

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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The June 20th USDA Crop Progress Report (compiled by the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service) reported winter wheat conditions as follows: 3 percent Very Poor, 9 percent Poor, 26 percent Fair, 50 percent Good, and 12 percent Excellent. These conditions have held steady over the past week. Topsoil moisture conditions rated 66 percent of acres as adequate, 27 percent short, 3 percent very short, and 4 percent having a surplus of moisture. Subsoil moisture checked in with 79 percent of the subsoil having adequate moisture; 16 percent of the acres have a shortage on subsoil moisture while 5 percent of acres have a surplus.

A heat wave continued to affect the Northern Panhandle this week. A lack of precipitation and cool temperatures has hurt the crop and is causing the wheat to turn and mature quickly. The wheat in the area is seen as good overall with varying quality and yield potential across the board. Producers have stated concerns about the potential damage to the crop from the recent hot spell but still see the wheat as holding an average yield potential.

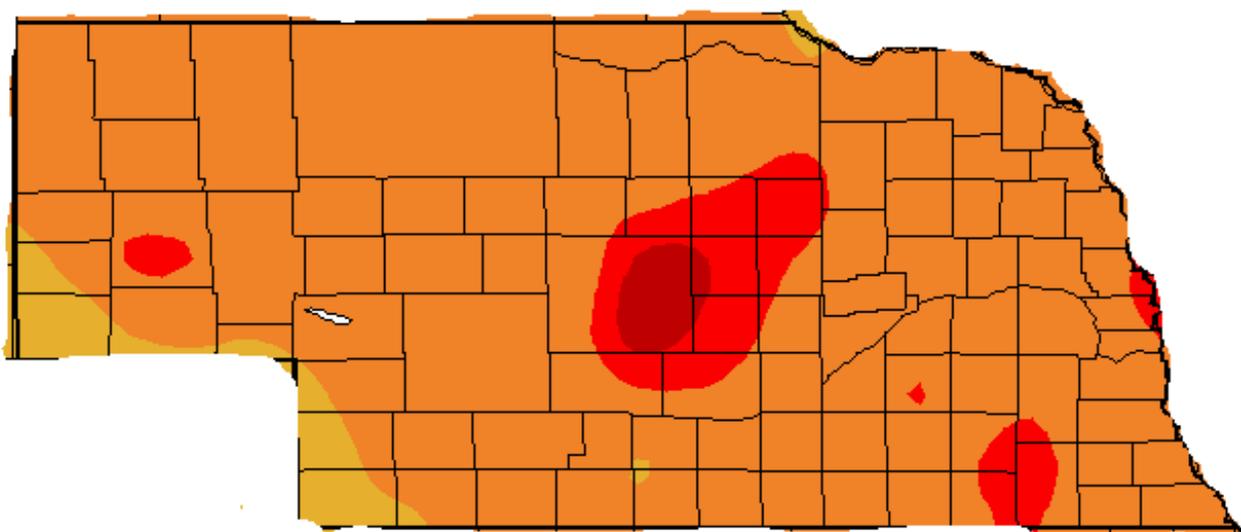
Temperatures in the Southern Panhandle have reached over 100 degrees multiple days this week.

Soil moisture has been depleted as a result. The crop is seen as average to good in quality and yield potential. Most wheat has finished flowering and is beginning to ripen and dry. Harvest may come earlier than expected due to the quicker drying of the crop.

Southwest Nebraska has experienced a hot and dry week as well. The crop has continued to turn color and get closer to harvest-ready. Soil moisture has been seen as fair to adequate. Producers said the crop looks to offer an average to good yield.

Southcentral Nebraska received a patch of rain and wind which caused some lodging and damage to the crop. Wheat in the area is close to ready for harvest, with some producers looking to harvest within the next week. The severe heat has caused some shriveling in the kernels which could negatively affect the yield and quality of the crop, but expectations are still to see at least an average crop.

Southeast Nebraska is close to ripe and can expect wheat harvest to begin soon. The wheat has turned quickly which is a concern to some producers, but overall the crop is perceived as good. Spotty rain has gone through the area in the last week.



Difference from Normal Temperature for June 14- 20th

