

Harvest Summary of HRW June 15, 2012

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- Percent of Harvest

Complete by Location:

○ Texas	59%
○ Oklahoma	95%
○ Kansas	70%
○ Colorado	5%
○ Nebraska	7%
○ South Dakota	0%
○ North Dakota	0%
○ Montana	0%
○ PNW	0%
○ Wyoming	0%

Except for irrigated wheat in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles wheat harvest is winding down rapidly in those states. The southern half of Kansas is also winding down with harvest, with the most notable areas in Kansas still harvesting being far southwestern Kansas (and irrigated fields in that area) and areas north of I-70 (especially northwest Kansas) now in full swing. Colorado and Nebraska are just getting started with still less than 10% harvested at this point. Yields continue to be impressive considering the dry hot weather most of the Southern Great Plains suffered during the most critical stage of water demand for plant development, pollination through grainfill. Yields have ranged from the low 20's to well over 70 bushels per acre with commonly reported averages from 40 to 45 bushels per acre. Protein has also picked up significantly as harvest reached Kansas as general rule, but there still remain pockets of low protein in a mosaic pattern as was seen in Texas and Oklahoma.

With 181 samples now in the lab from Texas through the southern half of Kansas it has become obvious the damaging effect hot dry conditions had during the later stages of plant development on kernel characteristics. The most apparent has been in relation to kernel size, generally kernels have been small, with the areas producing the highest protein having more shrunken kernels and lowest yields, as would be expected. The areas producing the highest yield, while still having small kernels, do have higher TKW's and lower protein, again as would be expected. The pattern is mosaic in nature and while somewhat wheat variety related the more dominate factor was the stage of growth the plants were in when the hot weather occurred and if scattered rain showers occurred during that stage of development. Most areas had little if any stored moisture on which to draw, so any supplemental rain made a big difference. While test weight did not change this week, protein increased again in the overall average and TKW dropped from last week.

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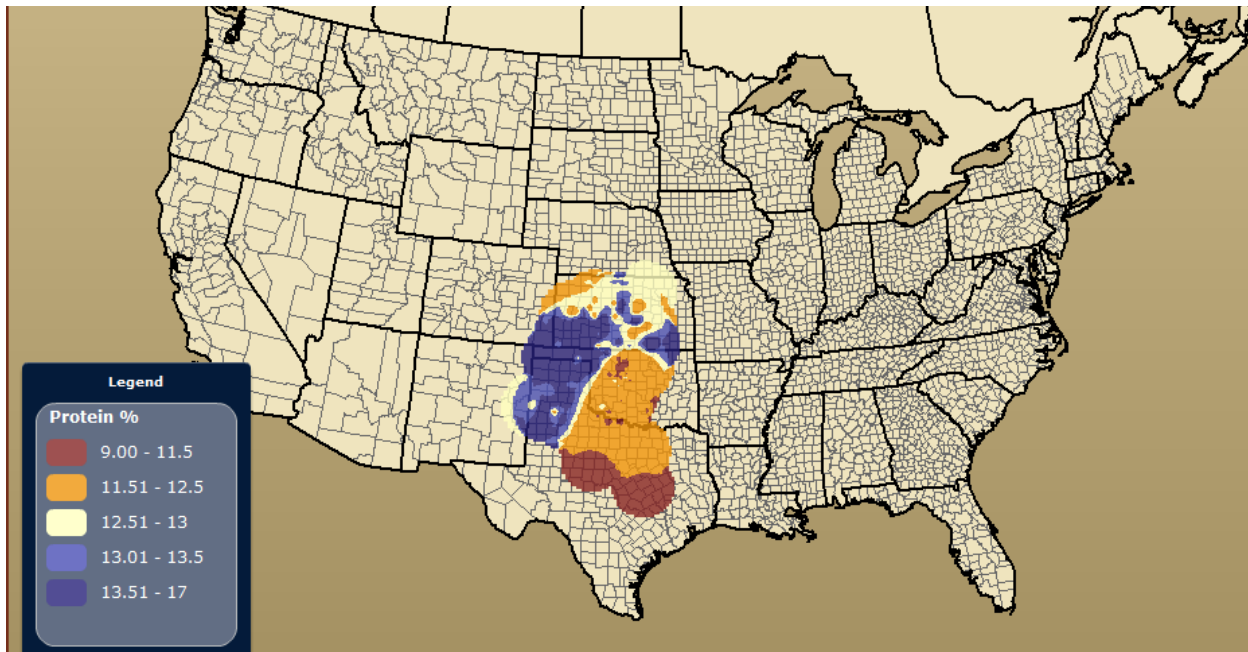
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Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
181	530	11.7	12.7	0.51	27.6	400	1HRW	60.3 79.4	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.8

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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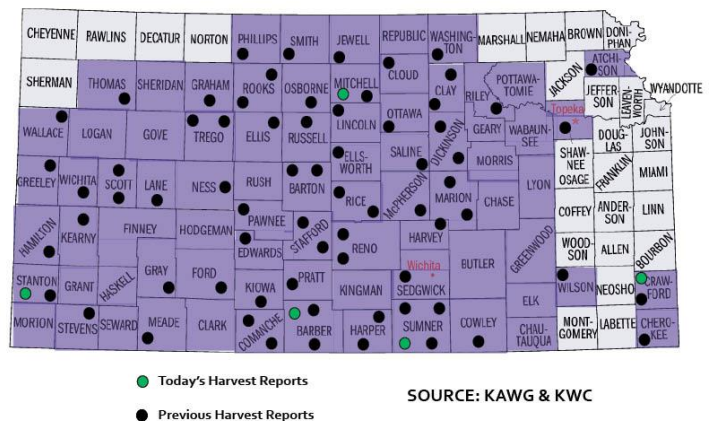
This is Day 15 of the 2012 Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas City Board of Trade, the Kansas Grain & Feed Association, the Kansas Wheat Commission and Kansas Association of Wheat Growers.

The Kansas wheat harvest is about 75% complete and reports from across the state indicate a very good quality crop so far.

Farmers in Barber County finished a successful harvest over the weekend.

In its seven locations, the OK Coop Grain Company took in 3 million bushels, which is above

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the company's five-year average, according to general manager Steve Inslee. Area farmers averaged 45-55 bushels per acre and crop quality was excellent, with 12 protein and 61 pound per bushel test weights on average.

In Wellington, the "Wheat Capital of Kansas," farmers are pleased with the 2012 wheat crop, says Curt Guinn, general manager of the Farmers Coop Grain Association there. Sumner County farmers averaged 45 to 50 bushels per acre, with 60 pound test weights and a protein average of 11.3. Among the company's five locations, more than 4 million bushels were received, about 30% more than a typical year.

With 11 locations in western Kansas and eastern Colorado, Skyland Grain is about 50% complete with harvest, according to Matt Overturf at the company's Johnson location. He says both the Hard Red and Hard White crops average about 61 pounds and 12 protein, with yields ranging from 10 to 50, averaging 30 bushels per acre. Farmers are just beginning to harvest irrigated wheat, with yields expected to average about 65 bushels per acre. Overturf says harvest should be finished in a week.

The early wheat harvest was one of the best ever for Jim Michael, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers Director from McCune. Michael saw above average yields of 70 bushels per acre and test weights above 60 pounds per bushel. Everest was his best variety. Harvest in southeast Kansas has been finished for several days.

Mike Jordan, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers secretary/treasurer from Beloit, says harvest is virtually complete in southern Mitchell County. His yields vary from 40 to 70 bushels per acre and average about 50. Like many Kansas farmers, Jordan says yields could have been dramatically improved with one more rain after flag leaf emergence.

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