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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 16, 2018** – For the week ending April 15, 2018, there were 0.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intended to begin fieldwork on May 3. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 28 short, 60 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 32 short, 50 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 11 poor, 58 fair, 24 good, and 3 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 4 poor, 27 fair, 60 good, and 7 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 10 percent heavy, 74 average, and 16 light. Calving progress was 57 percent complete, near 61 last year and 60 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 24 fair, 64 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 5 percent heavy, 72 average, and 23 light. Lambing progress was 77 percent complete, near 74 last year, and ahead of 71 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 12 percent very short, 34 short, 51 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 72 adequate, and 3 surplus.

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

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