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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 5, 2016 – For the week ending April 3, 2016, temperatures averaged two to six degrees above normal with even warmer temperatures in the south, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was received with amounts up to an inch covering most of the State which helped ease fire danger. Producers started applying fertilizer in preparation for planting. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 12. There were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 28 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 28 short, 65 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 33 fair, 60 good, and 1 excellent.

Spring wheat planted was 1 percent, ahead of 0 last year, but near the five-year average of 2.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 75 good, and 14 excellent. Calving was 38 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 46 average, and 53 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 79 good, and 10 excellent. Lambing was 42 percent complete. Sheep shorn was 50 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 46 average, and 53 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 84 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3 percent very short, 10 short, 81 adequate, and 6 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/2016/CropProg-04-05-2016.pdf>

*Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:*

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

*Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:*

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?ND>

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