

Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

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Farmers throughout Kansas made good progress on the 2013 Kansas wheat harvest over the weekend.

David Schemm, past president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, began cutting wheat late last week. Early yields are about 25 bushels per acre in Wallace County; well below his long-term average of 40 bushels per acre. Test weights average about 60 pounds per bushel.

Mike McClellan, Kansas Wheat Commissioner from Palco, says yields in Graham County range from 30 to 40 bushels per acre so far on continuous-cropped wheat acres. Denali has been the best variety so far, with test weight averaging 62.5 pounds per bushel. McClellan says farmers in the western part of the county have destroyed much of their wheat because it was heavily damaged by drought.

KAWG Director Theron Haresnape of Lebanon is about 35% finished with the 2013 harvest. Yields in fields of continuous wheat are averaging about 33 bushels per acre, with test weight ranging from 58 to 62 pounds per bushel. Better wheat is in eastern Smith County, where Haresnape expects yields to be in the 40 bushel per acre range. However, wheat in western Smith County could be in the teens and 20s. Harvest progress has been slowed by damp conditions and thunderstorms.

Farmers in the Hope area are making a run at a record wheat harvest, says Darel Anderson, manager of the North Central Kansas Coop Association there. Yields average about 60 bushels per acre, with test weights above 60 pounds per bushel; protein is in the 10.5-11 range. Anderson says area farmers planted more wheat acres last fall, so the elevator will take in more bushels of wheat than ever before.

Jim Michael, KAWG director from McCune, is nearly done with harvest. His soft wheat yield has averaged about 80 bushels per acre, with test weights ranging from 60-63 pounds per bushel. Hard wheat in Crawford County has averaged from 55 to 75 bushels per acre, also with good test weights. Michael should finish harvest on Monday.

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