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NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

FARGO, N.D. April 17, 2023 - For the week ending April 16, 2023, there were 0.5 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Reports indicated that, on average, producers intend to begin fieldwork on May 8th. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5% very short, 16% short, 66% adequate, and 13% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 23% short, 61% adequate, and 9% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 1% very poor, 3% poor, 54% fair, 40% good, and 2% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 4%, behind 12% last year, and near 5% for the five-year average.

Pasture and Range Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 1% very poor, 6% poor, 34% fair, 56% good, and 3% excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 6% heavy, 79% average, and 15% light. Calving progress was 58% complete, equal to both last year and average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1% very poor, 8% poor, 41% fair, 47% good, and 3% excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 4% heavy, 72% average, and 24% light. Lambing progress was 80% complete, equal to last year, and near 76% average. Shearing progress was 85% complete, near 84% last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 4% very short, 27% short, 67% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Stock water supplies rated 0% very short, 7% short, 81% adequate, and 12% 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.

Access the National Crop Progress and Condition publication at:

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