

# NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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According to the USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending May 13, 2018, topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 22 short, 71 adequate and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 4 percent very short, 25 short, 75 adequate and 1 surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 1 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 54 good and 10 excellent. Winter wheat headed was 1 percent, well behind the 28 of last year and the 15 average.

Producers in the northern Panhandle reported storms that brought both moisture and hail. Some areas had reports of severe damage to wheat, but those fields were limited to a smaller number of acres, with the worst damage reported on later planted fields that had less growth. However, additional damage to farm infrastructure, including reports of as many as 75 damaged or destroyed pivots, from the storms and wind had producers in the area concerned. Wheat ranges from jointing to boot stage. Soil moisture levels remain adequate, but producers said some of the northern areas could still use more precipitation.

In the southern Panhandle, producers rainfall ranging from .25 to 1.25 inches in the last week. Most of the wheat remains in the jointing stage, but the eastern half of the region may see flag leaf emergence in another week producers said. Most stands are reported in fair

to good condition. No disease pressures have been reported for the region.

Some parts of southwestern Nebraska received precipitation while other portions of the region remained dry. Producers said soil moisture levels remain adequate, but they will soon need additional moisture. However, producers said there are no signs of drought stress in wheat within the region currently.

In south central Nebraska, producers expressed concerns about the continued lack of moisture. No significant precipitation has fallen in the region for over a month. Additional reports of wheat turning blue from stress and a lack of moisture were received. Some fields in the area that had moisture earlier in the season still look average, but dryland fields in particular are starting to show some stress producers reported. In some areas, stress has dropped yield estimates to the low 20s and upper teens.

Producers in southeastern Nebraska reported receiving varying amounts of rain, with precipitation totals ranging from .2 to over an inch of moisture within the last week. Wheat stands continue to grow. While no disease pressures have been reported, producers continue to scout and are working to limit weed pressure as well.