

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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Dry and windy weather has affected wheat fields across the state.

In the northern Panhandle, wind erosion has become a big issue for the wheat producers. In some areas, wheat is experiencing 30-40 percent wind erosion. Conventional and irrigated wheat fields are the most affected; no-till wheat fields are in better shape. Producers said the weather has been dry and windy. The moisture levels are short and the area is in need of snow. Without snow cover and with these harsh winds, winter kill is a high possibility for the area. Producers are resulting to residue and tillage application to reduce erosion.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said the crop looks fair. Wind erosion is moderately severe in the area, especially for conventional fields. Producers said the area has received very little moisture and no significant snow cover. Soil moisture levels rated very short. Winter kill is a possibility with the lack of moisture.

In the southwest corner, producers said the crop is below average. The area is very dry and has not experienced moisture since last fall. There has been slight wind erosion to some fields, but nothing severe. Producers said the weather has been mild, dry and windy. Soil moisture levels rated very short. Without any moisture, producers anticipate 25-35 percent winter kill in the area.



Photo taken in the Panhandle of a ditch next to a wheat field showing wind erosion. Courtesy of Chris Cullan.