

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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The USDA has not released a crop report for this week.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said they have not received any rain. Right now, producers rate the crop in good condition, and predict that it will stay that way if they receive adequate rainfall in the near future. Fields in this area were not significantly impacted by winter kill. Producers are beginning to top-dress fields.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said approximately 40-50% of the wheat crop has winterkill damage, and overall crop condition ranges from fair to poor. This area has received very little to no rainfall, with slight chances of rain possible tonight. Some producers in this area have started top-dressing fertilizer and others will likely begin next week.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, producers said the wheat crop is variable. Overall conditions are good, fair, poor, and very poor depending on the area and the amount of winterkill. This area has received no rainfall, with only a very small chance in the forecast. Some producers have begun to top-dress fertilizer, and others are waiting for rain before top-dressing. Producers

recorded above average temperatures for the past week.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, crop condition varies from fair to poor to very poor. This area has not received any rain, and some areas are forecasted to receive a slight accumulation of rain/snow mix this evening. Producers have seen a higher than normal amount of army cutworms in select fields and in those areas are applying insecticide with their fertilizer. Temperatures throughout the last week were very warm compared to normal.

The southeast corner of Nebraska, received approximately one inch of rain that came at a very crucial time. This area experienced a small amount of winter kill. Crop condition in this area is good to fair. Some producers have begun top-dressing, while others have already finished. There is a relatively low amount of weed pressure in fields right now.

Overall, wheat is in need of moisture throughout the state. Some producers will be making decisions about their wheat crop after assessing winterkill damage.



**This field near Elsie, NE shows some of the variability producers are seeing in fields due to drought and winter kill.**