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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. January 2, 2018** – For the month of December 2017, topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 34 short, 54 adequate, and 1 surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 33 short, 50 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 15 percent very poor, 23 poor, 35 fair, 27 good, and 0 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 20 fair, 68 good, and 9 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 58 average, and 41 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 28 fair, 58 good, and 9 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 58 average, and 42 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 24 short, 69 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 15 percent very short, 34 short, 50 adequate, and 1 surplus.

The next monthly report (for January) will be issued January 29, 2018. Weekly reports will begin April  $2^{nd}$  for the 2018 season.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and NDSU Extension Service, and other reporters across the State.

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