

Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

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While some wheat farmers wait for fields to dry out in south central Kansas, harvest activity is moving slowly into central Kansas.

Brookville farmer Joe Kejr began harvesting a neighbor's wheat on Wednesday. Test weight is in the 61 pound range and it is too early to estimate yields. Kejr says much of the area's wheat still has a green cast to it, but by Monday harvest should be in full swing.

Jonathan Reazan, manager at Mid Kansas Co-op in Galva, says that location started taking in wheat Wednesday night. Test weights averaged around 60 pounds with moisture averaging 14. No farmers have reported any yield s yet and no comparisons can be made to last year's crop as harvest has just begun.

Oxford farmer Tom Morton started harvesting Wednesday afternoon on a field planted to the variety Everest. Although early, Morton is pleased with the results so far: 13% moisture, 60 pound per bushel test weight and about 50 bushels per acre. Morton said the area was stressed by dry conditions throughout much of the growing season but moisture came late to help the crop finish strong.

Rick Kimbrel, manager of Valley Co-op in Winfield, says although harvest began last week, rain slowed harvest until yesterday. With just 1% of the area's wheat harvest, early test weights average 60 pounds with a moisture average of 13.8. One early yield report indicates 50 bushels per acre.

With five locations in Sedgwick County, Andale Farmers Co-op had only taken in about 10 loads as of Thursday morning. Protein averages 11.5 and test weights average 58 pounds. Harvest will be in full swing by Friday if the area does not receive any more rain.

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