• Bits 1, 0 - SPR1, SPR0: SPI Clock Rate Select 1 and 0

These two bits control the SCK rate of the device configured as a Master. SPR1 and SPR0 have no effect on the Slave. The relationship between SCK and the Oscillator Clock frequency f_{osc} is shown in the following table:

 Table 16-5.
 Relationship Between SCK and the Oscillator Frequency

| SPI2X | SPR1 | SPR0 | SCK Frequency |
|-------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | f _{osc} /4 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | f _{osc} /16 |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | f _{osc} /64 |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | f _{osc} /128 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | f _{osc} /2 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | f _{osc} /8 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | f _{osc} /32 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | f _{osc} /64 |

16.5.2 SPSR – SPI Status Register

| Bit | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | _ |
|---------------|------|------|---|---|---|---|---|-------|------|
| 0x2D (0x4D) | SPIF | WCOL | - | - | - | - | - | SPI2X | SPSR |
| Read/Write | R | R | R | R | R | R | R | R/W | 1 |
| Initial Value | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

Bit 7 – SPIF: SPI Interrupt Flag

When a serial transfer is complete, the SPIF Flag is set. An interrupt is generated if SPIE in SPCR is set and global interrupts are enabled. If \overline{SS} is an input and is driven low when the SPI is in Master mode, this will also set the SPIF Flag. SPIF is cleared by hardware when executing the corresponding interrupt handling vector. Alternatively, the SPIF bit is cleared by first reading the SPI Status Register with SPIF set, then accessing the SPI Data Register (SPDR).

Bit 6 – WCOL: Write COLlision Flag

The WCOL bit is set if the SPI Data Register (SPDR) is written during a data transfer. The WCOL bit (and the SPIF bit) are cleared by first reading the SPI Status Register with WCOL set, and then accessing the SPI Data Register.

Bit 5..1 – Res: Reserved Bits

These bits are reserved bits in the ATmega48P/88P/168P/328P and will always read as zero.

• Bit 0 - SPI2X: Double SPI Speed Bit

When this bit is written logic one the SPI speed (SCK Frequency) will be doubled when the SPI is in Master mode (see Table 16-5). This means that the minimum SCK period will be two CPU clock periods. When the SPI is configured as Slave, the SPI is only guaranteed to work at $f_{osc}/4$ or lower.

The SPI interface on the ATmega48P/88P/168P/328P is also used for program memory and EEPROM downloading or uploading. See page 308 for serial programming and verification.

