

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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The July 5th 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, 25 percent Fair, 49 percent Good, and 14 percent Excellent. These conditions have held steady over the past week. Topsoil moisture conditions rated 65 percent of acres as adequate, 28 percent short, 5 percent very short, and 2 percent having a surplus of moisture. Subsoil moisture checked in with 77 percent of the subsoil having adequate moisture; 21 percent of the acres have a shortage on subsoil moisture while 2 percent of acres have a surplus. Harvest continued into this week, with a reported 20 percent of wheat harvested. This was a jump of 16 percent from last week (4 percent), above last year's harvested wheat at this point, (13 percent), and on pace with the five-year average of 21 percent harvested.

The Northern Panhandle received scattered showers for the majority of the week and it continues to delay the harvest of the crop. Many producers expect for the crop to be ready to harvest within four to five days. Crops in hill bottoms and other spots of wet soil still show some green color, but much of the crop has matured and dried and is near ready for harvest.

The Southern Panhandle also received mixed mild thunderstorms over the past week. Harvest in lower

elevation areas is expected to begin within the next week. The rest of the area is seen as anywhere from one week from harvest to twenty days. Wheat is continuing to dry and turn. Producers see the wheat as an average to good crop.

Southwest Nebraska continued wheat harvest this week, with most of the acres harvested being dryland. Cooperatives in the area have seen yields ranging from 50 to 80 bushels per acre. Protein has been ranging from 7 to 11. An estimated 20 percent of the area has been harvested. Harvest in the area can be expected to increase dramatically in the next week as some irrigated acres begin to be harvested.

Southcentral Nebraska continued harvest this week, but storms have reduced the number of days available for producers to harvest. The high winds and heavy rains have increased lodging in the area. Approximately 30 percent of the crop in the area has been harvested. Yields of what has been cut are above average, ranging from 50-90.

Southeast Nebraska has been harvesting and seen good yields ranging from 50-90 BPA with test weights averaging in the low 60's. Producers in the area estimate that 75 percent of the crop has been harvested and many producers are nearing the end of their wheat harvest.

