

## 2010 Hard Red Winter Wheat Harvest

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While the 2010 Hard Red Winter (HRW) wheat harvest officially began in late April for the far south Texas region, the major southern HRW wheat producing areas will not be test cutting until this weekend and early next week (starting North of Waco). Moisture has caused the start of harvest to be slowed in most areas north of Waco. However, these same weather systems have spawned severe storms containing hail and high winds damaging some wheat acres in the Texas High Plains, Oklahoma and western Kansas. The positive side of these weather systems has been cooler weather and much needed precipitation (good for final stages of dry matter accumulation) in the same areas receiving severe weather.

While producers and elevator managers in the Southern Plains of the US are optimistic about production this harvest, protein content of the crop will be the early focus. Test cutting is also expected to begin on the Oklahoma/Texas border this weekend as well.