Day 15, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

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Fields of wheat that are not yet harvested are fewer and farther between as harvest is wrapping up. Most farmers will be done by this weekend or the beginning of next week.

Roger Snodgrass, of McDougal-Sager & Snodgrass Grain Inc., in Rawlins County, reports that they are about 80% done with this year's wheat harvest. Snodgrass says they missed out on most of the big rains this year and did not get too much hail. While they are seeing lower protein levels, they are also seeing above average yields and good test weights.

"Most of the guys are smiling around here and are happy with the crop that we are seeing," says Snodgrass.

Theron Haresnape, a farmer near Lebanon in Smith County, says that wheat harvest is finally winding down. He said they didn't receive any hail in their area, just rain showers.

Haresnape said, "It has been a pretty good year. The biggest rain we had all spring was 2.5 inches."

With above average yields and protein levels in the area between 11.5 and 12%, Haresnape is pleased with this year's wheat harvest. Haresnape says if the weather cooperates, they plan to increase acreage in the fall; however, he will still be planting 25-30% less than 'normal.'

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