

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA crop progress report for the week ending May 4, 2014, precipitation in the form of snow in the extreme northwest and rain across most other areas of the state slowed fieldwork. Amounts of an inch of rainfall was common in the north and east counties, while central counties received lesser amounts. Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees below normal. The number of days suitable for fieldwork was 4.2.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 38 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16 percent very short, 45 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 3 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 42 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Winter wheat jointing was 21 percent, ahead of last year's 8 percent but behind the five-year average of 39 percent.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said jointing has begun. Much of the area received adequate moisture. Producer noted that the crop condition varies greatly.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said the crop has begun jointing. The crop condition varies greatly. Most of the area has received inadequate moisture. A few select areas did receive some precipitation, totalling just over half an inch. Most of the overall crop quality is fair to good.

In the northern part of southwestern Nebraska, producers said the wheat has jointed, and some areas have begun shoot elongation. Several areas received precipitation. However, producers agreed more moisture would be needed in the near future to help maintain crop conditions. Most producers rated overall crop quality as fair to good, with some stands showing drought stress.

In southwestern Nebraska, producers noted that jointing was 90% complete with some stands beginning shoot elongation. Producers said some stands were showing drought stress with moisture levels inadequate. Conditions varied greatly depending on moisture received, with the overall crop quality rating fair.

In southeastern Nebraska, producers said they are jointing. Producers said the recent moisture levels have been fair to adequate. Overall crop quality is fair.

