

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 4, 2021

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 36% short, 56% adequate, and 2% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8% very short, 38% short, 53% adequate, and 1% surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 8% poor, 24% fair, 52% good, and 13% excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 7%, behind 14% last year and 16% average.

Northern Panhandle

The northern panhandle has not received much moisture over the past week and recent weather has been hot and windy. The wheat is maturing quickly, with the last of the green color turning golden. Producers believe there will be some combines getting into the field by the weekend, with full harvest picking up within the next ten days. There is concern about the quality of the wheat, which will be determined as the crop is hauled to the elevator.

Temperature Forecast - Alliance, NE							
July	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
High	102	90	76	81	91	92	88
Low	61	56	54	54	60	59	59

- 4" soil moisture: 17-26% - 20" soil moisture: 12-18%
- 10" soil moisture: 18-20% - 40" soil moisture: 4-16%

Southern Panhandle

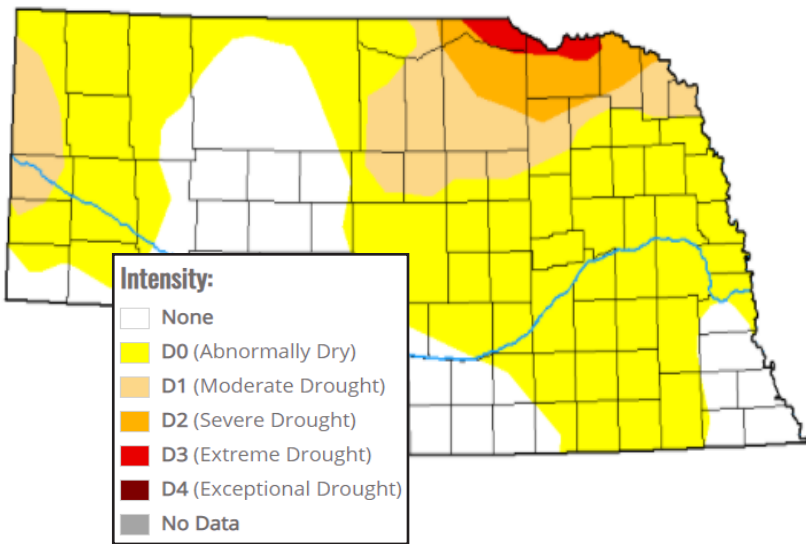
Harvest began at the beginning of the week for a few farmers, though full harvest is about another five days away. Early moisture reports are around 10-11%, test weight is 59-60 lbs, and protein is 10.5-11.5%. The earlier planted wheat is ready for harvest within the week, while the late planted wheat won't be ready for another 7-10 days. There has a lot of sawfly reported in the area, which is leaving big concerns as to how much of the crop will be affected. There are reports that custom harvesters are tied up in the southern states and won't be available on time for Nebraska's harvest.

Temperature Forecast - Sidney, NE							
July	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
High	102	92	80	82	91	93	89
Low	64	58	56	56	61	61	60

- 4" soil moisture: 7-29% - 20" soil moisture: 2-24%
- 10" soil moisture: 12-28% - 40" soil moisture: 6-29%

Nebraska Drought Monitor

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Elevator Reports

Farmers Coop - Trenton, NE
Test Weight: 57-64 lbs
Protein: 11.5%
Moisture: 9-12.5%
Yield: 50-88
% Complete: 80%

Ag Valley - Bartley, NE
Test Weight: 56-62 lbs
Protein: 11.1-11.2%
Moisture: 9-12%
Yield: Not reported
% Complete: 15%

Frenchman Valley - Chappel, NE
Test Weight: 60.2 lbs
Protein: 10.2%
Moisture: 11.6%
Yield: Not reported
% Complete: Harvest just beginning

Southwest

Harvest in the southwest is progressing, with about 40% of harvest completed. Producers are reporting averages of 50-70 bushels per acre with good quality. Test weights have been about 60-62 lbs and protein is around 12%. There are reports that earlier harvested wheat came in a little lighter and shrivelled. Weather conditions have been favorable, though humidity has shortened the harvesting window hours. Harvest will continue to be in full swing over the next 7-10 days.

Temperature Forecast - McCook, NE							
July	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
High	98	100	83	83	91	96	94
Low	70	64	61	58	65	68	67

- 4" soil moisture: 7-29% - 20" soil moisture: 9-28%
- 10" soil moisture: 7-20% - 40" soil moisture: 10-30%

South Central

Producers in the south central region are reporting hot and dry weather, with the wheat turning quickly. The southern border is has started harvest with averages of 63 pound test weights and 12.1% protein. The northern region is estimating harvest to begin in the area within the week.

Temperature Forecast - Kearney, NE							
July	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
High	91	94	78	78	86	92	91
Low	70	64	61	56	64	68	66

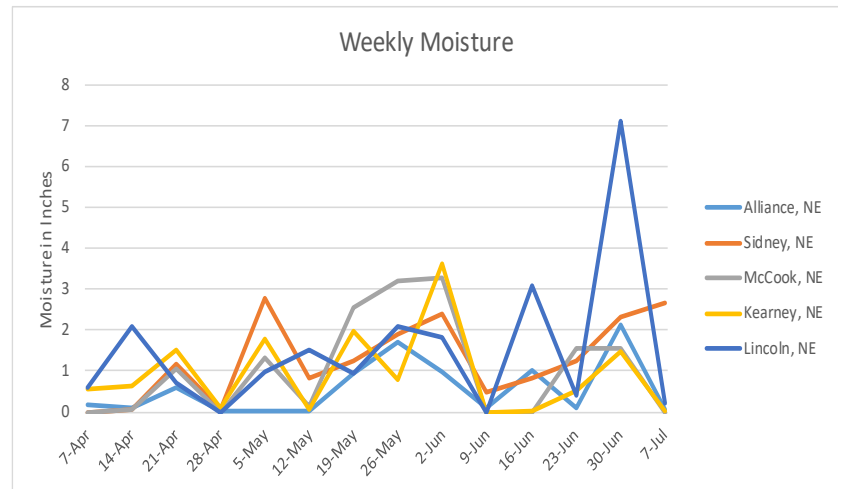
- 4" soil moisture: 12-30% - 20" soil moisture: 16-36%
- 10" soil moisture: 20-32% - 40" soil moisture: 22-39%

Southeast

The southeast corner is moving right along with harvest with 80% of the wheat crop out of the ground. Low yields are reported around 50-60 bushels per acre with high yields reaching to 105 bushels per acre. The average crop is considered 80 bushels per acre. Good management paid off in terms of applying fungicide. Producers estimate an additional 20 bushels per acre if it was applied. Overall, the crop is doing really well and harvest should wrap up in the area within the week.

Temperature Forecast - Lincoln, NE							
July	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th
High	88	96	80	76	85	92	92
Low	71	68	63	61	65	71	61

- 4" soil moisture: 15-37% - 20" soil moisture: 30-38%
- 10" soil moisture: 21-38% - 40" soil moisture: 27-36%



Wheat harvest in southeast Nebraska

