

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 21, 2019, topsoil moisture supplies rated 1 percent very short, 12 short, 76 adequate, and 11 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 7 short, 81 adequate, and 12 surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 1 percent very poor, 3 poor, 14 fair, 65 good, and 17 excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 33 percent, well behind last year's 79 percent and the 76 percent average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle said 95 percent of the wheat has turned color. Moisture levels are adequate, though limited precipitation fell during the last week. Temperatures were cool through the weekend but are expected to warm up later in the week. Some initial cutting of wheat may begin this weekend.

Producers in the eastern part of the southern Panhandle said less than 10 percent of wheat has been cut. Harvest started early last week, but stopped over the weekend due to light rain showers. Most producers are hoping to start cutting again tomorrow. In the western part of the region, producers said combines had just started cutting Thursday when temperatures cooled off. The cooler weather combined with high humidity levels has kept fields too wet to harvest. Early harvest data for the region as a whole had yields ranging from 40-75 bushels per acre. Test weights ranged from 60-63 pounds. Protein levels averaged in the 9s and 10s.

In southwestern Nebraska producers said precipitation varied. Some areas received as much as 2 inches of rain while others received nothing. Harvest ranges from 60-90 percent done depending on the area within the region. Yield ranges reported were mid 40s to over 100 bushels per acre. Test weights ranged from 60 to 64 pounds. Protein levels varied from the mid 8s to low 12s, with most averaging in the 10s.

Producers in south central Nebraska said harvest is 50 percent complete. A few showers through the weekend delayed cutting again. The region was hit with storms earlier in the season affecting yields at harvest. Producers reported yields ranging from 3 (hail-damaged fields) to 90 bushels per acre. Most fields averaged 50 bushels per acre. Test weights ranged from 60-62 pounds. Protein levels ranged from 10-12.

Southeastern Nebraska's wheat harvest is complete producers said. The last few fields were cut at the start of the weekend. Yields ranged from 40-85 bushels per acre, with most fields yielding slightly above average. Test weights were lower due to rains at harvest and head blight producers said. Most test weights averaged 57-60 pounds. Protein levels varied for the region too, with most averaging in the low 10s. Producers estimated head blight in harvested fields ranged from 0-10 percent affected grain.