

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending June 25, 2017, temperatures averaged near normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. A few southern counties received half an inch to an inch of rain; however, much of the State remained dry. The dry conditions allowed winter wheat harvest to begin. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 14 percent very short, 42 short, 44 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 33 short, 60 adequate, and 0 surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 3 percent very poor, 13 poor, 36 fair, 42 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 92 percent, ahead of 86 last year and 76 average. Mature was 27 percent. Harvested was 1 percent, near 3 last year, and behind 8 average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers report hot and dry conditions prevailed in the past week; the region has not received any rainfall in approximately 3 weeks. Harvest is estimated to begin between July 10th -15th, and around 75 percent of the wheat has turned color. Crop conditions overall are rated fair to good; there are some reports of minor sawfly, freeze, WSMV, and hail damage.

Producers in the southern Panhandle report hot and dry conditions in the region, which has not received any significant levels of precipitation in the past few weeks. Harvest is estimated to be about 1 week away in lower elevations, and 2 weeks away at higher elevations, with the wheat currently in the soft dough to hard dough stage. Yields will likely vary widely in the region, as some producers report average to good conditions, while others report poor conditions in fields badly damaged by WSMV.

In southwest Nebraska, producers report the region saw hot and dry conditions over the past week, with more moderate temperatures moving into this week. The region has not received any significant precipitation for several weeks. Wheat in the region is beginning to reach maturity,

but most is not quite ready for cutting; much of the wheat that is ready is too high in moisture. Estimates for beginning harvest in the region range from the next few days to about a week. Crop conditions in the region range from fair to good; some producers are reporting damage from recent high temperatures, and there are some areas of damage from late May snows. In fields with good conditions, test cutting is showing yields of 60-70 bu/acre; in areas with damage yields range between 30-70 bu/acre.

Producers in south central Nebraska report mostly dry conditions over the past week with moderate temperatures; a storm rolled through the region on Monday afternoon, and some hail damage has been reported. Overall, the condition of the wheat is rated fair to good. If the weather allows, producers report they will begin cutting this week.

Producers in southeast Nebraska report that the crop continues to mature, with some of the crop almost ready to harvest and some still slightly green in areas. Damp and overcast conditions the past several days have prevented much cutting from occurring; producers expect most of the wheat to be ready and harvest to begin within a week, weather permitting. Crop conditions in the region are rated as good, and producers noted grain quality in fields that have been test cut is good as well.

*Winter Wheat Conditions in Nebraska as of June 25, 2017*

