

Wheat harvest finishes up in Wauneta

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After a sluggish start, which was slowed by higher-than-normal moisture levels in the area, the 2011 wheat harvest has wrapped up at Frenchman Valley Co-op in Wauneta.

According to Wauneta's FVC Branch Manager Monty Mays, the high-day for deliveries was set on Monday, July 18, when 167 trucks found their way to the elevator.

In total, the elevator brought in 858,015 bushels, comparable to last year, as well as five-year averages, but down from 1.17 million bushels in 2009 and 1.13 million bushels in 2008.

Yields were sporadic, according to Mays, with bushels per acre averaging anywhere from 30 to 90. Mays said hail had a big part to do with low yields.

Protein levels were once again low, averaging 10.9 percent. Average weight was 58.7 pounds per bushel, and the average moisture tested at 9.9 percent.