

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending October 5, 2014, heavy rainfall of three or more inches fell across much of the Panhandle and portions of southeast Nebraska. Temperatures retreated during the week with frost reported in some areas. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Winter wheat planted was 89 percent, ahead of 81 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 64 percent, ahead of the 46 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said that the wheat crop is looking good. Moisture within the last week has helped the crop in its early stages. Producers recorded around 3.5 inches of rain within the last week and said that profiles are looking better than they have for several years. This area received a frost in mid-September.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said that all wheat is planted except that which will follow millet harvest. Wheat is 90-100 percent emerged and has a

good stand. Temperatures have been normal to slightly warmer, with only small amounts of rainfall. This area received a light frost within the last week.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said planting is 95-100 percent complete, and roughly 85-90 percent emerged. A few small showers amounting up to roughly one inch of rain in some areas have helped emergence and early growth. Temperatures have been normal, and producers said the crop looks good going into fall and winter.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said wheat is 90-95 percent planted and 60-80 percent emerged depending on the area. The emerged wheat crop looks good. Temperatures have been normal to slightly warmer than normal. Most areas have seen a slight frost.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said that parts of this area received up to 6" of rain. Wheat is going in behind soybeans, which are being harvested at this time. Approximately 30 percent of wheat is planted, and is just starting to emerge. This area has not yet had a frost.

