

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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Wheat producers welcomed the much needed precipitation received in the last week.

According to the USDA's October 9 report, seeding of the wheat crop was winding down with more than three-fourths of the crop emerged. Rain received was expected to help establish the wheat stand.

Temperatures for the week were well above normal. The eastern two-thirds of the state saw temperatures averaging 7 to 12 degrees above normal while the Panhandle averaged 3 degrees above normal for the week. High temperatures were in the 90s and lows were mainly in the 40s. For much of the state, rainfall was the first significant precipitation in five weeks. However, most of the rain was in a concentrated band that ran through the central third of the state.

Winter wheat seeded was 92 percent, near 93 percent last year and the 91 percent average. Wheat emerged was 73 percent, ahead of 65 percent last year and the 66 percent average.

The USDA estimated winter wheat production at 1.5 billion bushels is down 3.7 million bushels from August predictions, or down 0.6% from 2010. The USDA estimated winter wheat yield at 46.2 bushels and acre, down 0.1 bushels from 46.3 bushels in August and down 0.6 bushels from 46.8 bushels an acre in 2010.

Hard red winter wheat production was estimated at 780 million bushels, down 23 percent from 2010. White winter wheat outturn was estimated at 256 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2010.

The graphs below illustrate wheat seeding and wheat emergence for the state according to data from the USDA's October 9 report.

