

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress and Condition Report dated April 13, 2015, temperatures averaged above normal. Cloudy conditions, combined with drizzle, began mid-week and extended through Friday. This kept fieldwork to a minimum but did little to mitigate drought conditions which persisted in central and southern areas. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 15 percent very short, 32 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 12 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 33 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said they received between zero and 0.90 inches of rain last night and more rain is forecasted for the next day or two. Temperatures are normal compared to previous years. Producers said that high winds have made spraying and topdressing difficult in this area. Crop condition in this area is highly variable, and producers say conditions range from very poor to very good.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said parts of the area received spotted showers over the last week with rainfall amounting from zero to 0.75 inches. Rain is forecasted for the next couple of days amounting to 0.5-1.5 inches. Windy days have prolonged herbicide

application and topdressing. Producers said that temperatures in this area are normal.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said they received between 0.5 and 0.6 inches at the end of last week and have not received rain since. Rain is forecasted for the next day or two. General crop condition in this area is fair. Fields severely damaged by winter kill are beginning to be torn up, and producers say that corn, millet, or milo may be planted in those acres. Other producers are choosing to leave fields fallow and plant wheat in the fall.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said they received 0.1 to 0.5 inches of rain last night depending on the area. More rain is in the forecast for the next day or two. Producers say that crop condition in this area is poor. Producers that lost fields to winter kill are considering planting corn or milo or leaving the field fallow until fall.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers say they received no rain in the past week. Crop condition is good, and soil moisture levels are adequate.

Producers in all areas are hopeful for the forecasted rain as drought conditions persist in many parts of the state.

