

# Harvest begins in Cheyenne County area

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There have been little showers and high humidity which have slowed the wheat harvest in the St. Francis area. Saturday evening, Don Krien started harvesting around 5 p.m. in an effort to get the wheat out of the field. Other farmers are also impatiently waiting for the moisture content to get low enough to harvest.

Elevator managers in the area are reporting harvest has started but, could be several weeks before most of the wheat has been cut. Because of the late starts to cutting each day, elevators have been open until late at night in order to accommodate the harvesters.

Yields have varied but, unlike several years ago when the country was in a serious drought, there have been reports from 30 bushels to 99 bushels per acre. Variances depended on when the field received rain or hail or both.

"It is good, good wheat this year," said Tim Burr, Frontier Ag, in Bird City.

Doug Ross, manager of Bartlett Grain Company, St. Francis, also confirmed that the wheat yields are looking good.

This year, hail wiped out a wide stretch of wheat northwest of St. Francis. On Monday night when many people received only a trace to .10 inch rain, a field of John Lampe's south of St. Francis just north of the Sherman-Cheyenne county line received hail and .60 inches rain. Mr. Lampe was unavailable by

phone on Tuesday so the damage was not confirmed.

Charilyn DeGood, south of St. Francis, said they had started harvest last week but the rain had stopped them. However, on Tuesday, Dwen had left for the harvest field that morning.

Shirley Zwegardt, elevator manager at the St. Francis Equity, said they had wheat coming in last week but there are still green berries out there. She expects the rush to start as soon as temperatures hit the 90s and there is no rain.

As of Tuesday, the Haigler Equity had just started taking in wheat.

Dale Weeks, manager of Wheeler Equity, said Sunday and Monday in that area had been very busy at the elevator. He said the wheat is ripe to green with the green just now turning. Harvest, he said, could be strung out this year. However, for the most part, the wheat in the Wheeler area is getting cut out now.

In the Bird City area, Mr. Burr reported harvest was off to a good start last week but they fought the moisture all weekend. He was expecting the trucks to start rolling in late morning and this afternoon.

Across Kansas, the Kansas Wheat Harvest Report found harvest in the state to be in the 13th day as of Tuesday.

Following the Independence Day weekend, farmers in the northern part of the state have their combines rolling again after rain showers hampered some efforts over the weekend.

Elevator managers in Chapman,



**UNLOADING AND HEADED FOR THE ELEVATOR — The Tom Stock harvest crew is working in the area. They are from Minnesota.**

Times staff photos by Linda Schneider

Hiawatha and Tribune report the harvest to be mostly done. In Phillipsburg at the Rangeland Cooperatives, Renee Miles said harvest is 65- to 70-percent completed.

Harvest in the Sherman County-Goodland area was in full swing on Sunday.

**Price drops**

The price of fuel is cheaper this year but good prices for wheat and corn are still important.

Last year at this time, wheat was at an all-time high at \$12.60 per bushel. As of Tuesday, wheat was selling for \$4.68 per bushel.

Elevators still have room for storage and transporting the grain out. However, it was noted that when harvest is in full swing, it may be hard to keep up with the tremendous amount of grain coming in and getting it out. With prices so low, many farmers are thinking about hanging on to their wheat until they see an increase in the price.



**RUTH COON is checking the moisture level in the wheat as trucks come in. She works at Frontier Ag grain elevator.**



**FIRST TIME ON THE HARVEST CREW — Alex Stock, 20 years old, is spending his first summer helping his uncle, Tom Stock.**

## Bird City News

Brad and Dot Rambat from Marysville, Wash., arrived to visit Gwen Boswell the last of May. They entertained Brad's class of '54 and attended the alumni banquet.

The next weekend they went to Loveland, Colo., to attend Gwen's great-granddaughter's seventh birthday party.

On June 11, Brad and Dot's daughter, Tab and husband, Leigh, arrived from Everett, Wash., and then they all attended the Wright reunion on the 12th and the Ewing reunion on the 13th and 14th in St. Francis.

On June 15 and 16, their son, Russell, wife, Amy and granddaughters Lyndzie and

Lauren came from Pratt to visit.

On the 22nd, Brad and Dot went to Pratt for a week to watch Lauren compete in swimming meets and girls softball league.

They returned on Saturday and will be at Gwen's visiting until the first of August.

Recent visitors of Meta

Dankenbring were Keith

and Cinda Dankenbring, Vic Dankenbring, Diane and Derek Hockenbary St. Francis, Gerald and Phyllis Wright, Bird City. Kim Wright, Kelci, and Joel Wright of Frisco, Texas, and Nancy Scott, Colby.

Mid-June visitors of Dean and

Joan Smith were their children, Dee and Kate Riebel and Kelsey Montgomery and daughters, Kiersten, Brooklyn and London, of Lubbock, Texas.

Eric Smith and daughter, Nicole of Vancouver, Wash., spent several days visiting family and renewing friendships and old friends later in the month.

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	03/31/2009			06/30/2009
	BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	RECEIPTS	BALANCE
General	\$526,611.19	\$652,799.13	\$680,542.74	\$534,354.80
Road & Bridge	\$349,783.99	\$211,544.18	\$280,048.90	\$418,288.70
Bridge Building	\$10,790.07	\$8,535.09	\$12,997.38	\$15,252.36
Noxious Weed	\$20,707.69	\$5,452.88	\$10,402.37	\$25,657.40
Noxious Weed Special	\$8,731.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,731.70
Rural Fire	\$22,338.98	\$9,076.04	\$9,541.77	\$22,804.71
Hospital	\$118,991.20	\$180,608.59	\$84,995.39	\$23,378.00
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$16,413.35	\$16,329.13	\$6,913.00	\$6,997.22
Attorney Fund	\$522.00	\$22.50	\$29.00	\$528.50
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,074,890.17</b>	<b>\$1,084,387.33</b>	<b>\$1,065,470.55</b>	<b>\$1,055,993.39</b>

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Terry Miller  
Cheyenne County Clerk



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