USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending May 28, 2023

Winter wheat condition rated 23% very poor, 28% poor, 24% fair, 22% good, and 3% excellent. Topsoil moisture condition rated 22% very short, 35% short, 39% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 31% very short, 44% short, 25% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Northern Panhandle

Nebraska's northern panhandle is still experiencing drought with wheat conditions varying. There has been some rain in the southern region and little to no rain in the north causing a short to very short subsoil with an adequate topsoil. Producers reported that much of the poor wheat is being abandoned and replanted with other crops. Producers hope that wheat acres in good condition will continue to thrive.

Weather Temperatures - Alliance, NE									
June	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th_		
High	76	74	72	73	74	78	78		
Low	55	55	54	54	54	54	53		

Southern Panhandle

In the southern panhandle, producers have received moisture resulting in fair to adequate soil moisture. The wheat is continuing to head out and producers have predicted the crop to yield about 20 to 35 bu/ac. There are still acres that are showing the effects of drought stress and have been abandoned for livestock feed. Producers reported that weeds may become an issue in the future due to thinning of the wheat. There are no current signs of disease, but producers are being cautious.

Weather Temperatures - Sidney, NE								
June	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th_	
High	76	73	66	69	72	76	77	
Low	55	55	54	54	54	55	54	

Southwest

The southwestern region has received an abundance of rain in the last 2 weeks, ranging from 6 inches to almost 20 inches in some areas. As a result, there has been some flooding. The wheat is flowering, and conditions have improved drastically with the recent rain fall. Producers reported the wheat condition in the region is 15% good to excellent, 60% fair and 25% poor, along with adequate soil moisture.

Weather Temperatures - McCook, NE								
June	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th_	
High	78	78	78	79	81	84	85	
Low	57	57	58	60	59	61	60	

Southcentral

Rainfall in southcentral Nebraska last week has proved to be beneficial to the area's wheat and soil conditions. Even with the rain, there is a good chance that some wheat acres will continue to decline due to previous drought stress. The crop is completely headed and starting to develop kernels. Conditions are variable as producers reported that some wheat acres look to yield 4 bu/ac while others are predicted to yield 50 bu/ac. If moisture and stable conditions continue, the region is predicted to produce a good wheat crop.

Weather Temperatures - Kearney, NE									
June	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th_		
High	81	79	79	80	83	85	83		
Low	60	59	58	58	58	59	59		

Southeast

The southeast region has received little to no moisture recently which has had a negative affect on the wheat crop. Producers reported that approximately 30% of the region's wheat acres have been abandoned. The crop is showing signs of severe drought stress with loss of the lower leaves. It was reported that rain could stabilize the condition of the crop but would not drastically improve it. However, the wheat that is left in the region is all headed and beginning to form kernels.

Weather Temperatures - Lincoln, NE									
June	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th_		
High	86	84	88	89	89	90	90		
Low	64	64	63	62	63	61	61		

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