NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, February 1, 2016 – For the month of January 2016, precipitation occurred statewide with average temperatures above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The mild winter has diminished some of the snow cover, creating open areas in fields. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 21 short, 74 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 25 short, 67 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 3 poor, 28 fair, 64 good, and 1 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 80 good, and 11 excellent. Calving was 2 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 32 average, and 67 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 78 good, and 9 excellent. Lambing was 6 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 32 average, and 68 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 83 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 9 short, 88 adequate, and 2 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.php?map=ACISClimateMaps

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