

Harvest Summary of HRW July 26, 2013

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| <u>State</u> | <u>Percent Complete:</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| ○ Texas | 100% |
| ○ Oklahoma | 100% |
| ○ Kansas | 100% |
| ○ Colorado | 86% |
| ○ Nebraska | 65% |
| ○ South Dakota | 11% |
| ○ North Dakota | 0% |
| ○ Montana | 0% |
| ○ Washington | 0% |
| ○ Oregon | 0% |
| ○ Idaho | 0% |
| ○ Wyoming | 55% |

Harvest of the 2013 HRW crop is now complete in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Harvest is also winding down quickly in Colorado (86% complete) and Nebraska (65% complete) with the major areas yet to be harvested being in the far west and northwestern parts of the state where yields are ranging from 10 bu/ac – 45 bu/ac (0.7 – 3.0 tons/ha), test weights ranging from 56 lb/bu – 60 lb/bu (73.8 – 78.9 kg/hl) and protein ranging from 11% - 16%.

Cutting is now in full swing in Wyoming with 55% of the crop now in the bin. In general, yields are ranging from 15 bu/ac – 30 bu/ac (1.0 – 2.0 tons/ha) with protein ranging from 11% - 16%. South Dakota is just now getting into the full swing of HRW harvest with 11% of the crop harvested.

Precipitation was again a factor in slowing harvest over the past week with wide-spread rain showers over virtually all states now cutting wheat.

With 341 samples now in the lab most kernel characteristics remain unchanged or slightly changed. Very early mill and bake test (one composite) indicate mill yields to be below 2012 and below the 5 year average. However, flour protein indicates a significant increase over 2012 and the 5-year average. Early bake test also look good with the loaf volume averaging 900 cc which is significantly above 2012 and the 5-year average. All testing for mill/dough/bake properties to this point have been done on wheat produced in severely (drought/freeze) stressed areas of the southern/western parts of the central US.

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Samples

| Tst | Exp | MST | Pro % | DKG | TKW | FN | Grade | Test Weight | FM | DMG | S&B | DEF |
|-----|-----|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 341 | 500 | 10.9 | 13.2 | 0.62 | 24.4* | 425* | 2HRW | 59.9 78.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 2.2 |

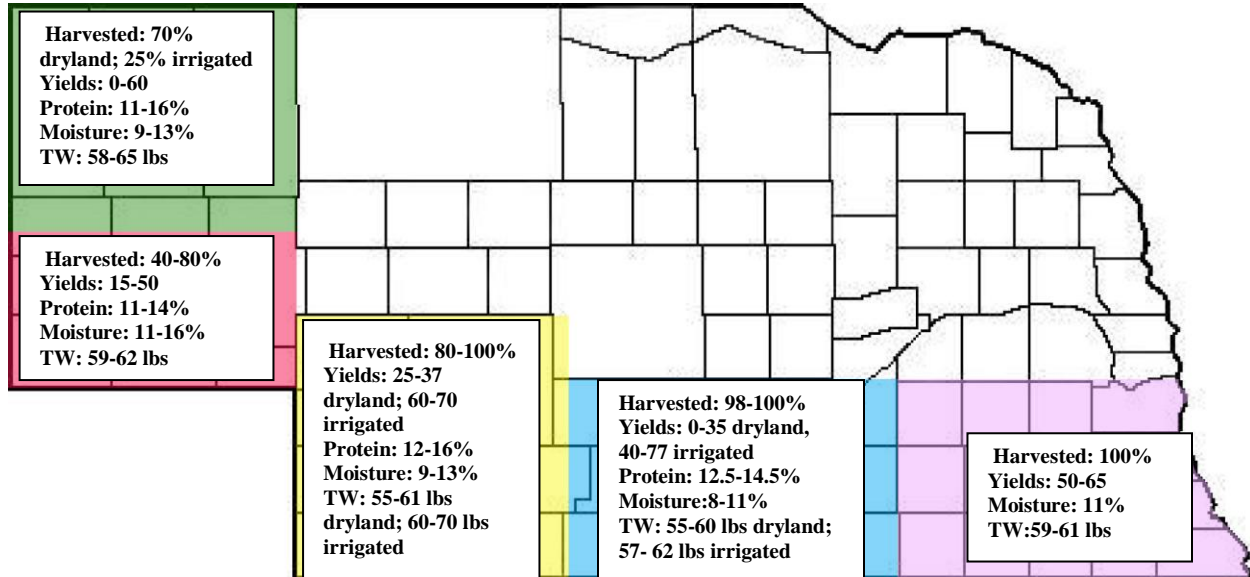
*(partial)

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 |

Nebraska



Nebraska Wheat Board July 24, 2013

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The northern Panhandle suffered from extensive sawfly damage this past week, according to producers. Wheat stem sawflies are a pest that affect the strength and stability of wheat stems. After a thunderstorm and high winds rolled through this past weekend, the wheat with sawflies lodged, causing yields to decrease 20-50 percent. Producers said 70 percent of the dryland wheat and 25 percent of the irrigated wheat has been harvested. The yields averaged 0-60 bushels per acre depending on the area and the sawfly damage. The protein levels averaged 11-16 percent, moisture levels averaged 9-13 percent, and the test weights averaged 58-65 pounds.

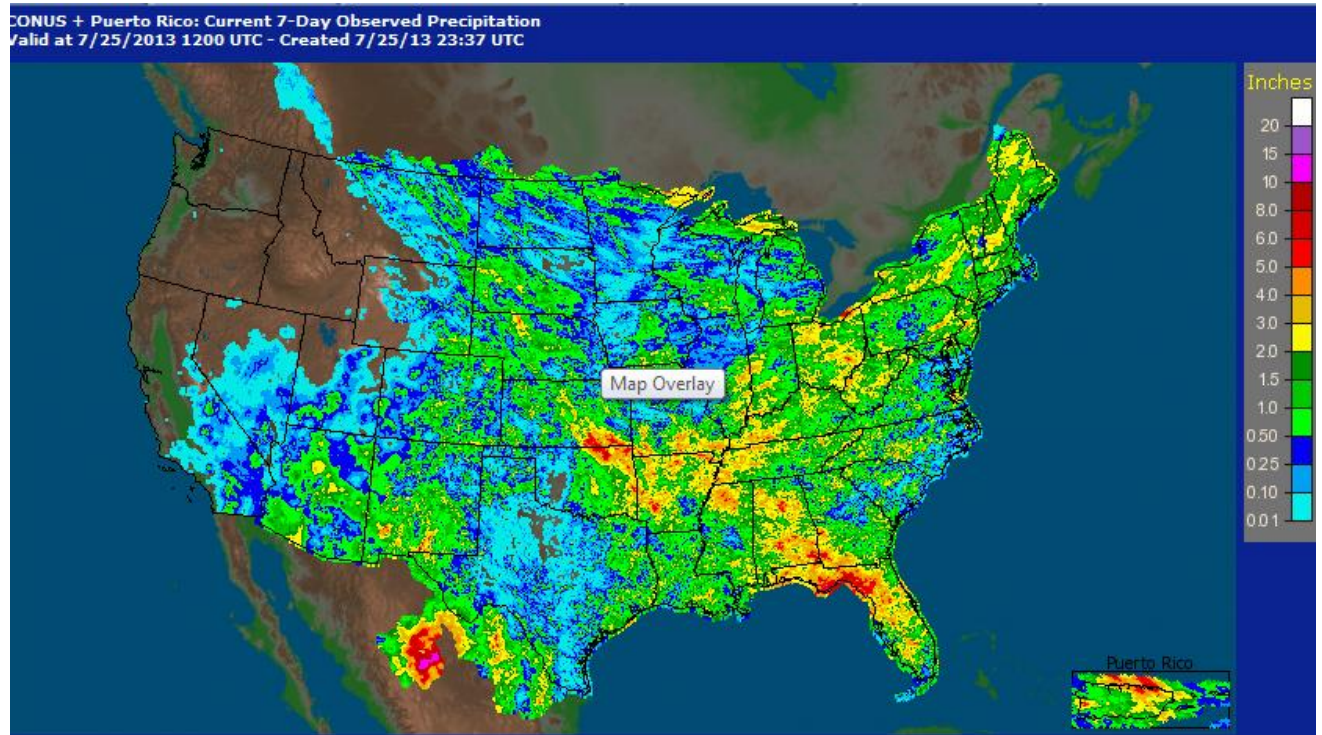
In the southern Panhandle, wheat harvest is 40-80 percent completed depending on the area. Producers have been battling weeds, sawfly damage, and hail damage. The yield averaged 15-50 bushels per acre. Producers said that those who chose to maintain and continue their fertilizer program through the fall and spring, and had decent growing conditions saw yields average 35-50 bushels per acre. The protein levels averaged 11-14 percent; moisture levels averaged 11-16 percent, depending on the weeds and green wheat in the field. The test weights averaged 59-62 pounds.

In the northern part of southwest Nebraska, the wheat harvest is nearing completion. Producers said the area is 80-100 percent complete. The dryland yields averaged 25-37 bushels per acre, protein levels averaged 12-16 percent, moisture levels averaged 9-13 percent, and test weights averaged 55-61 pounds for dryland wheat. Irrigated wheat yields averaged 60-70 bushels per acre, and test weights averaged 60-70 pounds.

The southwest corner of Nebraska is on the edge of being completely finished with harvest, 98-100 percent complete. Producers said the dryland wheat averaged 0-35 bushels per acre, and irrigated wheat yields averaged 40-77 bushels per acre. The protein levels averaged 12.5-14.5 percent, moisture levels averaged 8-11 percent, and test weights averaged 55-60 pounds for dryland wheat, and 57-62 pounds for irrigated wheat.

In southeastern Nebraska, harvest is completed and farmers are cleaning harvest equipment and looking forward to planting preparations.

Current (7/25/2013) 7 Day Observed Precipitation NWS



2013 Colorado Winter Wheat Harvest Report July 25, 2013

Harvest is mostly wrapped up with only a few farmers in Limon, Genoa, Byers, Bennett, and the far northeastern corner of the state still cutting wheat, with the most substantial amount of wheat remaining along the Front Range. Harvest continues to be slowed by scattered rain.

Monday's USDA NASS Crop Report estimated the Colorado winter wheat crop as 75 percent harvested, compared to 44 percent last week and 100 percent at this time last year, when harvest was dramatically earlier than normal. The five-year average for harvest on this date is 70 percent complete.

Deb Smith of Stratton Equity Coop (Stratton, Burlington and Kirk) said harvest is finishing up at both Stratton and Kirk, and irrigated bushels are coming in at Burlington.

The humidity was slowing things down again in the mornings. Their test weight average this week was down to 58 pounds per bushel and protein coming in is at 13 percent. The county fair is keeping some folks busy this week as well. Deb said, "If we could have hot dry days through the weekend I think we could wrap it up. But we'll not complain if we get moisture!"

Cargill-Burlington reported harvest is about wrapped up for their area, with farmers cutting their wheat that was green, weedy, or hailed. They estimated harvest was 95 percent complete in the area. Season average for test weight is 59.7 pounds per bushel, moisture content 11.9 percent, and protein content 14.5 percent.

A Bethune wheat grower said that if he could just get another half day in the fields, his harvest would be wrapped up, but they received another .1"—.2" of rain last night, so he wasn't sure if he would be able to wrap up this afternoon or not.

Cargill-Byers reported that harvest is 80 to 85 percent done in their area. Moisture content was 11 percent, test weight was 58 pounds per bushel, and the protein average was 13 percent.

A Byers family farm wrapped up their harvest and said the crop was below normal, but that was what they expected.

Brent Oestman at the Flagler Coop said harvest is about 95 percent complete in the Flagler area and about 80 percent complete in their intake areas to the west. They had received another .1" of rain last night. Moisture content has been 12 to 13 percent. Test weights are 58 pounds per bushel. Protein content was 13 percent.

A Genoa wheat grower finished with harvest on his farm yesterday. He said there were still some farmers in his area finishing up, but that he estimated everyone was 90 percent done.

WestPlains, LLC at Johnstown reported they had a steady stream of trucks yesterday before scattered showers hit the area at 6:30 p.m. Farmers will probably not be able to get into the fields until 2 or 3:00 p.m. Harvest is 40 to 50 percent complete. Moisture content recently has been 12 percent, test weight slightly improved at 59.5–60 pounds per bushel, protein good at 12 percent.

Bryan Ireby of J.D. Heiskell said wheat continues to arrive at the elevators in Stoneham, Fort Morgan and Wiggins at a steady but slow pace. Moisture content of 13–14 percent has been fairly normal as producers attempt to finish harvest in between weather events. Protein content has been 12–13 percent, test weights 56–60 pounds per bushel and yields are holding steady with earlier reports of irrigated wheat in the 80–100 bushels per acre range, and dryland yields 10 to 45 bushels per acre. With more wet weather forecast, they anticipate still seeing harvest continue through next week.

Grainland-Haxtun took their last load yesterday.

Wayne Schumacher at the Peetz Farmers Coop said harvest was about 90 percent complete for their area. He estimated they would take in about two-thirds of an average crop. Moisture content averaged 11 percent, test weights were good at 60 pounds per bushel and above, protein was high, above 12 percent, and average yield were reported at about 25 bushels per acre. They had .6" of rain in the area last night, and he didn't expect much harvesting to take place today.

Colorado winter wheat production in 2013 is projected at only 49,500,000 bushels (based on the USDA's estimate of yield on July 11, 2013), down 33 percent from 73,780,000 bushels produced last year, and down 31 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 33.0 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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2013 Wyoming Winter Wheat Harvest Report

July 25, 2013

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This week saw harvest progress rapidly in the northern areas of Wyoming's hard winter wheat area, with elevators and growers in the area reporting yields in the 20-32 bushel range, moisture 10.5-12%, and proteins from 10.5-14.0%.

In Laramie County (southern area), growers were getting a late start each morning, with scattered showers every evening, and dew each morning. Yields in this area are reported in the 15-25 bushel range, with occasional reports up to 30 bushel; moisture at 12.5-13.0, with proteins ranging from 11.5-16.0%. Producers with irrigated production hope to start harvesting early next week.

Widespread showers yesterday afternoon, ranging from 0.15 - 2.0", have delayed harvesting until at least Friday. NASS estimated harvest was 13% complete at the end of last week, we estimate that overall 55% of harvest is complete in Wyoming, as of Thursday, July 25.

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