

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending June 21, 2020

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11% very short, 32% short, 55% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 24% short, 67% adequate, and 2% surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 12% poor, 29% fair, 52% good, and 4% excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 1%, near 4% average.

Northern Panhandle

Producers in the northern panhandle reported another hot and dry week, though there were scattered hail storms that took out some crops. The wheat crop is still progressing and turning with predictions of harvest to be starting the 10th-15th of July. Due to minimal rains the wheat is beginning to show some drought stress, though not as bad as originally predicted by producers. The sawfly population has also been scarce this year with minimal damage reported yet in the area.

Weather Temperatures - Alliance, NE							
July	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
High	91	95	92	92	93	91	97
Low	59	62	61	61	62	62	62
- 4" soil moisture: 11-19%				- 20" soil moisture: 11-13%			
- 10" soil moisture: 12-20%				- 40" soil moisture: 4-18%			

Southern Panhandle

The southern panhandle also experienced more heat, wind and dryness this past week. With the wheat hitting the hard dough stage, most of the crop is progressing more towards gold each day with a few green spots left in the field. Producers noted that variety and planting date may be keeping things from ripening evenly, along with the late freezes received in the region. There has also been no sawfly damage reported yet. Producers will begin testing fields out within the next week for harvest and it is expected things will be in full swing two weeks from now. The spring wheat in the area is expected to be low yielding this year due to the moderate drought the region is experiencing.

Weather Temperatures - Sidney, NE							
July	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
High	93	97	92	92	94	95	100
Low	60	62	60	61	62	63	65
- 4" soil moisture: 8-20%				- 20" soil moisture: 6-27%			
- 10" soil moisture: 12-28%				- 40" soil moisture: 8-34%			

Southwest

Harvest is slowly beginning in the southwest region of Nebraska. The early planted wheat is dry with the later planted wheat turning right behind it. The area has received minimal rain over the past week and has no moisture predicted in the forecast, speeding up the season. Some wheat growers have been in the fields for a couple of days now with many more gearing up to begin harvest within the next couple of days. There will be a better idea of region yields, protein content and test weights in the upcoming days. The spring wheat in the area remains green though is slowly starting to turn. Producers reported that some of the crop only stands 10 inches tall and they are unsure if it will head out. They are expecting spring wheat harvest to begin in three weeks, though it will vary across the state.

Weather Temperatures - McCook, NE							
July	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
High	97	97	96	92	95	96	102
Low	66	67	67	67	68	69	72
- 4" soil moisture: 5-30%				- 20" soil moisture: 13-28%			
- 10" soil moisture: 13-17%				- 40" soil moisture: 12-29%			

South Central

Producers in the south central region of the state are gearing up for harvest. After another hot and dry week, they are now hoping the rain holds off until the crop is out of the ground. Some producers began test cutting at the start of the week and it is expected the region will be completely going by the start of next week.

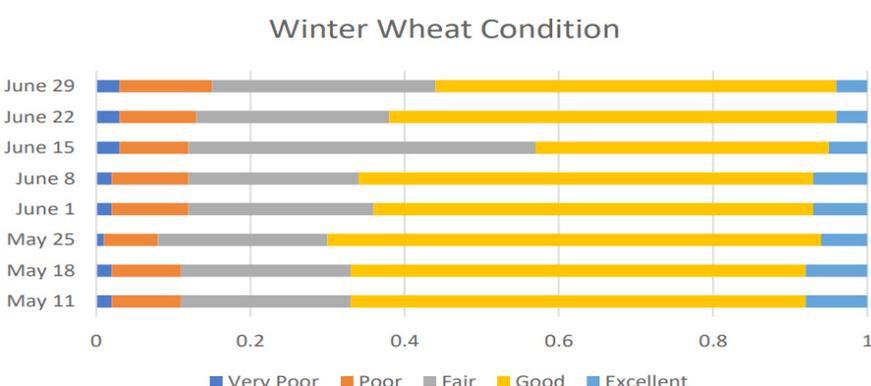
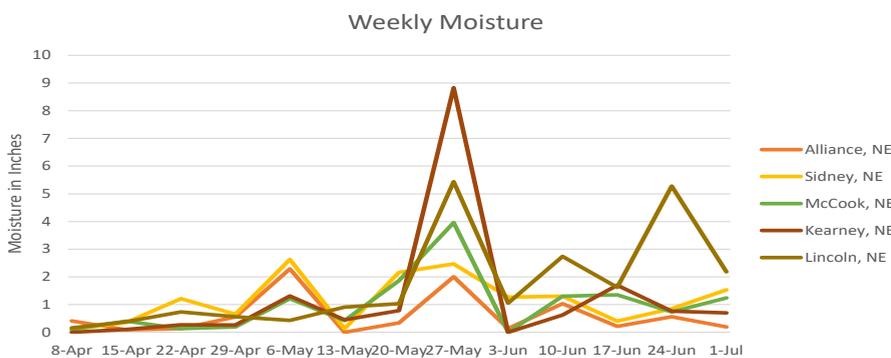
Weather Temperatures - Kearney, NE							
July	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
High	92	92	93	92	93	93	98
Low	69	69	68	68	70	70	73
- 4" soil moisture: 15-35%				- 20" soil moisture: 14-38%			
- 10" soil moisture: 11-37%				- 40" soil moisture: 12-40%			

Southeast

This past week brought scattered showers and hail to the southeast corner of the state. Some areas still remain dry while in other areas the crop was completely taken out by storms. Producers are looking at beginning harvest around the 4th of July with a bulk of it happening between then and the 10th. It was noted that this years harvest is about 10 days behind a normal year due to late freezes. There was a little scab and leaf rust that appeared near the end of the season, though it's not expected to cause much damage.

Weather Temperatures - Lincoln, NE							
July	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
High	91	91	90	92	92	90	96
Low	71	71	70	71	73	72	75
- 4" soil moisture: 14-42%				- 20" soil moisture: 25-42%			
- 10" soil moisture: 27-42%				- 40" soil moisture: 21-40%			

Wheat harvest has begun near Elsie, NE



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