

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending October 12, 2014, limited rainfall allowed harvest to progress. Temperatures were above normal in the west but below normal in the east. The growing season has ended with a killing frost in all but a few southern counties. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 22 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. Winter wheat planted was 95 percent, ahead of 91 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 80 percent, ahead of 63 percent for the five-year average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said wheat is nearly planted and all that remains is wheat that will be planted following dry edible beans. Producers said despite a freeze, conditions are still okay to plant the remaining wheat. The wheat looks very good and has had ideal growing conditions with adequate soil moisture. There has been no rainfall in the last two weeks.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said 98 percent of dryland acres are planted and 85 percent of irrigated fields are planted. About 98 percent

of dryland has emerged and 75 percent of irrigated wheat acres have emerged. The crop is looking good, and producers said they are seeing better stands than in the last few years. Subsoil moisture is ideal and the temperatures have been slightly warmer than normal. These conditions have allowed for rapid weed development, so some producers have applied a herbicide.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said that all wheat is planted and is 90-100 percent emerged. So far, the crop looks good with good stands throughout the area. Most areas did not receive any rain, but reported that soil moisture is adequate.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said planting is about 95 to 97 percent complete. Depending on the area, emergence ranges from 50 to 90 percent, and so far the wheat crop is looking good. This area has received 0 to .20 inch of rain and soil profiles are adequate.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said most growers in the area are finishing up planting. Because of some late rains, soybean harvest was pushed back which did not allow time for wheat to be planted. So far wheat is 10-60 percent emerged, depending on the area. Some areas received about .5 inch of rain and soil moisture is adequate.

