

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 20, 2014, the state saw unseasonably cool temperatures and only isolated rainfall. With the dry conditions, wheat harvest was over one half complete. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 28 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 26 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 44 percent good and 8 percent excellent. Winter wheat mature was 84 percent, ahead of last year's 80 percent but behind the five year average of 87 percent. Winter wheat harvested was 54 percent, ahead of last year's 49 percent but behind the 61 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, many producers started getting into the bulk of harvest early this week. 10 to 25 percent of the region has been harvested. Yields vary from 50 to 75 bushels per acre for dryland wheat. Moisture levels average 9 to 13 percent. Protein levels average 10 to 11 percent. Test weights average 59 to 62 pounds.

In the southern Panhandle some producers in the western part of the region are just getting started with harvest while others in the eastern part of the southern Panhandle have finished harvest. 25 to 100 percent of the area has been harvested. Yields vary from 30 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 80 to 100 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Moisture levels average 12 to 14 percent. Protein levels average 10 to 14 percent. Test weights average 60 to 65 pounds.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, some producers have finished harvesting and others are continuing to progress. 30 to 100 percent of the region has been harvested. Yields vary from 40 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 80 to 125 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Moisture levels average 11 to 13 percent. Protein levels average 10 to 13.5 percent. Test weights average 60 to 64 pounds.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, harvest is at or near completion for the majority of producers. Yields vary from 10 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 75 to 80 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Protein levels average 12.5 to 13.5 percent. Moisture levels average 10 to 13 percent. Test weights average 60 to 62 pounds.

In southeast Nebraska, harvest completed over the weekend. Yields varied from 10 to 60 bushels per acre for dryland wheat. Protein levels averaged 13 percent. Moisture levels averaged 13.5 percent. Test weights averaged 60 pounds.

