

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending June 1, 2014, precipitation of an inch or more was common across much of the state; however central counties received lesser amounts. This continued lack of significant rain in central areas has resulted in much of the area being added to the severe to extreme drought categories. Temperatures averaged 6 to 9 degrees above normal. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 31 percent short, 52 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 8 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 37 percent good and 3 percent excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 94 percent, ahead of 90 percent last year, but equal to the five-year average. Winter wheat headed was 60 percent, well ahead of 24 percent last year, but near the 56 percent five-year average.

In the northern Panhandle producers said last night's storms produced hail in certain areas. The amount of moisture varied in the last week, with areas receiving anywhere from 1.3 to 3 inches of rain. Producers said the wheat crop is in various stages of heading and should be fully headed by this time next week. Crop conditions vary. Farmers have been spraying fungicide in some areas, but there are no other prevalent disease or pest problems.

In the southern Panhandle producers said the region received mixed precipitation ranging from 0 to 1.3

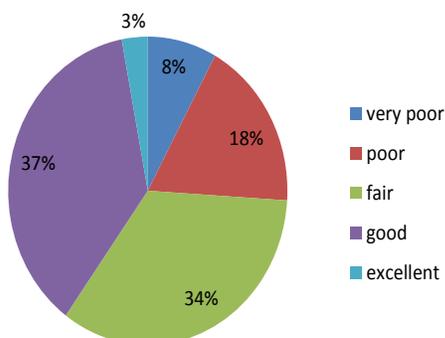
inches. While the rain helped much of the crop, high temperatures of 95 degrees yesterday negated some of its effects. Producers rated the crop quality as 5 percent poor, 35 percent good and 60 percent good to excellent. Most of the wheat is heading, with crops at higher elevations just starting to head. Producers said there has been light rust in a few areas, but no other disease or pest problems in the area.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said the wheat is progressing and reported the stage of the crop as anywhere from heading to grain fill. The area received anywhere from half an inch to an inch of rain last week. Producers rated the surface moisture as adequate and the subsoil moisture as very short. Crop condition is fair to good. Besides some light rust, producers reported no other disease or pest problems.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska producers said they received anywhere from 1.25 to 2 inches of rain. While producers said they still need more rain, the crop condition is good overall. Irrigated wheat fields are showing better stands than non-irrigated wheat fields. The majority of the wheat is heading. Producers said some farmers have been spraying their fields with fungicide, but there are no prevalent disease problems.

In southeastern Nebraska producers said they received 1.1 to 1.4 inches of rain last night, leading to a total of 2.5 inches of moisture over the past week. Severe storms dropped hail in some regions Tuesday night, but reports were not yet available on if any wheat fields sustained damage. Crop condition is good and the wheat is filling out.

### Wheat Crop Conditions as of June 1



### Soil Moisture Conditions as of June 1

