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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 1, 2024** - For the week ending March 31, 2024, there were 0.8 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 24th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 35% short, 51% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 14% very short, 38% short, 47% adequate, and 1% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 2% very poor, 13% poor, 38% fair, 47% good, and 0% excellent.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 0% very poor, 4% poor, 17% fair, 71% good, and 8% excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2% heavy, 48% average, and 50% light. Calving progress was 36% complete, near 37% last year, and equal to the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0% very poor, 1% poor, 15% fair, 74% good, and 10% excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 2% heavy, 47% average, and 51% light. Lambing progress was 61% complete, near 60% last year, and ahead of 56% average. Shearing progress was 72% complete, near 76% last year and 71% average.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2% very short, 10% short, 81% adequate, and 7% surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 3% very short, 17% short, 79% adequate, and 1% 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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