

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending June 11, 2017, temperatures averaged four to eight degrees above normal and were accompanied by dry conditions, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Only the southern tip of the panhandle and a few central counties received significant rain. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 37 short, 59 adequate, and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 19 short, 78 adequate, and 1 surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 43 good, and 8 excellent. Coloring was 30 percent, near 33 last year and 31 average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle received approximately 1 inch of rain Monday night. Wheat in the region is beginning to turn color, with producers estimating they are about a month from harvest. Disease pressure in the area is increasing due to the hot weather, particularly Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) and leaf rust. Crop conditions are reported as fair to good.

Producers in the southern Panhandle report the region saw some severe weather in the past several days, including a tornado near Bayard, NE. However, producers do not estimate any significant damage to wheat fields. The storm also brought varied amounts of precipitation in the region, with reports ranging from 0.6 inches to 1.6 inches of rain. There are reports of WSMV worsening because of the heat, and also some reports of rust. In crops unaffected by disease, producers report good conditions. Wheat is beginning to turn color in the region, and is at kernel fill at lower elevations and approximately 1/4th kernel fill at higher elevations. Overall, producers report crop conditions ranging from average to excellent in some areas.

Producers in southwest Nebraska report hot, dry, and windy conditions over the past week; they also state rain would be appreciated as well as the wheat is under slight water stress as it matures. Wheat in the region is

beginning to ripen, and producers estimate they will begin harvest in about 2 weeks. Disease pressure in the area is light, with isolated reports of some rust and WSMV; producers do not believe disease will significantly affect the crop. Overall, producers in the region report good crop conditions.

Producers in south central Nebraska report hot, windy, and dry conditions over the past week, leading to some signs of water stress in the crop. The wheat is beginning to ripen, and producers state its condition as fair to good. There is some rust in the region as well, but no other reported disease pressure.

In southeast Nebraska, producers report hot and windy conditions, and the region has not received any precipitation in nearly two weeks. The wheat is beginning to ripen, which producers note is a little earlier than what is typical due to the warm and dry weather. There are also some reports of rust and scab in the select parts of the region. Producers rate overall crop conditions as good.

Nebraska Wheat Crop Conditions as of June 11, 2017

