

Harvest Summary of HRW July 12, 2013

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- Percent of Harvest

Complete by Location:

○ Texas	91%
○ Oklahoma	97%
○ Kansas	89%
○ Colorado	25%
○ Nebraska	15%
○ South Dakota	0%
○ North Dakota	0%
○ Montana	0%
○ Washington	0%
○ Oregon	0%
○ Idaho	0%
○ Wyoming	0%

Harvest of the 2013 HRW crop continues to rapidly wind down in the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Texas is now 91% complete with almost all wheat left to cut being in the extreme northwestern part of the state (Panhandle). Oklahoma is almost completely done with 97% of the crop now harvested. Kansas is also making rapid progress (87% complete) with the southern two-thirds now wrapping up and the northern one-third winding down. Colorado is now 25% complete with the majority of that being in the southern two-thirds of the eastern half of the state. That area has reported yields from 0 - 20 bushels per acre (0 – 1.3 tons per hectare) due to drought and freeze damage, while what little cutting that has been done in the northern areas has been ranging from 30 - 40 bushels per acre (2.0 – 2.7 tons per hectare). Nebraska is now 15% complete with harvest ranging from the southeastern parts of the state winding down to the far north and western areas either not started or having just begun.

An additional 100 samples were delivered to the lab this week (255 of an expected 500) and are in various stages of evaluation. As was noted last week, the majority of samples with reported data are from the drought and freeze affected areas of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas (and now southeast Colorado) and is still being reflected in the data summary for this week. Average dockage remains higher than 2012 by 0.15% due to the lighter kernels in this crop being harder to separate from dockage during the harvesting process. Test weight remained the same this week while protein decreased by 0.1%, but still very good at an overall average of 13%. Test weight and thousand kernel weight, while still lower than desired, is expected to improve as more samples are evaluated from the central and eastern areas of the Great Plains.

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Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
255	500	10.6	13.0	0.63	24.5*	426*	2HRW	59.9 78.8	0.2	0.2	1.8	2.2

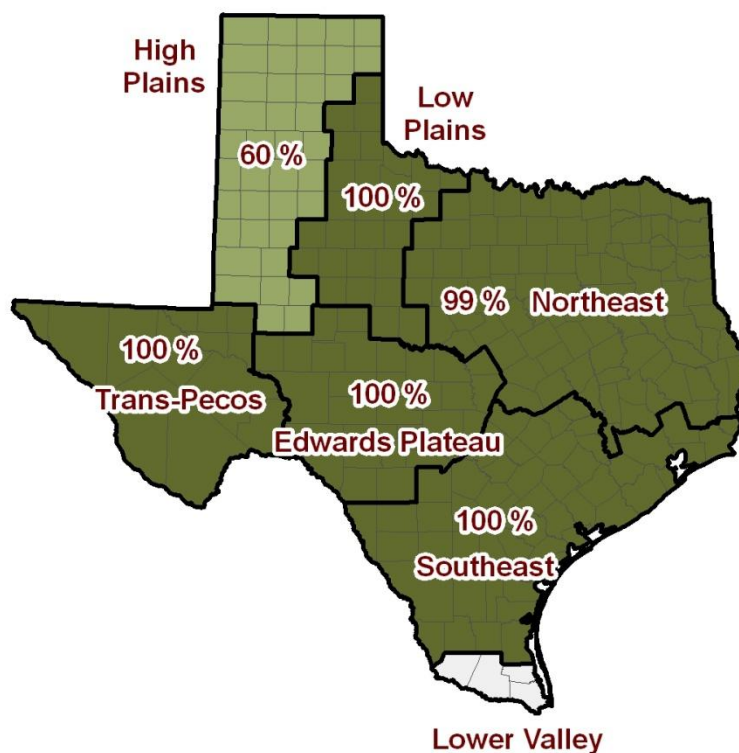
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Final 2012

Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
538	Final	10.7	12.6	0.48	29.0	409	1HRW	61.1 80.4	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.4

Texas July 7, 2013



Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

Note: This is the final Kansas Harvest Report for 2013.

This is Day 16 of the 2013 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.

Kansas wheat farmers are expected to harvest a total of 328 million bushels this year, based on conditions as of July 1, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. That is down 14% from the 382 million bushels harvested in 2012. The average yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down two bushels from last year. About 8.2 million acres were harvested from 9.4 million acres planted last fall.

Colby seed grower Herb Mattson says much of the dryland wheat from Thomas County north to the Nebraska border was destroyed due to drought, freeze and hail. The remaining crop ranged in yield from 5 to 30 bushels per acre, with good test weight and protein. Mattson has harvested irrigated wheat ranging from 65 to 75 bushels per acre. His best performing varieties included SY Wolf, WB Cedar and Tam 111. Harvest is about two-thirds complete in the area.

Isaac Marintzer, branch manager with the Decatur Coop Association locations in Herndon and Ludell, says rain storms the last few days have been a blessing, but far too late to help the wheat crop. Half the wheat was destroyed; the remainder is averaging 20 to 25 bushels per acre. Test weights average 60 pounds per bushel and protein is 14-15 on average. Marintzer says he hopes to take in 20% of a normal

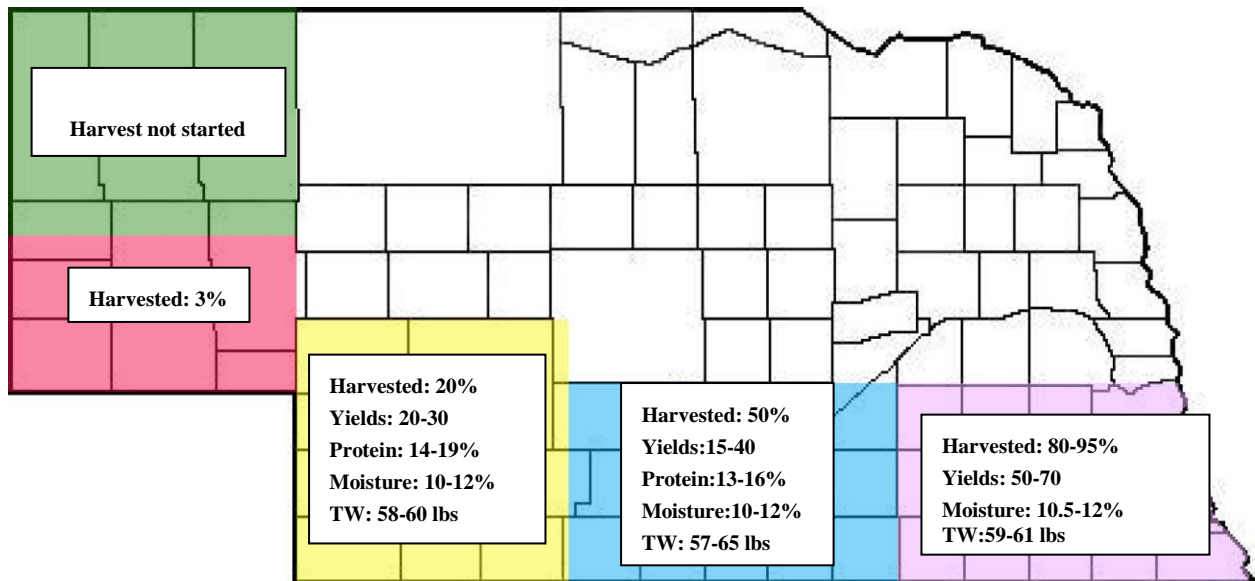
crop at the two locations. Harvest should wrap up early next week.

Susan Gilgenbach at Ag Valley Co-op in Norton says harvest would be finished by the weekend, but a small area around Norton received more than two inches of rain Wednesday night, temporarily halting harvest progress. The area wheat ranges from 5 to 40 bushels per acre, with 58 pound test weight and protein averaging better than 12.5. Gilgenbach says the elevator will take in about 50% of a normal crop.

Deb Miller, general manager of the Stockton Farmer s Union Co-op, says the last load of wheat was brought in Thursday. Yields in the Stockton area ranged from 7 to 57 bushels per acre, with test weights ranging from 49 to 65 pounds per bushel and protein averaging 12. The 2013 crop will total about 75% of the co-op's 10 year average.

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Nebraska



Nebraska Wheat Board July 10, 2013

The northern Panhandle has not begun harvest yet. Producers said some plan to begin harvesting later this week, and others will not start for another week. Almost 100 percent of the wheat has turned. The non-uniform stands are causing the producers to hold off on harvest, but the green wheat is still believed to have good potential. Producers said there has been evidence of wheat harvested for hay within the last week for the use of forage instead of grain.

The southern Panhandle experienced spotty showers and hail within the last 12 hours causing harvest to hold off for the day. Wheat harvest is just commencing in the area, around 3 percent has been harvested, other data is not yet available. More producers plan to begin harvest within the next 3-10 days. Harvest is underway in the northern part of southwest Nebraska. Producers said dryland yields averaged 20-30 bushels per acre, moisture levels averaged 10-12 percent, protein levels were above average at 14-19 percent, and test weights were around 58-60 pounds. Around 20 percent of the area has been harvested. Other producers in the area who have yet to begin harvest plan to start within the next 3-5 days.

Harvest in the southwest corner of Nebraska is in full swing. Producers and area grain elevator representatives said dryland yields averaged 15-40 bushels per acre, depending upon the growing conditions within the area. The moisture levels averaged 10-12 percent, protein levels averaged 13-16 percent, and test weights averaged 57-65 pounds. Producers said around 50 percent of the area has been harvested.

In the southeast corner, the smallest of Nebraska's wheat producing regions, producers and area grain elevator representatives report 80-95 percent of the area has been harvested. The wheat yields averaged 50-70 bushels per acre, the moisture levels averaged 10.5-12 percent, and the test weights averaged 59-61 pounds.

2013 Colorado Winter Wheat Harvest Report July 8, 2013

Harvest continues in southeastern Colorado and has started along the Front Range and closer to I-70. Cargill-Cheyenne Wells has started receiving wheat, and Cargill-Burlington took about three loads yesterday. Farmers are cutting around Roggen and Wiggins but not much has come into the elevator yet. Widely scattered rain from this weekend delayed harvest in some locations this morning.

The USDA NASS Crop Report released today estimated Colorado winter wheat as 16 percent harvested, compared to 7 percent last week and 96 percent at this time last year, when harvest was dramatically earlier than normal. The five-year average for harvest on this date is 37 percent complete.

A Walsh area farmer was holding off on harvest this morning because of spotty rain in the area. He expected to move to a field that had not received rain and get started again

tomorrow. He had been cutting wheat that was very dry, about 8 percent moisture content, and yielded about 10 bushels per acre. He is about 50 percent done with harvest on his farm.

A second Walsh farmer has been harvesting wheat in the five to seven bushel per acre range, and 55-60 pound test weight, with the best test weights coming from the variety Snowmass. Moisture content is very dry, around 10 percent, and harvest is about 50 percent complete on his farm. They had received a very welcome two inches of rain this weekend and so were not currently harvesting.

Barry Meyer at Elkhart Coop in Springfield says harvest in their area is continues to move slowly and is 75 percent complete, with not much wheat being delivered to the elevator this weekend. They anticipate taking 10 percent of an average crop. Moisture content has been 8 to 10 percent, test weights ranging from 54 to 60 pounds per bushel, and reported yields still very low. The bright spot is high protein content, averaging between 14 and 16 percent.

Amelia Coyle of Cargill says that the Cheyenne Wells area is finally getting started with harvest and the Granada and Holly areas are wrapping up, with harvest only about 2-3 percent complete for the Cheyenne Wells intake area. Moisture contents are still dry, around 10 percent, a little higher than last week as more irrigated wheat from the Cheyenne Wells area comes in. Test weights improved slightly with the irrigated wheat averaging about 60 pounds per bushel, and dryland still lower at 53 to 56 pounds per bushel. Protein content is still high, with irrigated wheat averaging about 14 to 15 percent protein, and dryland wheat around 16 percent protein. Yields on dryland wheat are still very low, around 6 to 8 bushels per acre. Near Arapahoe there were rainfall amounts of up to 2 1/4 inches, very welcome for farmers but too late for this wheat crop.

According to Scott Haley on Twitter (@CSUWheatGuy), the CSU Elite Trial at Lamar averaged 21 bushels per acre. LCS Mint (Limagrain Cereal Seed), and PlainsGold Varieties Byrd, Brawl CL Plus, and Antero were in the top group. His crew is headed to Orchard, Yuma, and Burlington today.

A Prowers and Kiowa county grower said they averaged $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch of rain over about $\frac{3}{4}$ of their farm, so they are holding off on harvest this morning but expect to get started again this afternoon. Harvest is about 55 percent complete on his farm, and thinks they will finish on this Friday. His yields are around 6 bushels per acre, but they cut some 3.75 bushel per acre wheat last week.

A Sheridan Lake farmer said their wheat is turning out worse than they originally thought, and had been harvesting some two bushel per acre yields. They are about 80 percent done with harvest for their farm, and are only harvesting about one load a day. They missed out on the recent rains.

An Eads area grower said they expected to get started with harvest later this week.

Cargill at Burlington said they had taken three loads yesterday, and there were showers in the area last night, but they expected things to pick up in the next few days.

A Keenesburg farmer cut one field last week that yielded 16 bushels per acre, had a test weight of 52 pounds per bushel and had 12 percent moisture content. He cut a field this week with a yield of 33.7 bushels per acre, 58 pound test weight, 12 percent

moisture content, and protein of 11 percent. He was temporarily stopped, waiting for fields to finish ripening.

The Roggen Coop has not taken many loads yet but said there was a lot of test cutting going on in the area and expected things to pick up today.

A Roggen wheat grower said they had been cutting the variety Byrd since Friday, with moisture at 10 percent except for some green spots around 20 percent that they were having to cut later. Test weights were somewhat light, mostly around 58 to 59 pounds per bushel, but ranging down to 56 pounds per bushel. Most yields were around 30 bushels per acre, with one field coming in at 40 bushels per acre.

A Yuma-area farmer reported on Twitter (@olsendavis) that her family farm harvested a field of the PlainsGold variety Byrd that yielded 45 bushels to the acre, and Hatcher that yielded 39 bushels to the acre.

Colorado winter wheat production in 2013 is projected at only 51,000,000 bushels (based on the USDA's estimate of yield on June 12, 2013 and revised estimate of harvested acres on June 28, 2013), down 31 percent from 73,780,000 bushels produced last year, and down 29 percent from the 10-year average crop of 71,978,000 bushels.

The estimate for the 2013 Colorado winter wheat crop is based upon only 1,500,000 acres being harvested (which is the lowest harvested acres since 1965) with an average yield of 34.0 bushels per acre. This compares with 2,170,000 acres harvested last year and the 10-year average of 2,122,000 acres harvested and an average yield of 34 bushels per acre last year and the 10-year average yield of 33.4 bushels per acre.

An estimated 2,200,000 acres were planted last fall for harvest in 2013, compared with 2,350,000 acres planted for harvest in 2012 and the 10-year average of 2,395,000 acres planted for harvest.

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