

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, for the week ending September 24, 2017 temperatures averaged near normal across western Nebraska, but six to ten degrees above normal in the east. Rainfall of an inch or more was received across most of the state, with some central counties recording up to four inches. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 26 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 34 percent short, 58 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Winter wheat planted was 47 percent, well behind last year's 68 percent and the 59 percent average. Wheat emerged was 15 percent, well behind 37 percent last year and the 21 percent average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle said planting is progressing well. Approximately 80 to 90 percent of the dryland wheat is planted, with just under half of the irrigated wheat planted. The region received anywhere from .3 to .75 inches of rain over the weekend. Some spots with heavy rain and hail are being reseeded. Depending on the portion of the region, 20 to 75 percent of the planted wheat is emerged. Initial reports from producers indicate acreage planted will be comparable to last year.

Producers in the southern Panhandle reported receiving .75 to 3 inches of rain in the last week. Producers said 60 to 70 percent of the region is planted, with limited reseeded going on in western parts of the region due to some heavy rains. Between 25 and 40 percent of the planted wheat is emerged, and producers said stands were looking good. Some producers have indicated they are

delaying wheat planting in hopes of mitigating some of the Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) issues that plagued wheat from a mild fall last year. Overall acres planted in the area are expected to be similar to or slightly under last year's planting.

In southwest Nebraska producers received 2 to 7 inches of rain. Planting ranges from 10 to 80 percent depending on the area. Of the wheat planted, approximately 20 percent has emerged. Producers report planted acres are comparable to or slightly less than acres planted last year. Some producers in this region have also reported delaying planting because of WSMV concerns.

Producers in south central Nebraska received 2 to 4 inches of rain over the weekend. Twenty percent of the wheat in the region has been planted thus far. Rain delayed seeding, but producers expect it to continue again this weekend. Less than 10 percent of wheat has emerged in the area. Producers report planted acres are trending at a similar level to last year.

In southeastern Nebraska, wheat planting is just beginning. Some producers have planted wheat, but others are waiting to drill wheat following bean harvest. The region received 2 to 4 inches of rain in the last week and temperatures were average for the season. Producers expect acres to be down slightly from last year.