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#### Wheat Harvest Off to Slow Start in Kansas

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - The winter wheat harvest is getting off to a soggy start in Kansas.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported Monday that about 2 percent of the crop has been cut. That is better than last year, but well behind the 19 percent average for mid-June.

Statewide, about 28 percent the wheat is mature. Seventy-one percent is ripe in south-central Kansas, where growers have begun cutting between rainfall.

Steve Inslee, manager at OK Co-op Grain elevator in Kiowa, says there is so little wheat that nobody is excited about getting it out of the fields.

Inslee says yields have been ranging from 8 to 20 bushels an acre, with averages of about 12 bushels. Early test weights of 58 pounds a bushel have been falling with each rainfall.

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