

Wheat Freeze Information Sheet

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Wheat Freeze Options

- Harvest wheat crop for grain
- Harvest wheat crop for forage
- Destroy wheat crop and plant another crop
- Fallow acres until fall or spring

Crop Insurance Considerations

- Before taking any action, contact your crop insurance agent
- Inspect every wheat field for degree of damage
- If it is necessary to have a crop insurance adjuster inspect a field, make it a point to join the adjuster in the onsite inspection
- Producers have the option of receiving 35% of any crop insurance indemnity for wheat up front based on test strips or appraisal and pay 35% of the premium. It is the insurance company's option to require test strips. Farmers could then plant a second crop on which they may receive 100% of any indemnity payment on that crop. If the second crop has no indemnity, then farmers could collect the balance of any wheat indemnity payment. Or producers may elect to receive 100% of any wheat indemnity payment and not insure the second crop.

Agronomic Considerations

- Be aware of possible planting restrictions on subsequent crops resulting from wheat herbicide residual effects (i.e. from herbicides applied to wheat in Spring 2007)
- Estimate unused residual fertilizer available for subsequent crops (if any) from fall or spring applied applications on wheat
- Research seed varieties available before purchasing seed for subsequent crop

Economic Considerations

- Be patient in determining wheat freeze damage and estimate with as much certainty as possible.
 - Although primary growth of wheat may be damaged, it is possible for undamaged secondary growth of the wheat plant to produce reasonable yields. Consult with a qualified agronomist to determine the viability of primary and secondary growth of wheat in your fields.
- Estimate crop insurance indemnities
- Compare costs and returns of alternatives using tools on www.agmanager.info
 - *KSU – Wheat Freeze Options.xls* spreadsheet
 - *KSU – Crop Budgets 2006.xls* spreadsheet
 - *KSU Farm Management Guide Crop Budgets*
 - *Kansas Custom Rates* from Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service