

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 5, 2020

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16% very short, 34% short, 49% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 11% very short, 28% short, 60% adequate, and 1% surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 4% very poor, 14% poor, 32% fair, 47% good, and 3% excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 16%, ahead of 1% last year, but near 19% average.

Northern Panhandle

The northern panhandle of Nebraska is gearing up for harvest. Last week the region saw about .5" of rain, otherwise the region remains hot and dry. Some producers began testing the crop by harvesting the first loads of wheat. The test weight in the region averaged around 60 pounds. The protein ranged from 10.4-11.2%. The moisture checked in a little high, between 13.5-14.8%, letting producers know they are a few days away from full harvest yet. Producers expect to be going at 100% by this weekend with a majority of the harvest happening next week.

Weather Temperatures - Alliance, NE							
July	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
High	90	100	95	99	99	94	92
Low	60	60	62	64	63	60	59
- 4" soil moisture: 10-19%				- 20" soil moisture: 11-13%			
- 10" soil moisture: 12-20%				- 40" soil moisture: 4-18%			

Southern Panhandle

Producers in the southern panhandle reported that they are just beginning harvest in the region. Test weights have been between 60-61 pounds, moisture is 10-13.5%, and protein is between 11-13%. Producers reported average yields of about 45 bushels per acre. Overall, it is noted that the wheat crop lost a lot of tillers with the hard late freezes this year. However, the protein levels seem to be increased due to the hot and dry weather the region experienced. Producers are fairly happy with the quality of the crop so far. It is estimated that the region is 10% complete with harvest.

Weather Temperatures - Sidney, NE							
July	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
High	92	101	97	99	101	96	94
Low	60	63	63	64	65	61	60
- 4" soil moisture: 5-20%				- 20" soil moisture: 6-24%			
- 10" soil moisture: 12-27%				- 40" soil moisture: 8-34%			

Southwest

Southwest Nebraska has remained continually dry and hot over the course of this wheat growing season. Harvest in the area is almost done with some producers having finished winter wheat harvest already. It is projected that harvest is 70-80% complete in the region. Elevators have seen some low test weights with the range being from 54-62 pounds. Protein is around 12-14% and the crop is yielding between 30-60 bushels, depending on location within the region. Spring wheat harvest has not begun yet, though producers are expecting to begin towards the end of this week. It is unclear what the spring wheat crop will bring yet this year.

Weather Temperatures - McCook, NE							
July	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
High	93	96	98	97	101	100	96
Low	63	68	65	68	70	68	66
- 4" soil moisture: 4-29%				- 20" soil moisture: 13-26%			
- 10" soil moisture: 11-16%				- 40" soil moisture: 12-27%			

South Central

Producers in the south central region of the state continue to report hot and dry conditions. Harvest has been going near the southern border, with producers still waiting to get in the field further north. Test weights have come in at 60 pounds or a little higher with yields being between 30-70 bushels per acre, an average of 50 bushels. Harvest continues to move quickly in the region.

Weather Temperatures - Kearney, NE							
July	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
High	88	90	91	89	95	96	93
Low	65	68	64	66	72	69	67
- 4" soil moisture: 13-29%				- 20" soil moisture: 14-38%			
- 10" soil moisture: 8-35%				- 40" soil moisture: 12-40%			

Southeast

The southeast corner of the state is just beginning to harvest. The humidity in the region has slowed things down with producers reporting 14% moisture for their crop. There have been no reports of test weights or protein yet, though the little that has been cut is anywhere between 20-70 bushels per acre. Harvest is expected to really pick up through the end of the week and continue for about seven days.

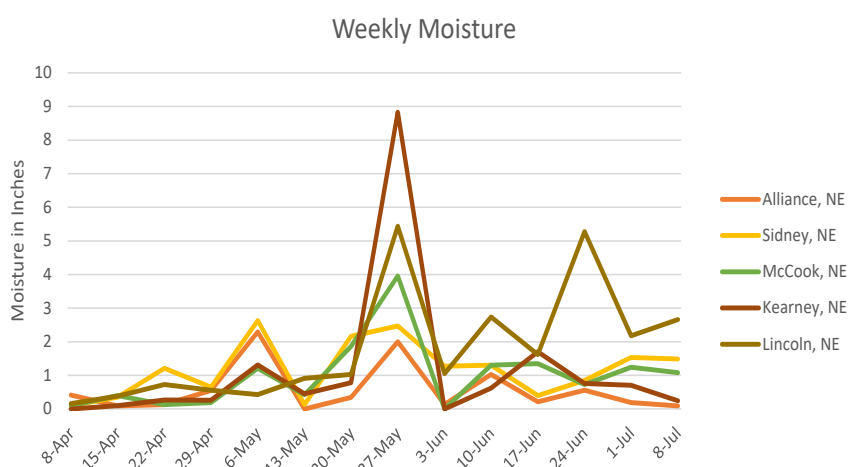
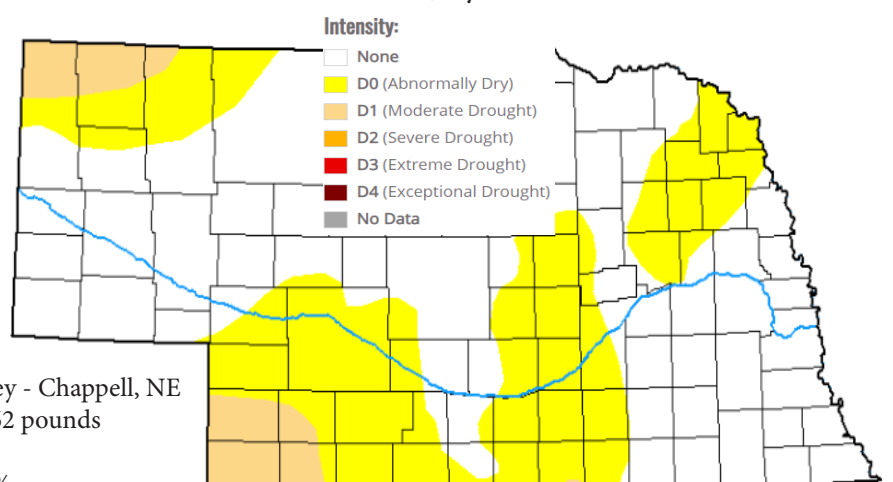
Weather Temperatures - Lincoln, NE							
July	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th
High	88	92	90	88	92	96	92
Low	67	70	67	68	73	73	73
- 4" soil moisture: 20-41%				- 20" soil moisture: 21-41%			
- 10" soil moisture: 27-41%				- 40" soil moisture: 21-39%			

Wheat harvest in Perkins County, Cheyenne County, and Box Butte County



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Elevator Reports

Farmers Coop - Trenton, NE:
Test Weight: 52-56 pounds
Protein: 8-14%
Moisture: Not reported
Yield: 30-60 bushels
% Done: 80% complete

Ag Valley - Bartley, NE
Test Weight: 58-62 pounds
Protein: 11%
Moisture: 12-14%
Yield: Not reported
% Done: 50% complete

Frenchman Valley - Chappell, NE
Test Weight: 56-62 pounds
Protein: 9-12.7%
Moisture: 11-12%
Yield: Not reported
% Done: 10% complete