WEATHER AND CROPS

A Changed Condition has Come and the Farmers are Happy.

GRAIN AND GRASS GROWING FAST.

Wheat Damaged on the Lowlands of Millard County by Snow and Floods.

Regarding weather and crops of the last week Observer Salisbury says:

General Review.

Changed conditions have at last come, and the weather for the closing days of the past week or so was such as to greatly encourage farmers, as their more hopeful reports show. Utah farmers are not grumblers, and are satisfied when the crop prospects are reasonably favorable.

The forepart of last week was cold, with cloudy and rainy days, but the last three days were so warm and sunshiny as to give a wonderful impetus to all vegetation.

Fruit trees of one kind or another are in bloom or opening foliage everywhere. In the later districts apples and pears are not yet in bloom, but soon will be. Strawberries are in blossom in many localities. If no unlooked for damage occurs, it is quite certain that the fruit crop will be large.

Grain and grass are much improved since the preceding report. Wheat that was up during the cold spell, although it did not grow in height, showed out well. Grain sprouting during the cold spell came up rather thin. In Millard county wheat was damaged by the heavy snow that was mentioned last week, and the succeeding floods; it looks quite yellow on the lowlands.

Potato planting has begun. Potatoes and corn will be late crops this year; it is impossible now to judge whether they will be successful or not.

Even in the most backward localities, plowing and planting of spring crops is progressing fast; the farmers took advantage of the warm weather to rush things.

Extracts From Correspondents' Reports.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Bear River City (1)—It seems spring is coming with its usual amount of rain, and all grain is making a marked improvement. Plowing for summer fallow is carried on extensively. Fruit is late in this locality, and has received no injury.

(2) The last week has been the best one this spring for the advancement of crops of all kinds. The rains were quite heavy, but the week was very mild in what it has been.

Box Elder City — Weather still chilly, with one rainstorm and several showers. The grain is doing well generally. Apricots are in full bloom, and cherries and peaches have begun blooming.

CACHE COUNTY.

Benson—Quite a frost on the 4th. No damage. A generally cloudy and cold week. Looks like clearing up now.(6th)—Plowing is well under way.

Newton—The first three days were very stormy, and farmers were delayed in putting in spring grain; the remainder of the week has been fine, and of great benefit to grain and incern, which has begun to put in an appearance.

Millville—The early part of the week was very stormy and cold; the latter part was much better, and considerable planting was done. Grass is showing itself now in good shape; also the earliest planted grain.

RICH COUNTY.

Randolph—Frost on the 6th slightly injured lucern and winter wheat. Today, May 8th, is the first spring day this season. Every available team is in the field today. Very little grain is in as yet, but it will not take long to finish cropping if the weather permits.

WEBER COUNTY.

Harrisville—Heavy rains on the 3rd and 5th. The week has been unusually stormy, preventing farm work. But it has been good for sloughing out grain, which has very promising prospects. Corn planting is under way.

Huntsville—About 0.75 inch of rain during the week. This week has been very cold and stormy; consequently there is but little plowing done yet. Spring is one month later than usual. Nothing is far enough along to have been injured by the frost of the 4th.

Hooper—Heavy hailstorm on the afternoon of the 5th, and heavy rain on the morning of the 6th; quite a frost after it, but no apparent damage to the fruit. Very cold nearly all the week. Peaches are about to burst into bloom. Grain crops on the city benches look well, but are making little growth.

MORGAN COUNTY.

Peterson—This week has been so cold and wet that very little farming has been done. On the 2nd heavy rain and thunderstorm; 5th, snow and rain; 7th and 8th very warm. A great amount of alfalfa seems to be killed; a few warm days will revive it, if not dead.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Layton—Heavy rain on the 5th. Spring has now made its appearance.

Woods Cross—Frost on the 3rd. Rain and hail on the 5th. No damage to the crops in this section of the country.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Mill Creek—Cold weather stimulated the growth of seeds planted. There has been nearly two inches of rain during the week. Lucern is late but doing well. Indications of a light grain, potato and fruit harvest. Grain is coming up very thin. Potatoes are not promising.

Sandy—Type part of week cold with slight frost. Turned warmer the last three days, which with the rain must cause rapid growth. Wheat is just sprouting out of the ground. Fruit trees are in bloom.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Heber—Cold and stormy, except the last two days. Very little plowing done up to the 8th; today (8th) teams out in every direction.

UTAH COUNTY.

Lehi—Small grain and grass has grown, but other crops not much planted, sugar beets excepted, which seem to be coming on good.

Pleasant Grove—(1)—Last two days quite warm and sunshiny. Peach and plum trees are in blooming; other trees looking green.

(2)—Although the week was cold and blustery, and crop made no headway, I think we need not be alarmed. The lucern is about five inches high. Potato planting is on the correct now, with the land in fine condition.

Springville—The weather has been unusually cold until the 7th; since then fine and warm. Should pleasant weather continue a few days, plowing will be done on the lowlands. Peach trees are now in bloom.

JUAB COUNTY.

Levan (1)—Latter part of week warm and pleasant. The weather has seems settled, and warmer weather may be expected, which is all that is needed.

Little Salt Creek (2)—Grain and lucern are looking well though a little backward. Spring crops are not all in yet. Trees in bloom.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Moroni (1)—Showers prevented a crust forming over the soil, thereby making it easier for the grain to come through. (2)—Prospects for crops very good if warm weather continues. Grass and alfalfa doing well.

Spring City—No appearance of the much-needed warm weather yet, but stockmen are complaining more than farmers, as the unseasonable weather has damaged stock.

Wales—Starting down crops of every kind are coming up beautifully. There is every prospect of heavy grain and hay crops.

MILLARD COUNTY.

Leamington—Coldest week for this time of year I have seen for thirty years.

Oak City—Grain coming up nicely. Peaches, plums and strawberries in blossom.

Meadow—Warm, but little sunshine. Everything looking well. Water not high yet.

Kanosh—Grain looks yellow, on account of too much water. Low lands under water, and thousands of dollars damage to crops.

SEVIER COUNTY.

Plateau—Most of grain has been put in but weather too cold for growth.

Richfield—Fruit trees beginning to blossom. If no heavy frosts come, indications are for an abundance of fruit.

EMERY COUNTY.

Green River—The closing week has been all that agriculturists could ask. Lucern, oats and other crops doing nicely.

GRAND COUNTY.

Moab, Richardson—On 5th and 6th a rainfall gladdened the farmers, gardeners, orchardists and even the cattle kings.

PIUTE COUNTY.

Koosharem, Fremont, Tenadale—Stormy week. No damage to crops.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Beaver City—All crops doing well. A few potatoes were planted last week. I think the weather has settled.

IRON COUNTY.

Parowan — Farmers express some fear of the seed rotting, but as it is very damp, seed may germinate all right.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Loa — Wheat growing slowly. Farmers plowing for corn.

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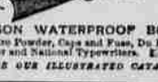

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