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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 17, 2017** - For the week ending April 16, 2017, planting of small grains occurred in southern North Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warm, windy conditions helped dry out soils and allowed for more fieldwork and planting to be done. The exception was the northern part of the State where large amounts of snow were received this winter and muddy soils still exist. Some isolated areas in the northeast were still experiencing some flooding. Temperatures for the week averaged two to six degrees above normal. Calving and lambing has progressed well, with average to below average death losses. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork on April 20. There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 71 adequate, and 22 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 7 short, 74 adequate, and 17 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 73 good, and 4 excellent. Winter wheat jointing was 2 percent, near 1 last year.

Spring wheat planted was 6 percent, behind 13 last year and 11 for the five-year average. Emerged was 1 percent, near 0 last year, but equal to average.

Durum wheat planted was 1 percent, near 3 last year, but behind 5 average.

Barley planted was 2 percent, behind 9 last year and 7 average.

Canola planted was 1 percent.

Flaxseed planted was 1 percent.

Oats planted was 2 percent, behind 13 last year and 10 average.

Sugarbeets planted was 12 percent, behind 21 last year, and near 15 average.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 14 fair, 71 good, and 12 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 64 average, and 34 light. Calving progress was 63 percent, near 60 last year, and equal to average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 66 good, and 9 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 60 average, and 37 light. Lambing progress was 75 percent, near 71 last year and 74 average. Sheep shorn was 65 percent complete, behind 74 last year and 79 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 21 short, 71 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 87 adequate, and 9 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/2017/CropProg-04-17-2017.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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