

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending June 10, 2019, topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 79 adequate, and 20 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 0 short, 82 adequate, and 18 surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 2 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 50 good, and 19 excellent. Winter wheat headed was 69 percent, behind last year's 86 and the 89 percent average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle said some wheat has just started to head while other fields remain in flag leaf stage. Overall conditions remain good, though some recent cool temperatures haven't helped growth advance. Producers estimate harvest may not begin in the region until August.

Conditions across the southern Panhandle varied again, but most wheat remains in good condition. A few pockets of hail were reported, but no extensive damage occurred. Wheat growth ranges from just starting to head in the northwestern portion of the region to fully headed in the southwestern and eastern parts of the region. Some rust has been reported, though many producers sprayed a preventative fungicide on their fields and the disease is not extensive. Producers said harvest likely will not begin until the last third of July.

Precipitation received in the region varied during the last week producers said. Some areas received little or no moisture. Other areas received hard rainfall up to 1 inch that lodged wheat fields. Most fields appear to be recovering. Some rust has been reported in the

region, though it's not extensive. Many producers used preventative treatment on their fields. Wheat in the region ranges from starting flowering to finishing flowering. Wheat ranges from 10 days to less than a week behind normal on growth. Producers said a harvest start time will depend largely on what type of weather is received in the next week or two.

In south central Nebraska, producers reported precipitation amounts ranging from 0.1 inch to more than an inch. Some lodging occurred in fields where rainfall was higher and harder. Most fields should recover. Overall conditions are good, but growth remains behind normal. No major disease pressures have been reported. Most wheat in the area has finished flowering and is starting the grain fill stage.

Producers in southeastern Nebraska said wheat is in the milk to early dough stage of grain fill. While most fields were treated for disease in the region, some leaf rust has been reported. Cool, wet conditions during flowering have caused fusarium head blight (also known as scab) to show up in some fields. The disease is not extensive yet, but producers are monitoring to see how much presence there is prior to harvest. Wheat growth remains behind normal, and harvest for most of the region will not start until July.