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## NORTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

**FARGO, N.D. April 24, 2023** - For the week ending April 23, 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4% very short, 12% short, 70% adequate, and 14% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 21% short, 61% adequate, and 12% surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Spring wheat planted was 1%, near 4% last year, and behind 6% for the five-year average.

Durum wheat planted was 1%, equal to last year, and near 3% average.

Winter wheat condition rated 1% very poor, 4% poor, 60% fair, 35% good, and 0% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 5%, behind 14% last year, and near 7% average.

**Pasture and Range Report:** Cattle and calf conditions rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 33% fair, 54% good, and 3% excellent. Cattle and calf death loss rated 9% heavy, 80% average, and 11% light. Calving progress was 67% complete, near 68% both last year and average.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 1% very poor, 8% poor, 36% fair, 51% good, and 4% excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 7% heavy, 69% average, and 24% light. Lambing progress was 84% complete, near 85% last year and 83% average. Shearing progress was 87% complete, near 89% last year.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 5% very short, 29% short, 65% adequate, and 1% 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.*

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