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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. January 30, 2017** - For the month of January 2017, continued snow and ice across much of the State caused hardships for livestock producers, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warmer conditions in the east caused snow to melt, which minimized blowing and reduced the need for snow removal. Temperatures averaged two degrees above normal in the eastern half of the State to four to six degrees below normal across much of western North Dakota. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 4 short, 75 adequate, and 19 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 7 short, 78 adequate, and 12 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 2 poor, 12 fair, 77 good, and 5 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 23 fair, 67 good, and 6 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 70 average, and 27 light. Calving progress was 1 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 24 fair, 65 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 62 average, and 36 light. Lambing progress was at 3 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 3 percent very short, 15 short, 79 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 84 adequate, and 5 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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