

Oklahoma Wheat Harvest Continues With Majority of Cutting Left in Northern Oklahoma and Panhandle Regions

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The Oklahoma Wheat harvest is winding down in the Southern and Central areas of the state, with combines rolling in most parts of Northern, Oklahoma and Panhandle regions. In the far NE part of the state around Afton and Miami, heavy rains have hindered harvest for the next couple days. Moisture was also received in central regions of the wheat belt around Marshall and Guthrie mid-morning this Tuesday. Producers are hopeful we will miss the slight chance of predicted rains tonight and tomorrow. Across the state, test weights have been favorable with above average protein coming in from the Oklahoma/Texas line to the Oklahoma/Kansas line. Based on reports from elevator managers this week, harvest is coming in as predicted with lower than average yields. The decline in planted wheat acres as well as abandonment from the long-term drought has made this harvest progress extremely fast for producers, custom harvesters and elevator operators. While the yields have not been as favorable as the industry would like, overall the quality of this crop looks to be encouraging for the milling and baking industries, especially when it comes to protein functionalities. The USDA June 12th Crop Production estimate for Oklahoma was unchanged from the May 10th estimate predicting 2 million acres to be harvested with a 26 bushel per acre yield making the Oklahoma production estimate 52 million bushels for the 2018 crop.

Percentages of Harvest Completed Across Oklahoma

Southwest Oklahoma 99% Complete

South Central Oklahoma 98% Complete

Central Oklahoma 98% Complete

West Central Oklahoma 90% Complete

North Central Oklahoma 55% Complete

Northwest Oklahoma 55% Complete

Northeast Oklahoma 40% Complete

Panhandle 37% Complete on Dryland—No Reports on irrigated Wheat Being Harvested to date

Entire State of Oklahoma 77% Complete

For more information on winter wheat acreage, yield and production estimates in other states click on the USDA June Crop Production Report listed below.

[https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Oklahoma/Publications/Oklahoma Crop Reports/2018/spr-crop-prod-06-2018.pdf](https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Oklahoma/Publications/Oklahoma_Crop_Reports/2018/spr-crop-prod-06-2018.pdf)

Southwest Oklahoma

Grandfield- Wheat harvest is 99.5% complete. Proteins have not been as high in this Southern corridor like in other parts of Oklahoma but are still averaging around 11 to 11.5%. Test weights on the wheat have been ranging from 60 to 62 lbs./bu. Yields have ranged all over the board from as low as 15 to as high as 60 bushels per acre, depending on the location. East of Hwy 36, the yields were much higher. West of Hwy 36, yields decline the further west you move. While producers were thankful for the higher reported yields, it is important to note these higher yields will not make up for the losses and lower yields reported in this trade territory of Southwest Oklahoma overall.

Lawton- Wheat harvest is 97% complete. Test weights reported in a range from 60 to 63 lbs./bu. Protein averages reported at 11.5 to 12.5%. Yields reported from 11 to as high as 45 bushels per acre depending on the location. The Eastern region in this area had some favorable yields, while the area West of Lawton had much lower yields the further west you move.

Sentinel/Rocky- Test weights have ranged from 58 to 63 lbs./bu. The overall average for test weights will range from 60 to 61 lbs./bu. Yields reported to be making anywhere from 15 to the mid- 30's. No proteins have been reported. Harvest is estimated to be 99% complete in this area.

Clinton- Test weights have ranged from 60 to 62 lbs./bu. One field was reported to come in at 40 bushels per acre while everything else is being reported in the mid 20's. Protein averages for the area are reported at 13%. Harvest is 75% complete. While yields have been higher than expected, wheat delivered to the elevators will be down due to abandonment of wheat acres from the drought and for other crops.

Central Oklahoma

Hinton- Harvest is 98% complete. Test weights are averaging 60 to 63lbs./bu. Protein average is reported at 12.5%. Yields for the most part ranging from the low 30's to the mid 40's. Crop production is predicted to be way down due to increased cotton and soybean acres.

El Reno- Harvest is 97% complete. Test weights are ranging from 60 to 63 lbs./bu. Proteins reported from 11.2 to 13.9%. This region is looking at a 12% protein average. Yields reported to be ranging from 22 to as high as 55 bushels per acre, depending on location and rainfall amounts.

Kingfisher- Harvest is 98% complete. Test weights reported at a 60 lbs./bu. average. Yields are reported from as low as 5 to as high as 51 bushels per acre. Protein averages are coming in at 12.5%. Grazing did have an impact on yields in this region. Lower yields or complete abandonment start taking place on the Kingfisher/Blaine county lines, due to the severe impacts of the drought. Foreign material is significantly down from previous years. A much cleaner crop is being reported.

North Central Oklahoma

Enid- Harvest is reported to be 60% complete. Test weights are ranging from 56 to 62 lbs./bu. depending on the variety and location with the average being 59 to 60 lbs./bu. Proteins are reported to be ranging from 11.5 to as high as 16%. Elevator locations for the most part have been saying that as harvest progresses overall, we will be looking at a 12.5% protein average for the region. Yields have been reported all over the board from the mid teens to the mid 30's.

Hillsdale- Test weights are ranging from 58 to 62 lbs./bu. Yields reported in the mid 20's to mid 30's. A lot of acres in this region have been abandoned due to the drought.

Kremlin/Medford/Nardin/Nash/Renfrow- Harvest is 35 to 40% complete in these regions. Test weights have been coming in higher than reported last week, but the current average for the area is 58.9 lbs./bu. Proteins reported in the 12 to 13% range. Yields on the wheat harvest ranging from the low 20's to the mid 40's.

Blackwell- Harvest is reported to be 25% complete. Test weights are ranging from 55 to 61 lbs./bu., with an average of 58 lbs./bu. overall. Yields reported in the high 20's to mid 30's. Proteins have ranged from 11 to 17% with an average coming in at 12.2%.

Northwest Oklahoma

Alva- Test weights reported in the ranges of 59.5 to 60 lbs/bu. Proteins are reported as an average at 12.5%. Harvest is approximately 60 to 70% complete with the majority of the wheat that is left located in lower areas that had heavy rains a few weeks ago. In some of those areas it has just started drying out for producers to get into these fields. For the most part yields are ranging in the mid 30's, with some reports of the occasional yield in the mid 40's.

Shattuck- Harvest is 45% complete. Test weights are 60 lbs./bu. or above. Yields on the dryland averaging 10 to 15 bushels per acre. The irrigated wheat yields are making in the mid 30's. The protein average was reported at 13%, although it has not been uncommon to see proteins in the 14 and 15% range.

The Panhandle

Buffalo- Harvest just got started this week. Yields have been reported in the mid teens to mid 20's. Proteins have ranged from 13 to 14%. Harvest will not be long in this area as much of the crop has been grazed or destroyed due to the drought.

Hooker- Harvest on the dryland wheat is moving in full force. Harvest on the dryland wheat is estimated 30 percent complete. Proteins averaging 13%. Test weights averaging 60.5 lbs./bu. Yields reported from 9 to as high as 25 bushels per acre for the most part. One producer reported his field of dryland wheat to have made 37 bushels per acre. No reports on irrigated wheat harvest for this week.

Northeast Oklahoma

Afton- Harvest is approximately 50% complete. Test weights reported from 60 to 63 lbs./bu. Proteins ranging from 10 to 13%. This region is averaging 11.5% on protein. Yields reported from the low 30's to as high as 70 bushels per acre. Overall the yields and quality have been favorable. Harvest did come to a

stop today with rains that came early this morning. If the area misses the rains predicted later tonight, producers are hopeful to be back in the fields over the weekend.

Miami Harvest is approximately 25% complete. Test weights reported from 60 to 63 lbs./bu. Proteins ranging from 10 to 12.5%. This region is averaging 11.0% on protein. Yields reported from the low 20's to as high as 70 bushels per acre. Overall the yields and quality have been favorable. Harvest came to a stop today with rains that came early this morning. If the area misses the rains later tonight, producers are hopeful to be back in the fields over the weekend.

Below see the 1-5 day precipitation forecast from the Oklahoma Mesonet. For more up to date weather information and forecast click on <http://www.mesonet.org>. The next harvest report from the Oklahoma Wheat Commission will be published on Tuesday June 19, 2018. After this week, wheat harvest reporting for Southern and Central Oklahoma is considered complete. The harvest report next week will only cover North Central, Northeast, Northwest and Panhandle regions.



