



News Release

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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, ND, April 11, 2016 – For the week ending April 10, 2016, very little fieldwork was done as a result of cold and windy conditions, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. A small amount of spring wheat was planted in some southern areas of the State. However, most producers were waiting for warmer weather to increase soil temperatures. Livestock producers have experienced good calving and lambing conditions across much of the State. Temperatures averaged two to six degrees above normal in the west but two to eight degrees below normal in the east. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork by April 11. There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 28 short, 63 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 28 short, 64 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 55 good, and 2 excellent.

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

Spring wheat planted was 5 percent, near 4 last year, but equal to the average.

Barley planted was 2 percent, near 1 last year, but equal to the average.

Oats planted was 4 percent, near 5 last year, but equal to the average.

Dry peas planted was 1 percent, equal to last year and the average.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 10 fair, 75 good, and 14 excellent. Calving was 50 percent complete, near 53 last year and 54 average. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 42 average, and 57 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 12 fair, 75 good, and 12 excellent. Lambing was 63 percent complete, behind 76 last year and 70 average. Sheep shorn was 65 percent complete, behind 70 last year and 74 average. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 44 average, and 55 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 81 adequate, and 12 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 10 short, 82 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-04-11-2016.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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