

## Successful wheat harvest finally comes to an end

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After a long, drawn out wheat harvest, the last trucks finally made their way through the two co-ops in the area Monday, July 28, more than three weeks after the first loads rolled through.

“This was one of the longest harvests we’ve had,” Grainland Co-op grain merchandiser Steve Young said.

In most years, wheat harvests last around two weeks. This harvest was stretched out over 24-25 days. The first loads came through Grainland Co-op in Holyoke July 3 and Paoli Co-op on July 4.

“It was a long one, but it was a good one,” Paoli Co-op grain merchandiser Shawna Mason said.

Some trucks trickled through on Saturday, July 26, and by Monday morning the last loads made their way through the co-ops. Monday’s loads were mostly those from lagoons that were too muddy to be harvested until the beginning of the week, according to Young.

While moisture was to blame for the longer-than-usual harvest, it can also be thanked for the top-grade wheat that both sites are seeing. Young said he has heard of a lot of yields in the 50s and 60s for bushels per acre. Mason stated that Paoli had an average of 62 bushels per acre.

“It’s been a very good harvest,” Young said. “Overall, the quality of grain was very good.”

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