NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, March 28, 2016 – For the month of March 2016, temperatures averaged six or more degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation up to an inch covered most of the State with two inches or more in the east. The warm conditions limited livestock losses and hay usage. Producers were preparing for spring fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 26 short, 64 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 26 short, 68 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 30 fair, 63 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 77 good, and 14 excellent. Calving was 11 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 55 average, and 45 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 9 fair, 82 good, and 9 excellent. Lambing was 17 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 50 average, and 50 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 4 short, 87 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 9 short, 83 adequate, and 4 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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