

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending June 7, 2015, rainfall of 1-2 inches was common with 6 inches or more reported across portions of the southeast, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 2-4 degrees above normal. The wet soil conditions again limited planting activities and were favorable for disease development in wheat. Clear skies and warmer conditions were needed to boost growth and development of row crops. There were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 9 percent short, 69 percent adequate and 19 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 5 percent very short, 15 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 14 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 36 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Winter wheat headed was at 85 percent, ahead of 80 percent last year and the 73 percent average. Wheat turning color was at 10 percent, near 7 percent last year, but behind the 16 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said temperatures were warm, reaching the 80s and 90s at times, and were accompanied by sunshine. All of the crop is headed and is in the flowering stage with some rust seen and some damage from standing water. Overall, the crop is in fair to good condition.

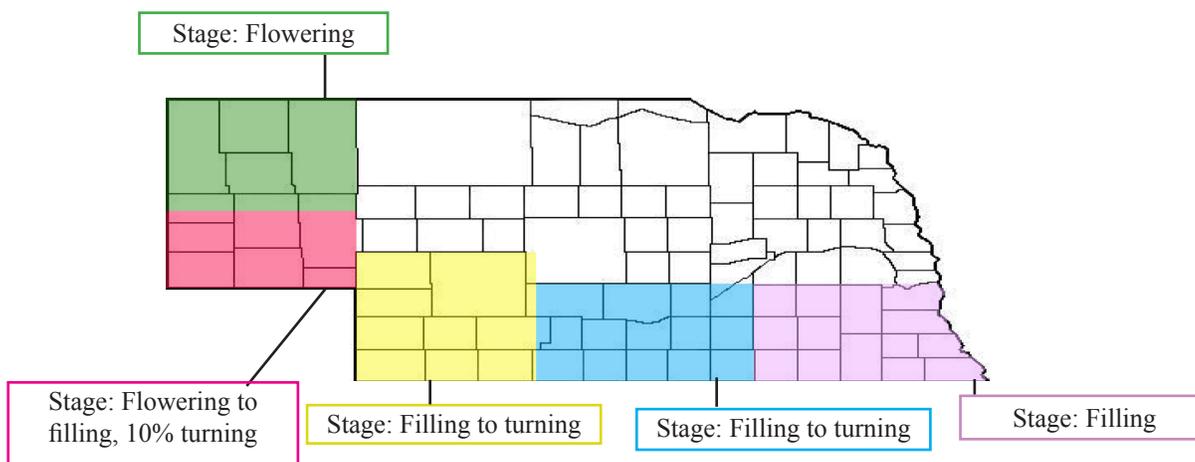
In the southern Panhandle, producers said they received some moisture and a variety of temperatures from cool to hot. The crop is getting poorer due to

pressure from rust and other diseases like wheat streak mosaic and barley yellow dwarf, especially in fields not sprayed. All of the wheat has headed, and depending on elevation, the stage of the crop varies from flowering to filling. About 10% is beginning to turn.

The southwest corner of Nebraska received a variation of moisture ranging from no precipitation at all to about an inch of rain. Temperatures have been normal until reaching 92 degrees on Tuesday. Producers predict that they are about a month away from harvest with the crop filling and some starting to turn. Stripe rust is prevalent in untreated fields, but the crop is in good condition overall.

In the south central part of Nebraska, producers said that they received a variety of moisture from .75 to 3 inches of rain accompanied by temperatures rising into the mid-90s. Rust can be found in all fields with most of the crop filling and starting to turn. Producers said some of the crop is in poor condition but most is in fair to good condition.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said they received significant rain earlier in the week but are slowly drying out with the warmer weather. About half of the crop is filled, but producers are seeing a lot of rust in all fields along with some scab. Rust has affected crop conditions, but in fields where the rust has been kept at bay, the wheat condition is good.



Stage of Crop for Week Ending June 10