

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending July 6, 2014, wheat harvest got underway in southern parts of the state. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 20 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 21 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Winter wheat conditions rated 6 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 45 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Winter wheat coloring was 85 percent, behind last year's 90 percent and the 93 percent five-year average. Winter wheat mature was 37 percent, ahead of last year's 27 percent, but behind the 44 percent average. Winter wheat harvested was 13 percent, ahead of last year's 10 percent, but behind the 26 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said most of the wheat has turned color, with the maturity of the crop varying. Crop quality is average to good. Producers said they don't expect most harvest to begin until after July 20th. There have been some reports of sawfly in the region.

In the southern Panhandle, some producers have just begun harvesting, while others are not expecting to harvest for another two weeks. For those who have started, 5 to 10 percent of the crop has been

harvested. Yields vary from 35 to 55 bushels per acre for dryland and irrigated wheat. Moisture levels average 10 to 13 percent, protein levels average 10 to 12.9 percent and test weights average 61 to 65 pounds. Producers said the crop quality is good.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, harvest has just begun, with 5 to 10 percent of fields harvested. Producers rated crop conditions as good to excellent. Yields vary from 40 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland and irrigated wheat. Moisture levels average 10 to 15 percent, protein levels average 12-13 percent and test weights average 60-65 pounds.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, harvest is underway, with 35 to 50 percent of fields harvested. Yields range from 0-30 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 75-80 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Parts of the region experienced extreme drought during the late fall and early spring. Moisture levels average 10 to 12 percent, protein levels average 13 percent and test weights average 59 to 64 pounds. Producers said the crop quality is fair to good.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, harvest is well underway. Producers said 50 to 60 percent of the crop is harvested and the crop quality looks good. Yields vary from 10 to 50 bushels per acre. Moisture levels average 12-13.5 percent, protein levels average 12 to 14 percent and test weights average 58 to 61 pounds.

