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The weather is getting cooler, trees are changing color and harvest is quickly shifting into high gear.

While harvest got started quicker around Imperial, combines are hitting the fields hard around Wauneta this week.

Ryan Schultz of Frenchman Valley Coop said the corn they've seen so far has been good quality. He added that corn that got 20-plus inches of water is doing very well.

Around Palisade production "depends on the well. The wells that were short on water will be very poor and the fields that got enough water are average," according to Pioneer Seed dealer Steven Kollmorgen.

Kollmorgen expects irrigated fields with poor wells will make 100-130 bushels per acre and dryland 20 at best.

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Some farmers have already put in their electric fence and have turned out cattle on the stalks.

Bean harvest has also been moving along with green vines making for slow going. Schultz said beans have been averaging 55 pounds per bushel.