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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 8, 2019** - For the week ending April 7, 2019, there were 0.3 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intend to begin fieldwork on April 27th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 73 adequate, and 21 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 16 short, 68 adequate, and 13 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 23 fair, 69 good, and 3 excellent.

**Livestock Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 19 fair, 72 good, and 4 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 70 average, and 23 light. Calving progress was 46 percent complete, equal to last year, and near 44 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 31 fair, 61 good, and 5 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 7 percent heavy, 73 average, and 20 light. Lambing progress was 61 percent complete, behind 67 last year, but near 60 average. Shearing progress was 76 percent complete.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5 percent very short, 19 short, 70 adequate, and 6 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 79 adequate, and 15 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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