

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending September 28, 2020

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 20% very short, 40% short, 39% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 35% short, 41% adequate, and 1% surplus. Winter wheat planted was 60%, behind 65% last year and 66% average. Emerged was 15%, near 16% last year, and behind 27% average.

Northern Panhandle

The northern panhandle is reporting 99% completion in dryland wheat planting and about 60% complete in irrigated. Of the planted wheat, about 50% has emerged. The region hasn't received moisture most of the summer, leaving the soil dry and emergence spotty. Producers have also noted that there have been nights where the temperature drops below freezing.

Oct.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
High	62	73	62	69	79	80	79
Low	32	37	28	38	41	42	43

Southern Panhandle

Producers in the southern panhandle report wheat planting to be 90-95% complete. Conditions in the area are reported to be severely dry. Producers are predicting minimal emergence if no moisture is received. Currently, there is about 10-20% of the wheat crop emerged.

Oct.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
High	64	74	65	69	80	81	79
Low	36	43	32	44	46	46	47

Southwest

The southwest region is currently 85-90% complete with wheat planting. It is reported that there is 30% emergence. Soil moisture is spotty across the region due to a lack of rain. Emergence may be selective because of the hot and dry weather, with producers predicting 5-10% of the crop may not emerge.

Oct.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
High	66	72	68	66	79	84	81
Low	35	43	35	39	44	48	47

South Central

South central Nebraska is reported to have about 80% of their wheat planted. There are still some corn and beans remaining in fields where wheat is intended to go after harvest. There is some emergence, though the lack of rain makes producers weary about the life of the crop post emergence.

Oct.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
High	61	66	64	60	73	81	78
Low	34	43	38	40	46	50	49

Southeast

Producers in the southeast region report about 20% of the wheat crop is planted. There are still bean fields that need to be harvested before the drills go in. It is likely more wheat will get in the ground towards the end of this week and into next week. The region has experienced dry conditions, though producers are optimistic there is some moisture a little deeper into the soil.

Oct.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
High	62	63	64	59	69	79	77
Low	37	46	41	39	48	50	52

University wheat trials are 100% planted in western Nebraska

