

Harvest Summary of HRW Aug. 7, 2009 To Aug. 14, 2009

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Harvest has essentially concluded for all HRW states except Montana. South Dakota was significantly behind the 5 year average for harvest completion. Central South Dakota reported 25 -30 bushel yields with good protein and good test weights (60 lbs/bu). Southeastern and Western South Dakota reported very good yields generally in the 40 bushel per acre range with good protein. Hard Winter Wheat harvest is 95% complete in the southern half of South Dakota.

Montana is now over 50% complete with the 2009 HRW wheat harvest which is still significantly behind the 5-year average. Testing now indicates test weights continue to average over 62 pounds, 12% protein, dockage at .3 of one percent, shrunken & broken at .8% and the moisture averaging just over 11.5%.

Weighted averages (based on production) are shown below for Gulf Tributary wheat. The crop as a whole has shown outstanding test weights and thousand kernel weights. While protein has been variable in some areas the overall average still remains close to 12%. Dockage averaging just over .5% has also been a positive aspect of this harvest. The weighted average moves this crop to Grade #1.

Gulf Tributary Weighted Averages

Samples													
Tst	Exp	MST	Pro %	DKG	TKW	FN	Grade	Test Weight	FM	DMG	S&B	DEF	
400	415	11.2	11.9	.52	31.1	413	1HRW	60.1 79.0	.1	.2	1.1	1.4	