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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, NE, February 29, 2016 - For the month of February 2016, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snowfall occurred early in the month across much of the State, with heaviest amounts in central and northeastern counties. By the end of February, the snow had melted leaving little or no snow cover statewide. The mild conditions have been good for the calving season. The frost was coming out of the ground, leaving feedlots muddy. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 14 short, 80 adequate, and 6 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 15 short, 80 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 49 good, and 10 excellent.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 13 fair, 73 good, and 14 excellent. Calving was 10 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 72 average, and 27 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 21 fair, 77 good, and 2 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 62 average, and 37 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 6 short, 88 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 7 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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<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

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