

Harvest Summary of HRW Sept. 17, 2009 to Sept. 24, 2009

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percent of Harvest ○ Texas ○ Oklahoma ○ Kansas ○ Colorado ○ Nebraska ○ Wyoming ○ Southern South Dakota ○ Montana 	<p><u>Complete by Location:</u></p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p> <p>Done</p>
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Hard Red Winter Wheat harvest is complete. Preliminary testing results from Montana continue with other trends reported in the Great Plains. Test weights in Montana are averaging over 62 pounds per bushel (81.8 kg/hl), a thousand kernel weight of over 30g, a kernel diameter of over 2.6 mm, and wheat protein averaging 12% (as is).

The information below has not changed from last week:

Wheat and flour protein averages, while not low, continue slightly below the optimum level. However, flour quality continues to be a major concern with bake water absorptions and loaf volumes continuing to be well below desired levels, with averages now at 60.5% and 815cc, respectively, this is a slight improvement from last week, but still is of concern. As was reported last week, poor absorptions and loaf volumes are mostly due to a lack of sufficient protein rather than a lack in protein quality (e.g. dough strength).

The crop as a whole has shown outstanding test weights, thousand kernel weights and kernel diameters throughout harvest. While protein has been variable in some areas the overall average still remains close to 12%. This has also been an unusually clean crop from a dockage standpoint, averaging just over .5%. The weighted average for this crop is Grade #1, with 84% being #2 or better.

Gulf Tributary Weighted Averages

Samples													
Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight		FM	DMG	S&B	DEF
400	451	11.2	11.9	.52	31.1	413	1HRW	60.1	79.0	.1	.2	1.1	1.4