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Wheat Harvest

The 2009 wheat harvest came and went quickly. We had a very good harvest with little trouble. We caught a half inch of rain as harvest started in Kismet, but we were able to continue the next afternoon.

Yields in the Kismet area were 35-60 bu/ac. We received a few spotty showers this Spring that bumped yields into the low 60s and upper 50s. In most fields, however, yields were around the 40 bu/ac mark.

The yields in Richfield were lower due to less rainfall. Yields fell in the 20-35 bu/ac range. The crop was planted last fall in very little moisture, but fortunately received some rains to get a great stand. Six inches of snow fell in the winter and very little rain in the spring. We were pleased with the yields given the dry weather. The seed wheat for next year's crop is in the bins and will be cleaned late this summer. The fallow ground has been fertilized, and will be ready for planting in October.



Check Us Out Online

We are pleased to announce that our website is now available! Our new website address is www.southwestff.com. Please take time to visit the site. Contact Brett Reiss (brettreiss@swko.net) if you have any comments or questions. There is a "Current Landowner" tab at the top of the page that will allow landowners to log on to our pivot monitoring page. In the future, you will be able to view our farm's security network. Again, contact us for your username and password.

You can also visit www.youtube.com/southwestfamilyfarms to view a collection of videos compiled from this year. Feel free to join our "you tube channel" so that you will be notified when new videos are posted! There is a highlight film (part 1 and part 2) that shows highlights from this Spring. We will have more harvest and summer videos later in the summer. We hope you enjoy the videos and encourage you to share them with others.

Other Farm News

Wheat harvest is behind us and now it is time to make preparations for the fall. We are making adjustments and repairs to the combines, headers, and trucks. The wheat drills will be inspected and calibrated as well. Corn harvest should begin after Labor Day.

The corn crop is progressing nicely. Planting was delayed due to rains and cool temperatures, but the warm weather has the crop growing rapidly. The corn is 100% tasseled. A few fields are being treated for Grey Leaf Spot and insects. The milo and soybeans are looking good as well, but some additional rain would improve conditions considerably. The dryland milo crop was planted around June 10. The weather has been hot and dry, so the milo has not grown much. The crop is going to require some significant rains to help reach full maturity. Please keep praying for moisture in our area.

Our family will be growing this December. Brett and his wife, Sarah, are expecting their first child!

