

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending June 18, 2017, temperatures averaged four to eight degrees above normal across a majority of the State, with the exception of panhandle, where temperatures were near normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Rainfall averaged one to two inches in the eastern half of the State, and the northwestern part of the panhandle. The rest of the State remained dry. Severe wind storms passed through eastern counties on Friday evening. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 31 short, 61 adequate, and 2 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 22 short, 74 adequate, and 1 surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 10 poor, 36 fair, 41 good, and 10 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 76 percent, ahead of 58 last year, and well ahead of 52 average. Mature was 4 percent.

Producers in the northern Panhandle report that the region received 0.5 inches of rain in some areas in the past week. Crop conditions are reported as fair to good, and it is estimated that harvest will begin between July 10th and 15th. Disease pressure in the region is relatively low; there are some isolated reports of Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV).

Producers in the southern Panhandle still report severe problems with WSMV in some areas. The region has not received any significant precipitation for several weeks, and combined with higher temperatures soil moisture is low. In addition to the WSMV, there are reports of rust in some areas. In non-diseased fields, producers report good to great crop conditions. It is estimated fields at lower elevations will be ready for harvest around July 4th, while at higher elevations the crop should be ready by July 15th.

In southwest Nebraska, producers report hot and dry conditions over the past week. Crop conditions in the region range from fair to excellent. There are some

scattered reports of disease in the area, including rust and WSMV. There are also some isolated areas where additional damage is being expected in wheat hit with May snowfalls. Producers estimate that the crop will be ready to harvest in approximately 7 to 10 days, with some estimating they will begin even earlier.

Producers in south central Nebraska report fair to average crop conditions, and estimate the wheat will be ready to harvest in about 7 to 10 days. Weather conditions in the region reported were hot, windy, and dry over the past week. There have also been some reports of rust, soil-borne mosaic virus, and weed issues, though they are not severe; producers state it appears to be an average crop.

Producers in southeast Nebraska report good crop conditions; the wheat continues to ripen and harvest is estimated to be 10 days away. The region has not received any significant moisture in the past week, and had some isolated wind damage in areas due to storms Friday night, though damage was not severe. Soil moisture is rated as adequate. Disease and pest pressure is low and there are some isolated reports of scab.

## *Wheat field almost ready for harvest near Fairbury, NE*

