

Local harvest essentially over

Producers taking advantage of \$5plus price

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 This harvest is just about ready for the record books. All across the county, grain elevator employees are saying that harvest is, essentially, over.
 Megan Tegtmeyer, office manager at Ag Valley Co-op, Norton, said they are about 85 percent

done. "It's starting to wind down — there are just a few left cutting." She said she could definitely tell a difference between now and a week ago...just by the number of loads being brought in.
 Ms. Tegtmeyer said as farmers got into more of the hailed wheat, the yields went down. Lots of farmers had yields of 50 to 60

bushels — some even above that. Hailed acreage, of course, was less, she said. She said weights held steady at 59 to 61 pounds. Some came in less, she said.
 Ms. Tegtmeyer said Norton Co-op saw prices drop a little bit through last week and the early part of this week — but have now, rebounded. She said the price was \$5.46 today. "But, of course, we're not sure what it will do tomorrow," she said.

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