

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress and Condition Report dated April 26, 2015, rain fell over the weekend in many southern counties, including those in the lower Panhandle, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Southwestern, central and northeastern areas remained mostly dry. Temperatures were below normal across the eastern two-thirds of the State, while near normal elsewhere. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 7 percent very short, 25 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 35 percent good and 2 percent excellent. Winter wheat jointed rated 17 percent complete, ahead of 4 percent last year, but near the 21 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said they received 0 to 0.60 inches of rain over the last week. Soil moisture in this area is adequate. Producers said temperatures are near normal with night temperatures still in the 30s and the frost free date approaching. Conditions in this area vary greatly, but wheat in good condition is just beginning to joint.

In the southern Panhandle, producers said rainfall amounted to 1 to 2 inches depending on the area. Temperatures in this area are slightly below average to normal. The overall crop condition in this area is fair.

Producers said roughly 15 to 20 percent of wheat fields were complete losses because of severe winterkill and will be left fallow or planted to another crop. Jointing in this area is 15 to 20 percent complete.

In the southwest corner of Nebraska, producers said they received traces of rainfall in some areas that amounted to 0.10 of an inch. Producers said that soil moisture condition is adequate and wheat condition is fair. Approximately 25 percent of fields in this area have been lost to winterkill and could be replanted with corn or milo. Some rust has been spotted in select fields. Select wheat fields in this area are showing a flag leaf.

In the south central part of Nebraska, producers said this portion of the state received no rain. Soil moisture is adequate, and crop condition is fair. Jointing in this area is varied with some varieties complete and others yet to reach jointing stage. Some fields that had winter kill are being planted with corn.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said this area received 0.4 to 1.5 inches of rain in the past week. Soil moisture condition is adequate. Crop condition is rated as fair to good; however, some areas did experience winterkill. Fields in better condition are beginning to joint. Stripe rust has been found in select fields.



**Two varieties of wheat  
in an irrigated field near  
Hemingford, Nebraska.**