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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. May 1, 2023** - For the week ending April 30, 2023, there were 2.2 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intend to begin fieldwork on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3% very short, 11% short, 74% adequate, and 12% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 19% short, 66% adequate, and 9% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat planted was 6%, near 5% last year, but behind 13% for the five-year average.

Durum wheat planted was 2%, near 1% last year, but behind 7% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% very poor, 6% poor, 55% fair, 37% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 6%, behind 19% last year and 11% average.

Canola planted was 1%, equal to last year, and near 3% average.

Oats planted was 1%, equal to last year, and behind 6% average.

Barley planted was 1%, equal to last year, and behind 9% average.

Dry edible peas planted was 2%, near 1% last year, but behind 7% average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 38% fair, 51% good, and 3% excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 9% heavy, 77% average, and 14% light. Calving progress was 72% complete, near 71% last year and 73% average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1% very poor, 8% poor, 38% fair, 49% good, and 4% excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 5% heavy, 64% average, and 31% light. Lambing progress was 87% complete, near 88% last year, and equal to average. Shearing progress was 92% complete, equal to last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6% very short, 28% short, 65% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0% very short, 8% short, 80% adequate, and 12% 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.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition publication at: <a href="https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/8336h188">https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/8336h188</a>

Access Crop Progress and Condition graphical products at: <a href="https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts">https://www.nass.usda.gov/Charts</a> and Maps/Crop Progress & Condition/2023/index.php

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