

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending September 22, 2014, much of the state saw sunshine and above normal temperatures. Rainfall was limited to portions of the eastern third of the state with accumulations generally less than an inch. Winter wheat planted was 56 percent, ahead of last year's 45 percent and 50 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged was 11 percent, near last year's 10 percent and 13 percent average. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 8 percent very short, 24 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said that planting is well underway. About 95% of dryland acres have been planted, with most irrigated acres have yet to be planted. Irrigated wheat planting will follow edible bean harvest, which is about 50 percent completed. There has been some emergence, and producers said the wheat that has come up looks good. Soils have adequate moisture and planting conditions so far have been good.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said that wheat planting is roughly 90 percent complete. This is slightly ahead of where it was last year. So far, 60-70 percent has emerged, and what is up is looking

good. Producers said seeding conditions were ideal with adequate soil moisture levels. Temperatures have been in the mid 70s to low 80s, and there are chances of rainfall in the next week.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said planting is about 85 to 90 percent complete. Most growers started planting one to two weeks ago, and are nearing completion. About 75 percent of the wheat has started to emerge, and emerging wheat has a good stand, producers said. Planting conditions were ideal with adequate surface and subsurface soil moisture.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, planting is underway. Most growers started planting around September 10th, and planting is 10 to 30 percent completed depending on rainfall received within the last week. Some rainfall did keep growers out of the field for a couple of days. Roughly 5 to 10 percent of what is planted has emerged. Producers said soil profiles are adequate.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, planting has not yet started. Some wheat crops will follow soybean harvest, which is just getting started. Soil profiles are slightly dry, as this area missed out on many of the August rainfalls. Producers expect planting conditions to be good.

