

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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USDA Crop Progress Report for the week ending October 13, 2020

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 27% very short, 46% short, 27% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 41% short, 36% adequate, and 0% surplus. Winter wheat planted was 89%, near 93% last year and 90% average. Emerged was 60%, near 59% last year, but behind 68% average.

Northern Panhandle

The northern panhandle is completely wrapped up with wheat planting for 2020. Of the wheat that is emerged, about 75% looks to be in a good shape though the other 25% is reported to be in poor condition due to a lack of rain. The area is starting to experience consistent freezes each night. There has also been reports of heavy winds moving soil due to the lack of moisture in the region.

Oct.	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
High	52	61	58	62	60	60	52
Low	20	37	26	22	28	26	21

Southern Panhandle

Producers in the southern panhandle reported that about 99% of the wheat crop is planted. Most fields have about 60% emergence, though it is predicted that the lack of moisture will cause some to emerge later. The region continues to be in a drought.

Oct.	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
High	53	61	66	65	64	65	59
Low	24	42	29	28	31	31	23

Southwest

The southwest region of Nebraska is reported to be 100% planted with most of the wheat crop emerging. Sandy soils are experiencing some wind damage from strong gusts this past weekend. Topsoil moisture is in short supply.

Oct.	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
High	58	65	74	61	62	65	68
Low	31	42	34	33	32	34	30

South Central

Producers in the south central region of Nebraska are reporting that 95% of the winter wheat crop is in the ground. Emergence is at 50%. The region is experiencing immense dryness and producers expect a rain is needed before most of the remaining wheat emerges.

Oct.	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
High	56	60	70	57	57	59	62
Low	31	44	34	37	32	35	33

Southeast

The southeast region of the state is reporting that 90% of the wheat crop is planted, which is ahead of normal. There is some emergence, but most of the later planted wheat is struggling with a lack of moisture. This past weekend, the region received rainfall anywhere from .10 to 1" depending on the area. The moisture was welcomed and time will tell how it impacts the crop.

Oct.	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st
High	58	60	71	54	60	59	65
Low	35	46	37	41	34	40	39

Wheat emergence south of Kimball, NE

