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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. March 25, 2019 - For the month of March 2019, topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 6 short, 76 adequate, and 16 surplus, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 14 short, 72 adequate, and 10 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 74 good, and 2 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 23 fair, 67 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 67 average, and 26 light. Calving progress was 25 percent complete, behind 33 last year, and near 26 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 53 good, and 5 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 70 average, and 23 light. Lambing progress was 46 percent complete, behind 59 last year, but ahead of 41 average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 21 short, 66 adequate, and 7 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 4 percent very short, 5 short, 78 adequate, and 13 surplus.

Weekly reports will begin April 1st for the 2019 season.

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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