## USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 16, 2023

Winter wheat condition rated 8% very poor, 19% poor, 40% fair, 29% good, and 4% excellent. Winter wheat harvested was 21%, well behind 57% last year and 52% average. Topsoil moisture condition rated 10% very short, 25% short, 61% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 20% very short, 36% short, 43% adequate, and 1% surplus.

### **Northern Panhandle**

The northern panhandle is just starting to harvest and is off to a slow start. There has been some hail, but the fields that weren't damaged are showing protein levels of 9-13%, and good test weights of 60+ pounds. A few select fields are still showing some green, so a few more days of good heat should help turn the color and finish the fields, then harvest can pursue.

Weather Temperatures - Alliance, NE									
July	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th		
High	84	76	80	89	92	95	94		
Low	58	55	55	58	63	63	62		

## Southern Panhandle

Most producers in the area are just starting to harvest their crop, which is later than normal, but due to rain and cooler temperatures harvest was delayed. Bad hailstorms have damaged fields in the region. A local producer stated they have had around 60 pound test weights and protein levels of about 11%. Weeds are still prevalent due to the moisture the region has received.

Weather Temperatures - Sidney, NE									
July	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th		
High	86	73	80	88	92	95	95		
Low	62	58	57	60	63	65	64		

#### Southwest

In the southwest region harvest is estimated to be 70% done but is happening at a slower rate due to moisture. Majority of the region is yielding 40 to 65 bushels/acre with a few fields producing higher. They are seeing test weights of 57 to 60 pounds with protein levels varying.

Weather Temperatures - McCook, NE									
July	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th		
High	93	84	83	89	95	97	98		
Low	65	61	61	61	66	69	68		

#### Southcentral

In southcentral Nebraska harvest is under way and estimated to be about 40% done. The area has received quite a bit of rain lately with scattered storms producing hail, which has caused damage to some fields. A local producer stated that they are yielding approximately 45 to 50 bushels per acre on irrigated fields with some fields even yielding in the 80's.

Weather Temperatures - Kearney, NE									
July	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th		
High	87	82	81	85	90	94	96		
Low	63	60	60	61	64	69	67		

## **Southeast**

The southeast region is pretty much finished with harvest. A local producer saw low test weights of 54 to 56 pounds. Irrigated fields were yielding higher, anywhere from 85 to 110 bushels/acre, whereas non-irrigated produced 25 to 60 bushels/acre. Moisture is still abundant in the area.

Weather Temperatures - Lincoln, NE									
July	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th		
High	88	83	83	84	89	93	95		
Low	65	62	63	62	64	69	69		

# **Nebraska Drought Monitor**

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