

# Rains spawn disease outbreak in Kansas wheat

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WICHITA — Kansas farmers have a new worry as they harvest their winter wheat.

Kansas State extension plant pathologist Erick DeWolf says head scab is showing up in wheat fields in eastern and central Kansas. The fungal disease can reduce grain yield and quality.

Kansas Wheat reported today in its harvest update that some fields in eastern Kansas could see yield losses of 50 percent to 70 percent. North-central Kansas could have a 10 percent yield loss, and south-central Kansas could see a more moderate 2 percent to 3 percent yield reduction.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics says 2 percent of the state's crop has been harvested. It rates wheat condition as 24 percent poor to very poor. About 33 is in fair condition, with 37 percent rated good and 6 percent excellent.

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Posted by: [jmb4205](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 04:28:56 PM

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Can't we get through a wheat and corn season without the farmer calling foul????????? Let's make ANOTHER program for these poor folks. And it should be a cheap one with the prices the way they are.

Posted by: [cordan](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 04:53:58 PM

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Mother Nature strikes again...what is difference to help the farmer when the weather is the fault than it is to help when there is flooding or a tornado...the results are the same...loss of income.

Posted by: [cordan](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 04:54:37 PM

I meant what is the difference.

Posted by: [robobuzz](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 05:48:54 PM

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jmb4205 - farmers do not cry foul!!! The State of Kansas Extension Agent is letting the people of Kansas know the issue. We are disappointed!! OUR wheat crop was looking really good and fortunately, we have only one 40 acre field with this problem. We insure our crops just like you insure your car & home. If you think we are disappointed, why don't you talk to the farmers around Chapman, Manhattan, Soldier that have lost their entire wheat crops and severely damaged their fall crops. They should be calling foul, because they have lost everything. How about if you went to your job one day and your boss said, I have had some losses. You get 25% of your normal pay, because that is all I had you insured for? WHY don't you try it and LET US ALL KNOW about FOUL!!!

Posted by: [pauliebodine](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 06:12:35 PM

+ 1 Rating

robobuzz, With the equipment for row crop farming it is a seasonal job. Not an accurate comparison.

Posted by: [Beauner99](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 06:25:29 PM

jmb4205 ... try going one day without eating at least some type of food produced by a Kansas farmer. Good luck finding some. Quit being a d\*ck and appreciate what those hard working men and women do for you and this country.

Posted by: [cowboysrogue](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 06:56:19 PM

+ 1 Rating

Amen robobuzz!! Pauliebodine.... please don't underestimate the amount of work that farmers put out.

Posted by: [butthead](#) at Jun 17, 2008 at 11:52:57 PM

A bailout is always available for welfare farmers.

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