Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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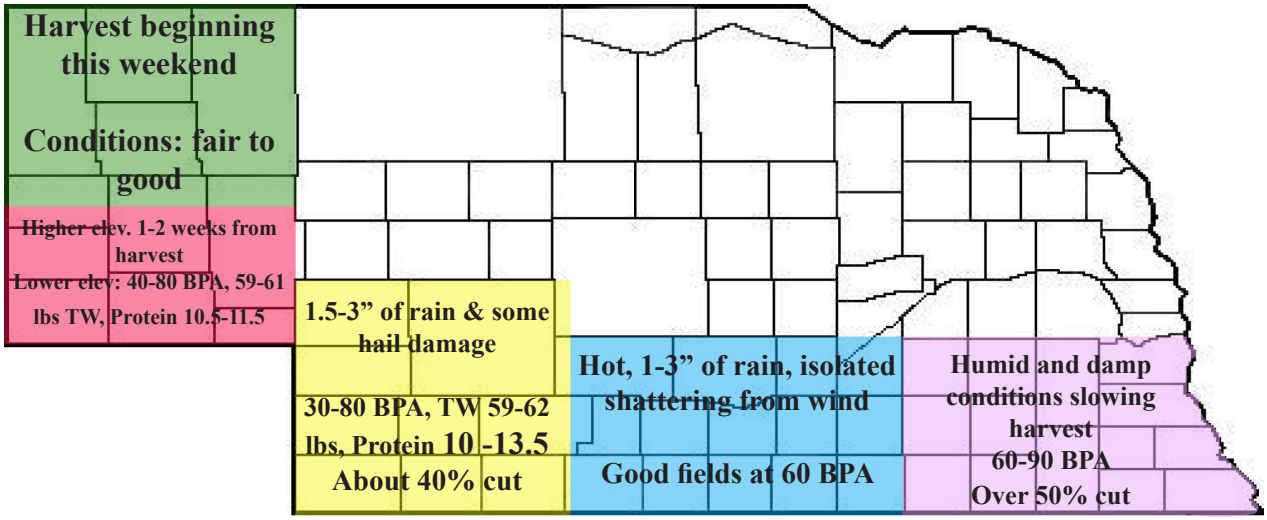
Producers in the northern Panhandle report very hot and dry conditions over the past week. Cutting will likely begin this weekend, and producers expect harvest to be in full swing by this time next week. Crop conditions in the region remain fair to good.

Producers in the southern Panhandle report hot and dry weather conditions over the past week; there was also some scattered rainfall over the weekend ranging from 0.5 to 0.95 inches. There was some isolated areas of mild hail damage as well. Producers at higher elevations estimate harvest will begin in 1 to 2 weeks, while at lower elevations cutting began over the weekend; reported yields range from 40-80 bu/acre, though they vary widely in areas affected by WSMV. Moisture content ranges from 10 to 13, and measured protein levels range from 10.5 to 11.5.

Producers in southwest Nebraska report varied temperatures over the past week, ranging from very hot to more moderate. The region also had some storms this weekend, with rainfall totals between 1.5 and 3 inches, along with some areas of hail damage. Several fields were reported as 50 to 100 percent hail loss. The southwest part of the state is reported as approximately a third to halfway done with cutting, depending on elevation. Yields vary in the region: many producers are seeing average to slightly above average yields with reports ranging from 30 to 80 bu/acre. Reported test weights and protein content range from 59 to 61 lbs and 10 to 13.5, respectively.

Elevators in southwest Nebraska report average test weight is holding steady between 60 and 62 pounds and that average protein content is slightly above 10; reports received by the elevators also indicate most yields are between 50 and 80 bu/acre. Overall grain quality is reported as good, and it was noted that white wheat is yielding well also.

Producers in south central Nebraska report mostly hot and dry conditions over the past week. Some areas received 1 to 3 inches of rain; there was also some wind which may have caused isolated shattering. Producers in the region began harvest this week; more progress was made closer to the NE-KS state line than farther north. Reported yields in the region vary as there was some damage from earlier storms; however, good fields are yielding around 60 bu/acre with moisture levels from 11 to 12 percent, with no reports on protein content at this time.

Producers in southeast Nebraska report that while the region has not seen any rain, harvest has been slowed by high humidity and damp conditions. Even with these conditions, it is estimated that over half the wheat in the region has been cut. Yields are reported as good, ranging from 60 to 90 bu/acre in some areas; test weights are above 60 lbs and moisture levels range from 10 to 13 percent. There are no reports on protein content in this region at this time.