

# Harvest Summary of HRW June 1, 2012

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• Percent of Harvest	<u>Complete by Location:</u>
○ Texas	41%
○ Oklahoma	65%
○ Kansas	25%
○ Colorado	0%
○ Nebraska	0%
○ South Dakota	0%
○ North Dakota	0%
○ Montana	0%
○ PNW	0%
○ Wyoming	0%

The 2012 HRW wheat harvest is expanding rapidly northward with cutting now within 2 counties of the Nebraska state line in Kansas. All areas currently harvesting are a minimum of 2 weeks ahead of normal harvest dates. Harvest is winding down in north Texas northward to I-40 in central Oklahoma. However, combines are just beginning to cut dryland wheat in the High Plains (Amarillo northward), while irrigated wheat in that area is still green.

Quality reports continue to be very mixed with wide ranges in protein and a drop in test weight as harvest moved into areas of extreme drought stress (Oklahoma Panhandle into southwestern and west central Kansas)\*. Generally, (where yields are good to excellent) proteins are down, but thousand kernel weights and test weights are up; this contrasts to areas (where yields are poor) having lower test weight and lower thousand kernel weights, but being higher in protein. Average protein is still at 11.8%\* (again with wide variations by location). The effects of drought and high temperatures during grainfill are becoming very obvious as a function of yield, protein and kernel characteristics. \*(Quality data below is from partial TX and OK only).

The contrast of this crop to last year is volume. Texas and Oklahoma will have much bigger crops than last year (and Kansas may). The big question mark on yields in Kansas will be how far west and north are effects of drought and disease going to be reflected in yield.

Dockage and total defects took a jump this week while test weight dropped a pound. This was not totally unexpected as harvest move into more moisture deficient areas and numerous rain events have plagued much of the harvest area. Hail has accompanied many of these storms with several localized areas suffering substantial losses.

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Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
83	530	11.4	11.8	0.52	28.3*	414	1HRW	60.5 79.6	0.2	0.2	1.6	2.0

\*not updated

## Final 2011

Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
477	Final	10.6	12.4	.48	30.1	400	1HRW	60.8 79.9	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.6

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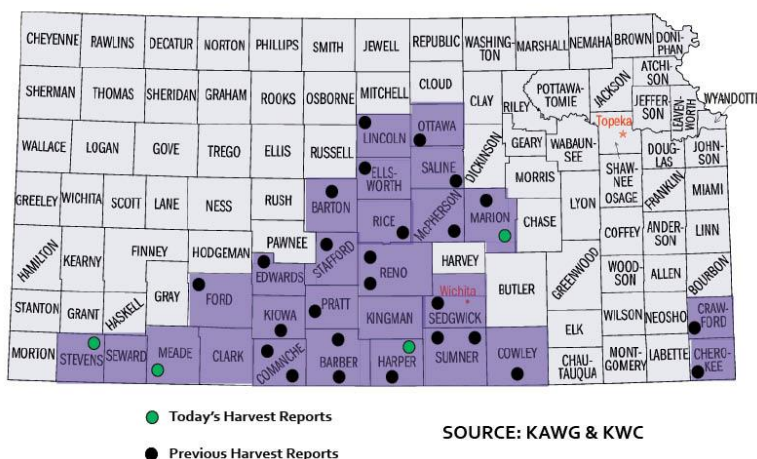
While farmers throughout Kansas welcomed the prospect of rain the evening of May 30, they were certainly wary of hail. As it turns out, several isolated hailstorms caused damage to wheat fields in northwest Kansas, according to Ellis County Extension Agent Stacy Campbell. Parched soils from Highway 83 east benefitted from rainfall totals ranging from one-quarter inch to 4-plus inches. For farmers west of that line however, the storm was just another missed opportunity in what has become a long drought.

The first big day of harvest in Stevens County occurred Wednesday, according to Jason Edwards, manager of United Prairie Ag in Hugoton. Farmers are facing a bleak harvest, with dryland wheat expected to yield about 20 bushels per acre. Still, that's about three times the yield of last year's crop, Edwards says. Test weights so far average 59 pounds per bushel.

Randy Ackerman, manager of the Meade Co-op Elevator and Supply in Meade, said the area received some light rain and hail, but that farmers resumed harvest Thursday afternoon. This harvest is poor, especially when considering how promising the crop looked six weeks ago. With 40% of the area harvest complete, just 300,000 bushels of wheat have been received. That's well off the long-term pace of 1.2 million bushels. This year's crop has yielded in the mid-20s. Quality is the lone bright spot of the 2012 harvest; test weight averages 61 pounds per bushel and protein averages 14.1.

Hillsboro farmer Paul Penner, who serves as 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Wheat Growers, says harvest was in full swing in his region until showers came

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Wednesday night. Penner was cutting wheat that yielded in the 50 bushel per acre range, with test weights around 62. Farmers in the area report even higher yields, and test weights vary from 57-60 pounds per bushel. Penner says the rain is welcome, as row crops were under duress from the dry weather.

Harvest was about two-third complete in the Anthony area on Wednesday before a thunderstorm dropped about an inch of much-needed rain, says Dan Cashier, manager of the Anthony Farmers Coop. Farmers are harvesting very good quality wheat, averaging 62 pounds per bushel and 11 protein. The elevator has taken in about 2.5 million bushels of wheat so far, with yields averaging well above 40 bushels per acre. Cashier reports some of the crop has suffered from light hail damage.

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## **OKLAHOMA:**

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Harvest continues in South Central Oklahoma around Cordell with producers trying to get started around the Minco areas. Harvest in other parts of central Oklahoma around Banner, Okarche, Kingfisher and Hennessey have been slowed due to heavy rains and hail yesterday evening. It is a good thing that a large amount of the crop has been cut out of central Oklahoma, and producers who still have wheat in the field are hopeful they will miss the second round of storms this evening.

Harvest has started to get rolling this afternoon in far North Oklahoma around Bison and Deer Creek areas. Producers are hopeful they can keep moving as the percentage of the crop that is left in this area is greater. Reports from elevator managers indicate that in parts of Northern Oklahoma 50 to 80 percent of the 2012 crop has been harvested depending on the location. Greater percentages of wheat have been harvested in Northwest Oklahoma, but if producers can get a couple more days in the North Central part of the state they will not be far behind. Dryland wheat harvest continues to move forward in the Panhandle region. Latest reports show that production on dryland wheat is making in the low to mid 20's with test weights ranging from 54-59.2 pounds. The irrigated wheat continues to look favorable with producers anticipating record yields once harvest begins on the irrigated wheat from this region.

## TEXAS:

Hard Red Winter Wheat harvest is concluding across the Blacklands and Rolling Plains. The soft wheat harvest in the Northern Blacklands is about 40 percent complete, and is currently delayed due to rain. Harvest is currently rolling in the South Plains (Lubbock) with disappointing yields, but average quality. The area is expected to wrap up next week.

Harvest is approximately 20 percent complete south of Amarillo, and 5 percent complete north of Amarillo. Panhandle dryland and irrigated yields have been disappointing, but the best wheat in the region has not been cut.

### Yields:

Southern Blacklands (Waco, Hillsboro) -- 50

Northern Blacklands (North of Dallas) -- 65+ (Some fields have been above 100 bu/acre)

Northern Rolling Plains (Wichita Falls, Vernon) -- 40 (Western half was lower)

Southern Rolling Plains (Abilene, Throckmorton) -- 30

South Plains -- 20

## NEBRASKA:



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