

NEBRASKA WHEAT CROP REPORT

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For the week ending July 16, 2017, temperatures averaged two to six degrees above normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Significant rainfall of an inch or more was received in the eastern half of Nebraska; however, the western half of the State remained relatively dry. Winter wheat harvested was near completion in the southern counties. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 29 percent very short, 36 short, 35 adequate, and 0 surplus. Winter wheat mature was 98 percent. Harvested was 83 percent, ahead of 70 last year, and well ahead of 58 average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers report mostly hot and dry conditions over the past week, allowing harvest to progress. Harvest in the region is over halfway completed, and some producers report they are 90% done. Yields in the region vary widely, but average yields are between 45 and 60 bu/acre. Fields affected by Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) saw yields around 20 bu/acre, and some non-WSMV had yields around 60 bu/acre. Reported test weights range from 57 to 63 lbs, and while reported protein content ranges from 7.5 to 11.5, average protein is between 10.5 and 11.

In the southern Panhandle, producers report very hot and dry conditions over the past week. Fields at higher elevations are about halfway done with harvest, while lower elevations are nearing completion. Reported yields as well as test weights vary widely as a result of damages

incurred from hail, WSMV, and sawflies. Average yields for good fields range from 55 to 65 bu/acre; test weights range from 52 to 62 lbs; and average protein is between 8 and 10. In damaged fields, average yields are 20 to 40 bu/acre; test weights also range from 52 to 62 lbs; and average protein is between 10 and 12.

In southwest Nebraska, producers report mostly hot and dry conditions over the past week, allowing most to finish cutting. There were also some isolated showers. Reported yields vary from 50 to 80 bushels, with average yields estimated around 55-65 in fields without WSMV; fields affected by the virus had lower yields. Test weights fall between 59 and 62 lbs, while protein content ranges from 9 to 12.

In south central Nebraska, producers report hot and dry conditions over the past week allowed for harvest to reach near-completion. Reported yields vary widely due to hail and other issues. However, average yields range from 55 to 65 bu/acre. Test weight averages range from 59 to 62 lbs, while a single protein sample taken measured at 10.5.

In southeast Nebraska, producers report harvest is wrapped up in the area. Reported yields range from 60 to 100 bu/acre, with the average falling between 80 and 85 bu/acre. Test weights are rated good; there is no report on protein content from this region at this time.

