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Ample Rainfall Helps Ks Wheat Crop as Harvest Nears

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - Ample rainfall in recent weeks has helped much of the Kansas wheat crop recover as this season's harvest nears.

The industry group Kansas Wheat said Friday that combines could begin cutting wheat soon in parts of south-central Kansas if it stays dry enough to do so in the coming days. That's a typical starting date for that area.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this week rated 30 percent of the state's wheat crop in good or excellent condition. Another 41 percent is in fair shape, and 29 percent is in poor to very poor condition.

The Wichita Eagle reports the agency is scheduled to release on Wednesday its updated prediction of the size of this wheat harvest that is expected to reflect a much improved production outlook.

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