

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending June 23, 2019, topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 77 adequate, and 22 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 1 short, 81 adequate, and 18 surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 5 poor, 24 fair, 44 good, and 26 excellent. Winter wheat headed was 94 percent, near last year's 97 but behind the 99 percent average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle said temperatures have started warming up and should stay in the 90s through the remainder of the week. Wheat ranges from heading to flowering across most of the area. Disease pressure isn't prevalent, however, producers said a large number of wheat stem sawfly have been spotted in fields. The extent of damage they said will likely not be evident until the wheat starts ripening.

Across the southern Panhandle, precipitation received ranged from traces to 2 inches. Most wheat is in the grain fill to milk stages. Some stripe rust has been reported for the region, but producers said the disease hasn't spread much in the last week. Sawflies have also been spotted in this region.

In southwestern Nebraska producers said the crop growth ranges from in the grain fill stage to finished

with grain fill. Rainfall across the region ranged from half an inch to 4 inches. Some fusarium head blight (scab) was spotted in this region, however, producers said it was not extensive.

Storms hit the south central parts of Nebraska, bringing rain and hail producers said. A two-county region took a hit with one storm creating a swath of damage across wheat fields ranging from 15 to 100 percent losses. Most rain fell close to the southern border with Kansas, with lesser amounts of precipitation in the northern parts of the region. Most wheat is in the hard dough stage. Some fusarium head blight was reported by plant pathologists who scouted the area, though producers said the disease pressure wasn't currently extensive.

Producers in southeastern Nebraska said the wheat is starting to ripen, though they anticipate the bulk of harvest to still be more than a week away. Additional reports of fusarium have been received in the area, with some producers saying the disease is fairly prevalent in the region. As much as 5 inches of rain fell in the region, causing some producers to express concern over the impact on protein and test weight levels as harvest nears. Most producers said warmer temperatures and sunshine would be welcome in the area.