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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, March 2, 2015 -- For the month of February 2015, temperatures averaged below normal across the eastern two-thirds of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow cover was light as the month came to a close, allowing livestock continued access to stalk fields. Calving was underway with producers taking additional care to protect the newborn from the cold. Crop producers were focused on bookwork and preparations for spring field work. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 30 short, 66 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 26 short, 65 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 35 fair, 57 good, and 5 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 13 fair, 73 good, and 13 excellent.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 13 fair, 76 good, and 11 excellent.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 6 short, 92 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 8 short, 91 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency and UNL Extension Service.

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