

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending June 14, 2015, above normal temperatures and limited rainfall early in the week boosted crop development, but cloudy skies and rainfall of 1 inch or more later in the week was common in eastern areas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Temperatures averaged 1 to 2 degrees above normal. Three or more inches of precipitation occurred in portions of the southeast causing further planting delays while western producers made good progress. There were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 7 percent short, 70 percent adequate and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 12 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 14 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 33 percent good and 2 percent excellent. Winter wheat headed was at 95 percent, near 92 percent last year, but ahead of the 89 percent average. Coloring was at 31 percent, ahead of 17 percent last year, but near the 28 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said the weather has been wet and cool with below normal temperatures. Some wheat is drowning out in areas due to the moisture and some rust and mosaic can be found, but the crop is still in good condition overall. The wheat is starting to bloom and pollinate.

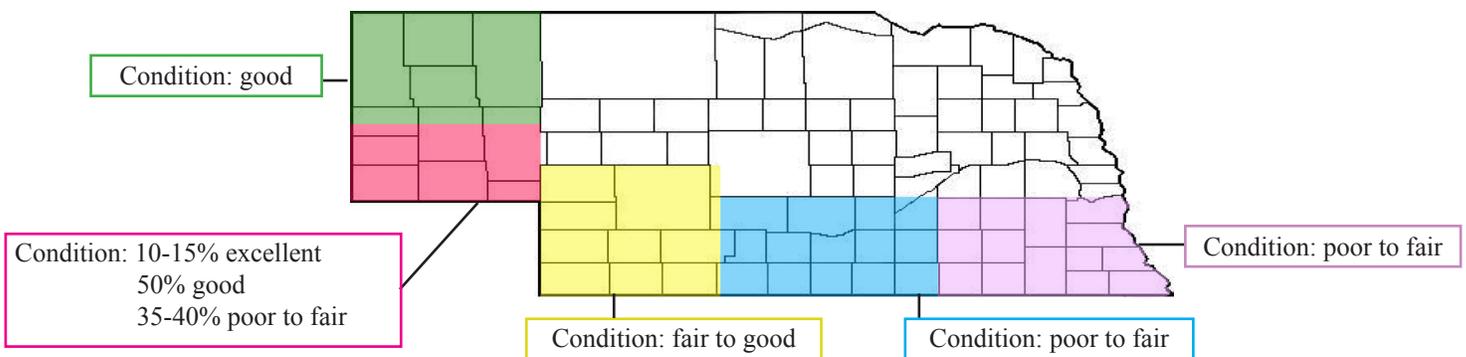
The southern Panhandle received scattered rain with some areas not receiving any moisture and other areas receiving up to 2 inches. Overall, days have been

cloudy and cool with some heavy fog. Higher elevations may still be in the flowering stage. However, most of the wheat is filling with some starting to turn. About 10 to 15 percent of the crop is considered excellent and 50 percent is good with the rest in fair to poor condition. Producers said fungal diseases such as rust are predominant in the area.

In the southwest corner, producers said they had a few sunny days but have had mostly cloudy and cool weather with scattered rain ranging from no moisture to 1.5 inches. The crop is in fair to good condition despite some rust. The wheat is completing the filling stage and is just starting to turn.

In the south central part of Nebraska, producers said they had temperatures rise to 90 degrees but have mostly had cooler than average weather. Moisture varied throughout the area from none at all to 2 inches of rain. Rust is widespread, especially in unsprayed fields. Winter-kill from previous weeks has begun to show and affect some of the crop. The wheat is in poor to fair condition with select fields in good condition. It is in the filling stage and starting to turn and come into the dough stage. Producers predict 2.5 to 3 weeks until harvest.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said they have received between 1 and 7 inches of rain with cloudy conditions and average temperatures. The wheat is filling and starting to turn, but producers are seeing scab, rust and waterlogged fields. The crop is in poor to fair condition with minimal wheat in good condition.



Crop Conditions for Week Ending June 17