

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA crop progress report for the week ending May 11, 2014, most of Nebraska received precipitation during the week with amounts varying widely across the state. Localized areas of heavy rain and thunderstorms in eastern Nebraska caused some damage to irrigation equipment and buildings late in the week. Areas of southwest Nebraska remained in an extreme drought despite the rain. Average temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal in the panhandle to 6 degrees above normal in southeast Nebraska. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork were 5.1.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 13 percent very short, 25 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 17 percent very short, 35 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 4 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 43 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 56 percent, ahead of last year's 30 percent but behind the five-year average of 61 percent.

In the northern Panhandle, producers that they received anywhere from 4-10 inches of snow, bringing field work to a halt. Moisture from the snow ranges 1.5 to 2.5 inches. Overall crop condition is good with a wide range of both very good and very poor wheat.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said they had freezing temperatures and snow at the end of the week, with some areas receiving as much as 12 inches of snow. The eastern half of the southern Panhandle received anywhere from .03 to 1 inch of moisture. The western half of the southern Panhandle received anywhere from .75 to 6 inches of moisture. Field work has come to a halt in the eastern half of the southern Panhandle. Overall crop condition in the western half of the southern Panhandle is rated as fair to excellent.

In the northern part of southwestern Nebraska, producers said that the wheat is mostly done jointing and many stands have begun stem extension. The moisture level has been adequate with most areas receiving 1 to 1.03 inches. There have been some cooler temperatures, but the overall crop condition is good.

In southwestern Nebraska, producers said that the wheat is completely jointed. Some stands in the western portion of southwestern Nebraska are beginning the boot stage of stem extension. The western portion of southwestern Nebraska has received up to 1.02 inches of precipitation, but the topsoil moisture is still short. The eastern portion of southwestern Nebraska is in the jointing stage, and producers said they've

had inadequate moisture. The area has received anywhere from 0 to .02 inches. The overall crop condition is poor to fair with some stands showing extreme drought stress.

In southeastern Nebraska, producers said that the wheat is completely jointed and is entering the boot stage of stem extension. Moisture level is adequate and the overall crop condition is 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.

