

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

April 20, 2023



USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending April 16, 2023

Winter wheat condition rated 12% very poor, 28% poor, 39% fair, 20% good, and 1% excellent. Topsoil moisture condition rated 24% very short, 44% short, 32% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 36% very short, 43% short, 21% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Northern Panhandle

Producers in the northern panhandle have begun top dressing the wheat crop. There is moisture in the forecast for the region as well as a drop in temperatures. Producers stated the drop in temperatures should not affect the crop too much. Wheat conditions in the region are highly variable. Planting dates and farming conditions are one of many reasons to cause such variability in the region. Producers report they are a long way from an average crop overall.

Weather Temperatures - Alliance, NE

April	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
High	50	42	46	59	69	70	69
Low	25	20	19	32	36	40	37

Southern Panhandle

The southern panhandle region's wheat is out of dormancy and continuing to grow. The later planted wheat is greening but thin. Conditions were reported to be 30% poor to very poor, 65% fair and 5% good. As of now, producers estimated the potential yield of this crop would be 30 bushels, but it is still early in the growing season. Soil moisture was reported adequate topsoil and short subsoil.

Weather Temperatures - Sidney, NE

April	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
High	51	45	46	58	69	69	70
Low	27	22	23	35	39	42	40

Southwest

The southwestern region has had fluctuating temperatures and high winds recently. The fluctuating weather conditions have been hindering wheat growth. Producers reported the wheat condition to be 70% poor to very poor, 25% fair, and 5% good. As for moisture, the subsoil is moist, but not wet and the topsoil is dry and powdery.

Weather Temperatures - McCook, NE

April	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
High	60	52	50	62	73	74	75
Low	33	27	26	35	42	46	43

Southeast

The southeastern region of the state is experiencing dry conditions much like the rest of the state. The wheat is not sprouting as fast as it normally would with recent warm temperatures. Producers reported the wheat condition to be fair at best. As for moisture, the topsoil was reported average while the subsoil is short or very short losing moisture below 12 inches.

Weather Temperatures - Lincoln, NE

April	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
High	66	55	51	61	68	72	73
Low	39	30	27	36	44	45	48

Southcentral

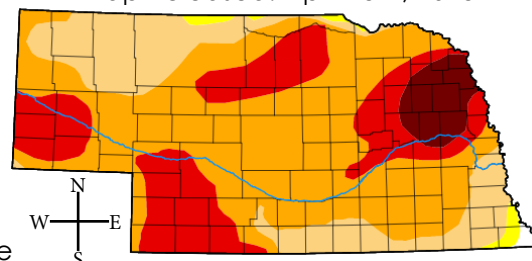
The southcentral region of the state is experiencing dry conditions. So far, producers reported the wheat has greened up nicely. There is a lot of variability with summer fallow looking good while the continuous wheat is struggling. Producers reported the wheat condition this week is 35% good and 65% fair to poor.

Weather Temperatures - Kearney, NE

April	20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th
High	60	50	48	60	70	71	73
Low	33	27	24	35	42	46	44

Nebraska Drought Monitor

Map Released: April 13th, 2023



- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data



Pictured above: Wheat field near Hemingford, NE