

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending July 12, 2015, temperatures were cool during much of the week before turning hot over the weekend, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Significant rainfall was limited to southern border counties, as well as parts of north central Nebraska and portions of the lower Panhandle. The seasonably hot conditions boosted crop development. Wheat harvest progressed in southern counties. There were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 18 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 5 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 15 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 35 percent good and 1 percent excellent. Winter wheat coloring was at 96 percent, near 95 percent last year and the 98 percent average. Mature wheat was at 86 percent, well ahead of 61 percent last year and the 60 percent average. Harvested wheat was at 27 percent, near 28 percent last year, but behind the 38 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers predict that harvest will begin over the weekend or on Monday with some test cutting already taking place. The area did not receive rain throughout the week, but producers are still seeing wet fields that are not drying out. Wheat condition varies with some looking good and some looking poor. The impact of disease on the crop is yet to be determined.

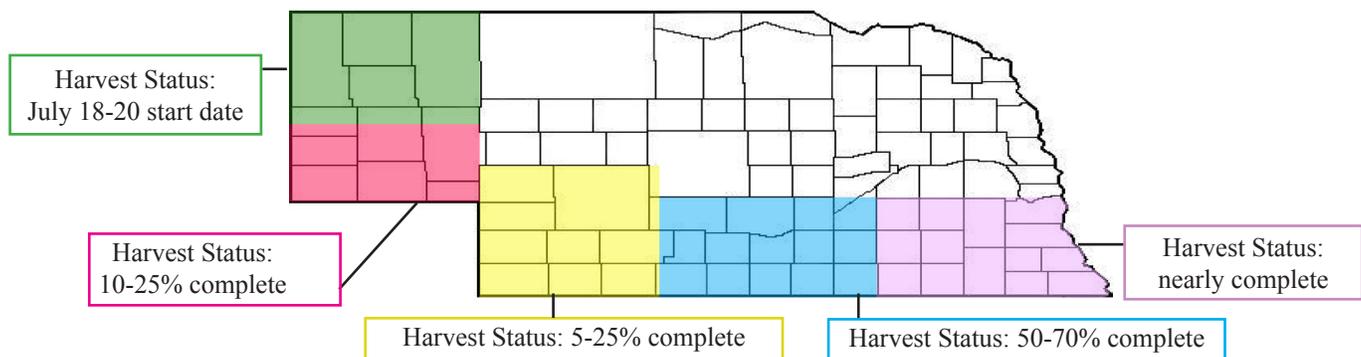
The southern Panhandle has experienced hot and dry weather conditions enabling producers to start harvesting Saturday. Yields in the area are varied ranging from 35 to 60. Protein ranges from 9 to 11

percent, and the test weight average is 60 pounds. Moisture ranges from less than 10 to 13 percent. Harvest is 10 to 25 percent complete.

Producers reported hot temperatures and low humidity in the southwest corner of the state. Harvest is just started for some producers but 20 to 25 percent complete for others. A wide range of yields were reported from 30 to 60 bushels per acre. Test weights varied from 55 to 60 pounds. Fields that had been treated with fungicides for rust and had weeds controlled during the growing season fared better with higher yields and slightly higher test weights. Protein was near 11 with moisture levels at 11 to 12 percent.

The south central part of Nebraska received scattered storms bringing damaging winds and rain up to 4 and 5 inches to a few select areas. Rainfall was scattered and varied from .5 to 2.5 inches for most of the area. Producers reported a crop ranging in yield from good in fields that were sprayed to below average. Dryland acres had yields ranging from 10 to over 30 bushels per acre while irrigated acres ranged 50 to 85 bushels per acre. Harvest is 50 to 70 percent complete. Test weights lowered with the rainfall starting near 64 pounds and dropping to 50 to 58 pounds. Moisture was 12 to 15 percent, and protein was 11 to 13 percent.

Harvest is nearly complete in the southeast part of Nebraska. The area received limited rain totaling .5 inches. Yields ranged from 35 to 50 bushels per acre. Test weights averaged 53 pounds with some dropping near 46 pounds. Moisture levels were high and quality was low as producers reported some issues with vomitoxin and low test weights.



Harvest Update for Week Ending July 16