

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending September 28, 2014, much of the state saw above normal temperatures. Rain at midweek was heaviest in central counties with amounts limited elsewhere. Winter wheat planted was 78 percent, ahead of last year's 63 percent and 68 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 43 percent, ahead of last year's 26 percent and 31 percent for the five-year average. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 23 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 25 percent short, 65 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said that nearly all dryland wheat is planted and emerged. Most irrigated wheat has not been planted yet as it will be following edible bean and sugar beet harvest. So far, producers said stands and the wheat crop look good. Rainfall in the area varied from .75 inch up to 7 inches. In areas of excessive rainfall, some wheat may need to be replanted. Temperatures have been normal.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said that wheat is roughly 90 to 95 percent planted. Wheat is 60 to 80 percent emerged depending on the area and

looks good. Producers in this area received anywhere from .75 inch to 4 inches of rain in the last week. Temperatures have been warmer than average, but will start to cool off into next week.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said that planting is 90 to 100 percent completed, and of that 50 to 90 percent has emerged depending on the area. Rainfall in the past week has amounted to .25 to .75 inch with chances of more rain coming in the next week. Temperatures have been about normal.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said that planting is 65-80 percent completed depending on the area, and that about 20-30 percent of the wheat planted has emerged and looks good. Rainfall ranged from 0 to .5 inch, and some areas have significant chances of rain within the next week. So far the weather has been good and relatively normal.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, 5 to 10 percent of wheat has been planted. In this area, a portion of wheat follows soybeans, and soybean harvest is just getting started. There has been no emergence other than a few wheat crops planted on previous silage ground. Rainfall in this area amounted from 2 to 9 inches. Some of these areas missed rains earlier in the season, so this was beneficial in refilling the soil profile.

