

Harvest Summary of HRW June 26, 2015

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<u>State</u>	<u>Percent Complete:</u>
○ Texas	74%
○ Oklahoma	71%
○ Kansas	22%
○ Colorado	0%
○ Nebraska	0%
○ South Dakota	0%
○ North Dakota	0%
○ Montana	0%
○ Washington	0%
○ Oregon	0%
○ Idaho	0%
○ Wyoming	0%

Most areas of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas remained dry, hot and windy over the last week to put the 2015 HRW wheat harvest in high gear in the central and southern US. Wheat is now being cut from central Texas to as far north as the extreme northern edge of Kansas. Harvest will begin in the next few days in Colorado and Nebraska if the current hot and dry weather continues. Drought and high temperatures have caused early maturity of the HRW crop in the Pacific Northwest with USDA reporting harvest could start as early as next week in parts of eastern Oregon. Montana also reports hot and dry weather pushing the crop ahead as compared to the 5-year average.

There are now 71 HRW samples collected of a projected 530 expected (the majority are from Texas and Oklahoma with a few from southern Kansas). These latest samples indicate the overall test weight for of the 2015 HRW crop is now 58.0 lb/bu (76.4 kg/hl). However, anecdotal information from wheat producers in the majority of Kansas indicates much higher test weights are being seen as more fields are being cut. Protein increased this week to 12.4% overall as compared to last week's average of 12.2% and the 2014 crop average of 13.3%. Foreign material (0.6%) increased this week as compared to (0.1%) last week and an overall average in 2014 of 0.1%. Damaged kernels decreased this week to 0.2% as compared to last week's average of 0.6%.

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Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
71	530	12.1	12.4	0.6	----	---	2HRW	58.0 76.4	0.6	0.2	1.3	2.1

June 19, 2015

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
35	530	11.7	12.2	0.5	----	---	2HRW	58.4 76.9	0.1	0.6	1.3	2.0

Final 2014

Samples

Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
525	Final	11.7	13.3	0.4	30.7	387	1HRW	60.7 79.9	0.1	0.5	0.8	1.4

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Day 5, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

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This is day 5 of the 2015 Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Praise for the late season rains keeps pouring in from around the state. Industry experts had pegged them the "million bushel rains," but it looks like they have added even more to this year's crop.

Steve Thummel from the Plains Equity Exchange & Coop Union said that the harvest near Plains, in Meade County, is around 45% complete. Area farmers are seeing 20-30 bushels an acre for dryland wheat while irrigated wheat is yielding around 65 bushels an acre. Thummel reported variable test weights that are averaging around 58-59 pounds per bushel. He estimates that this is going to be a close to average year, something that coop employees weren't confident in until after the late season rains.

Ron Suppes, a western Kansas wheat farmer, reported starting his harvest in northeast Finney County on Wednesday. Yields are better than expected, with Danby, a hard white wheat, yielding about 50 bushels per acre. His average test weight is 65.4 with a moisture range between 9 and 10 percent.

Blake Connely from the Southern Plains Coop in Lewis, Edwards County, is reporting an area average between 40-50 bushels an acre. He estimates the area's harvest is around 60-65 percent complete. Connely also said that test weights in the area are variable, with fields that weren't sprayed for disease weighing 55-58 pounds per bushel, while other fields are weighing in at 60-64 pounds per bushel.

Connely also reports that protein across the coop's locations varies. The Greensburg location is seeing a 12 percent average protein content, while the areas around Lewis and Belpre are testing at 12.5-13 percent.

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Oklahoma Harvest Report (Oklahoma Wheat Commission, (Mike Schulte)

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Wheat harvest continues to move forward with harvest completed in most parts of Southwest Oklahoma. Other parts of South Central Oklahoma have also progressed with approximately 90% of the crop harvested around the Sentinel and Rocky areas. Areas around Watonga, Omega, Greenfield and West of Thomas are 80 to 85% complete based on locations. Around the Okarche, Kingfisher and Cashion areas harvest is starting to wind down with over 98% of the wheat harvested.

In Northwest Oklahoma, custom cutters and producers made large gains over the last several days. It is reported around the Helena and Goltry areas that approximately 75-85% of the crop is harvested. In Burlington, approximately 75-85% of the crop is harvested. Wheat harvest is also moving along around the Ponca City and

Blackwell areas being considered 65% complete. Producers are still fighting mud in the North Central and Northern regions of the state in the lower lying areas. In some instances, producers and custom harvesters are cutting fields in certain places and then leaving areas so they can continue to dry-out. The predicted rains for Friday have many producers hoping to get the lower areas cut out before then.

In the Panhandle Regions, combines started rolling in the dryland wheat over the weekend with good prospects on the irrigated wheat, which is still not fully ripe for harvesting in most places. On the dryland wheat being harvested, we have started seeing better test weights in the Panhandle. Protein is still running high in this region with some tests indicating 13.3% and higher. We have reports of one field of irrigated wheat being cut with a test weight of 64 lbs. per bushel. Test weights from the Panhandle are reported from 52 lbs. to 64 lbs. per bushel with an average coming in at 59.9 lbs. per bushel.

Test weights throughout the state are averaging 57 lbs. to 59 lbs. per bushel. Yields have been ranging all over the board from 20 bushels per acre to as high as 50 bushels per acre. On average, for the state in Northern Oklahoma, we have heard a lot of yields reported to be making in the mid 30's or a little higher. Test weights around the Helena and Goltry areas have been higher with some still hitting above 60 lbs. per bushel. Test weights around the Tonkawa, Blackwell and Ponca City areas have been coming in lower, with smaller kernel size on the wheat because of the heavy rains in that region. Proteins throughout the state have been reported to be ranging from 10% to 13% with an average estimated slightly above 12% for most regions. Minimal sprout damage has been reported in the South Central and Central parts of Oklahoma, with little sprout damage being reported in the Northern regions of the state. In some parts of North Central and Northwest Oklahoma, test weights are lower with decent yields still making in the mid 40's.

Nebraska Wheat Crop Report

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For the week ending June 21, 2015, rainfall of 1 inch or more occurred in many areas with temperatures averaging near normal, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Storms damaged crops in portions of the west with some replanting necessary. Fields too wet to plant were still being reported in portions of the southeast. There were 4.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 7 percent short, 74 percent adequate and 16 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 72 percent adequate and 13 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition rated 15 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 33 percent good and 2 percent excellent. Winter wheat coloring was at 69 percent, ahead of 56 percent last year and the 51 percent average. Mature wheat was at 20 percent, ahead of 3 percent last year and the 12 percent average.

In the northern Panhandle, producers said there was a break in the rain, and it was sunny and warm. Damage from hail and standing water in low areas is showing, but overall producers expect an average crop. Rust can be seen but did not show up until after flowering. The wheat is turning, and producers estimate harvest will take place around the 17th of July, which is normal.

The southern Panhandle had warm and dry weather with temperatures into the upper 80s and lower 90s. Despite the rust, producers reported that the crop still seems to be filling properly and keeps improving with the hot and dry weather. About 35 percent of the crop is considered good to excellent with the rest in fair to poor condition. It is filling and beginning to turn with harvest predicted to begin near July 7.

In the southwest corner, producers received rain and scattered damaging hail. Temperatures were near 80 degrees. Wheat not damaged by hail is in fair to good condition. Rust is prevalent but not severe. The crop is filling and turning with harvest predicted to start in 2.5 to 3 weeks.

In the south central part of Nebraska, producers said they had average temperatures with .6 inches of rain recorded in some areas. The crop is in the hard dough stage with about 15 percent of the crop in poor condition, most of the crop is in fair to good condition and some is in excellent condition despite the rust. Producers estimate that harvest will begin in about 1 week.

In the southeast corner of Nebraska, producers said they have received over 2 inches of moisture in areas with warm temperatures reaching 90 degrees. The crop is in poor to fair condition with yields predicted to be slightly below average. Rust can be found in nearly all acres, and producers are reporting more acres with scab. Harvest is predicted to begin in 1 week to 10 days, which is normal for the area.