

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending August 3, 2014, cooler temperatures limited moisture demands of non-irrigated crops. However, another week of only scattered rainfall stressed dryland crops and pastures, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Wheat harvest was near completion with only northern Panhandle fields remaining. The number of days considered suitable for fieldwork was 6.7. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 51 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 12 percent very short, 31 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. Winter wheat harvested was 93 percent, near last year's 90 percent and the five-year average of 95 percent.

In the northern Panhandle, many producers are done harvesting, while others close to the South Dakota border are nearing completion. 70 to 100 percent of the region has been harvested. Yields range from 0 to 90 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 70 to 120 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Protein levels average 9 to 13.5 percent. Moisture levels average 9 to 13.5 percent. Test weights average 9

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In the southern Panhandle, some producers finished harvesting in the last two weeks, while others are nearing completion. 85 to 100 percent of the region has been harvested. Yields range from 50 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 80 to 100 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Protein levels average 10 to 13 percent. Moisture levels average 9 to 15 percent. Test weights average 60 to 64 pounds. There have been instances of sawfly in the region.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, harvest finished late last week and over the weekend. Yields averaged 70 to 80 bushels per acre for dryland wheat and 80 to 100 bushels per acre for irrigated wheat. Protein levels averaged 11 to 13.5 percent. Moisture levels averaged 10 to 13 percent. Test weights averaged 61 to 63 pounds.

Harvest is complete in southwest and southeast Nebraska.

