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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 23, 2018** – For the week ending April 22, 2018, there were 0.9 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 2. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 9 percent very short, 29 short, 59 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 34 short, 50 adequate, and 2 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 11 poor, 56 fair, 27 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1 percent, near 4 last year.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 28 fair, 58 good, and 8 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 73 average, and 20 light. Calving progress was 66 percent complete, near 69 last year and 70 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 22 fair, 68 good, and 8 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 5 percent heavy, 67 average, and 28 light. Lambing progress was 82 percent complete, near 81 last year and 79 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 13 percent very short, 34 short, 52 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 5 percent very short, 21 short, 71 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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