

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending May 6, 2018, topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 23 short, 73 adequate and 1 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 27 short, 68 adequate, and 1 surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 32 fair, 51 good and 10 excellent.

In the northern Panhandle, producers reported wheat fields appeared average in condition and potential. No significant moisture was received by most of the region in the last week. Some tan spot has been spotted in the region, but producers are treating and indicated the disease doesn't appear to be widespread. Growth remains slightly behind normal in some areas.

Producers reported adequate moisture levels across most of the southern Panhandle. The region received anywhere from trace amounts to 1.5 inches of rainfall in the last week. Wheat in the region is jointing. Producers indicated no significant disease or pest issues have been found at this time, but the wheat, particularly later planted fields, remains behind average in growth stages.

In southwestern Nebraska, producers said wheat in the region is jointing. No major pest or disease concerns have been reported. Parts of the region received precipitation in the last week. However, producers said more moisture would be needed in the future as soil moisture levels ranged from short to adequate.

Producers in the south central part of the state expressed concerns about the lack of precipitation. Much of the region has not had rain for more than two weeks. While the lack of moisture has kept weeds and disease pressure down, a few reports were received of some fields turning blue from stress. Wheat growth in the region ranges from the tillering stage to jointing.

Parts of southeastern Nebraska received rain over the last week, and producers reported wheat conditions remained average. No pest or disease pressures were reported for the region. Growth remains slightly behind normal.