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The 2017 Wheat Harvest

As we start drawing to the close of the 2017, a lot of people have been surprised at how the wheat harvest actually turned out. It just about rivaled last year's record crop. It is very seldom that we have two back-to-back above average wheat crops. Yields of 50 to nearly 90 bushels per acre were reported.

Most of these record yields can be attributed to our cool and wet growing conditions the crop experienced during mid April through the month of May. This turned out to be just what the crop needed following the dry winter that we had just gone through. We were just about one week away from this crop becoming a disaster when the rain started falling.

The Extension wheat plot, on the Blasi farm, was no exception to this turn of events this spring. All the varieties responded to the favorable conditions and did exceptionally well. Even though these aren't scientifically-replicated plots, they do give a good representation of how some of the various varieties performed in our area.

I want to thank all of the Blasi family for the work they did on putting this demonstration together this year. From planting through harvest, they never hesitated. It takes a lot of extra time for a producer to put on plot demonstrations such as this. Their work provides an educational opportunity for all the producers of the county as well as this area of the state. Thanks, folks, for all you did.

I want to remind everyone that the County Fair Market Wheat Show will be displayed at County Fair on July 19-22, 2017. This way you can see how the various varieties performed around the county.

The results of the dryland plot on the Blasi farm are posted below: