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NEBRASKA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

LINCOLN, Neb. March 27, 2017 - For the month of March 2017, temperatures averaged two degrees above normal across Nebraska, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Snow fell at mid-month across many central counties. Rainfall occurred later in the month, but was limited to an inch or more over parts of southwest, central, and northeastern Nebraska. Statewide, soil moisture supplies declined during the month. Spring calving and lambing have gone well. Fieldwork preparation for spring planting was active in many counties. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 28 short, 59 adequate, and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 30 short, 57 adequate, and 1 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 2 percent very poor, 10 poor, 49 fair, 35 good, and 4 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 19 fair, 69 good, and 11 excellent. Calving progress was 55 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 66 average, and 33 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 24 fair, 69 good, and 6 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 78 average, and 21 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 91 adequate, and 5 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 93 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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