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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. February 26, 2018** – For the month of February 2018, topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 38 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 40 short, 46 adequate, and 1 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 14 poor, 52 fair, 28 good, and 2 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 67 good, and 14 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 53 average, and 46 light. Calving progress was 9 percent complete.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 17 fair, 73 good, and 7 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 49 average, and 50 light. Lambing progress was 20 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 10 percent very short, 24 short, 57 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 16 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus.

The next monthly report (for March) will be issued March 26, 2018. Weekly reports will begin April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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