 percent heavy, 49 average, and 51 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 73 good, and 7 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss was rated 0 percent heavy, 46 average, and 54 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 2 short, 83 adequate, and 15 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 87 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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