

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending May June 3, 2018, topsoil moisture supplies rated 2 percent very short, 14 short, 81 adequate and 3 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 21 short, 74 adequate and 1 surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 7 poor, 72 fair, 49 good and 16 excellent. Winter wheat headed was 72 percent, well behind last year's 95 percent, but near the 70 percent average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle reported temperatures in the 90s and up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit throughout the last week. No moisture was received, and the higher temperatures have reduced soil moisture levels. Producers said that while soil moisture levels remain adequate, rain would be needed soon as most wheat is headed and in the flowering stage. Reports of stem sawfly have also been received in the region. In some areas, reports have infestation at record levels for the region. Producers and extension researchers expressed concerns about the potential for damage and loss yet this season.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said just over 90 percent of the wheat is headed. Most wheat that hasn't headed is located in later-planted fields. No disease concerns have been reported. High temperature levels and a lack of moisture in the last week have producers

concerned about wheat that is in the flower stage. In addition, recent reports following up on storms that hit early last week indicated higher than anticipated hail damage in parts of Cheyenne county.

Southwestern Nebraska did not receive any rain in the last week either, producers said. Temperatures ranged from the low 90s to 100 degrees. Soil moisture levels are not short yet, but additional precipitation would be welcome. Wheat in the region is headed and flowering.

In south central Nebraska, producers said temperatures didn't rise into the 90s until the last few days. Soil moisture levels remain below average. All wheat in the region is headed, and no disease pressures have been reported. Wheat conditions in the area range from average to below average, mostly due to drought conditions throughout the season.

Producers in southeastern Nebraska reported rainfall of up to 1.2 inches. Rainfall levels varied across the region. While the precipitation was welcome, producers said in some areas it came too late. As much as 30 percent of the region's wheat has been baled. Some fields that were not baled have shed tillers prior to making grain. Higher temperatures are not helping the wheat with grain filling producers said. Most wheat is in the milk to early dough stage.