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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 13, 2020** - For the week ending April 12, 2020, there were 0.9 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 30th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 55 adequate, and 44 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 60 adequate, and 39 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 20 fair, 71 good, and 7 excellent.

Due to wet conditions impeding harvest last fall, some crops remained in the field for harvest over the winter and in the spring.

Corn harvested was 83 percent, up from 81 last week.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 68 good, and 14 excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 67 average, and 31 light. Calving progress was 46 percent complete, behind 52 last year and 54 for the five-year average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 16 fair, 68 good, and 14 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 65 average, and 32 light. Lambing progress was 66 percent complete, equal to last year, and behind 71 average. Shearing progress was 78 percent complete, near 80 last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 6 percent very short, 20 short, 65 adequate, and 9 surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 72 adequate, and 27 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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