

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 13, 1897.—With this issue the publication of the weekly climate and crop bulletin of Utah is resumed for the season of 1897. These bulletins are published weekly during the planting, cultivating and harvesting of crops, and are based on reports of over one hundred and fifty correspondents located throughout the agricultural districts of the State.

The bulletins will give a general summary of weather conditions from week to week, and will also show the effect of the weather on crops and agricultural operations.

The weather during the forepart of the past week was generally stormy with cold northerly winds and frosty nights; the latter part was moderately mild and quite favorable for farm operations in sections where the soil is in working condition. The season is from three to four weeks later than usual. At the close of the week there was considerable snow on farming lands throughout the northern portion of the State, ranging from a depth of two to ten inches. In sections where the snow has disappeared the soil is saturated to a depth of eighteen inches, and even with favorable weather from now on, it will be at least a week or ten days before the land is in proper condition for the plow. In a few districts of the southern portion of the State some plowing and seeding was done between storms during the week, but generally the farmers are very backward in the work of putting in crops. Winter wheat, where in sight, is reported in fine condition with good stands and well rooted. Beet planting is progressing in Utah county, and in the lower tier of counties. In the vicinity of Moab, Grand county, apricots were in bloom on the 7th and strawberries in bloom on the 8th. The outlook for fruit is good, except in a few localities where the trees seem to have been somewhat injured by the November freeze.

Pleasant Grove.—The weather has been very changeable which has prevented the farmers from putting in crops; very little garden stuff or grain put in yet; lucern and grass just starting and showing green.

Utah.—Snow has disappeared from the fields; plowing commenced in some places; gardens are straightened up and seeds put in the ground; water in the Weber river commences to rise.

Coalville.—Rain or snow nearly every day and night; snow nearly all gone from fields; farm operations backward.

Loa.—A cold and windy week; spring work scarcely commenced.

Lyman.—Frosty nights and cold windy days during past week; plowing just commenced; no seeding yet.

Mapleton.—The last three days of the past week have been favorable for plowing and seeding of small grain. Garden planting, and transplanting of trees, etc., has been the main feature of the past week. Apricots, plums and peaches have suffered most during the recent frost.

Lakeshore.—During the last three days there has been considerable grain sown, the land is too wet on quite a

number of farms to do much yet; some garden seeds planted, peas, radish and onions.

Salem.—About thirty-five per cent of sunshine the past week. About seventy-five per cent of the wheat planted. Past three days favorable to all farm work; fall wheat and rye doing well. Gardens being planted and lucern shooting forth.

American Fork.—The past week has been favorable for farm work, with the exception of two days, which were very changeable and cold.

Santaquin.—During the past week we had plenty of sunshine but cold, dry winds. Farmers have been plowing and doing other preparatory work for the spring sowing.

Manti.—The past week has been very good for all farm work, and the farmers have been busy sowing wheat and oats, and at present everything is favorable for good crops.

Mount Pleasant.—Past week weather has been fair; snow has disappeared; farming commenced. The ground has dried rapidly from moderately high temperature and light southerly winds.

Chester.—Much fall plowing done; farmers have been waiting favorable weather. Some activity expected soon to sow spring wheat; I know of no fall sowing; very little fruit grown here.

Spring City.—The past week has been unfavorable to farm work; cold nights have been keeping the snow in most parts of the field; in other parts, however, the soil is in working condition, and in such parts farming work has slowly commenced.

Marion.—Week dry and cold with the exception of the last two days. Farm work commenced.

Fountain Green.—Past week warm but cold nights. Farmers just started to put in small grain.

Logan.—About eight or ten inches of snow on the ground and going off very slowly.

Green River.—The past week has been very favorable to all farm work and to the growth of vegetation. Mild temperature and clear weather have been of great benefit to wheat and oats; lucern growing fast; fruit crop promising and no frost yet.

Ferron.—Frost every night the past week; cold and windy; soil in prime condition.

Wellington.—The past week has been cold and windy every day.

Hoytsville.—Wind, slight falls of snow and rain at intervals have been the order of the day for the past week.

All things considered it has been unfavorable to all farm labor and growth of vegetation. Snow in the valley replaced with plenty of mud.

Peoa.—First four days of the past week were stormy, since which the weather has been clear and warm. Snow going off fast; plow land still covered with snow.

Oasis.—High winds and cold weather during the week; no growth on crops; too cold for grain to sprout.

Scipio.—Cropping commenced on the 6th. All farmers and gardeners busy, and prospects for weather and crop good.

Deseret.—The past week has been unfavorable for crops; very cold at nights; days cloudy and windy; alfalfa getting green; ice every morning; very little planting or plowing done yet.

Fillmore.—The past week has been favorable to all farm work; mostly clear with frosty nights; soil in prime condition.

Greenville.—The past week has been favorable to all farm work and to the growth of vegetation. Planting is in progress with indications for a good season. Soil is in prime condition but season a month later than usual.

Geneva.—Eighteen inches of snow on the level in this settlement; late spring season for farming.

Brigham City.—The preparatory work to active labor on the farm has been pushed during the week; hauling manure, also the fences and ditches received attention, together with orchards and gardens.

Garland.—Have not commenced cropping yet; winter wheat starting some; ground well soaked; the snow is nearly all gone.

Collinston.—The past week has been somewhat warmer; the growth of vegetation is almost at a standstill; farm work has not commenced; ground too wet at present.

West Portage.—The snow is nearly all gone from the valley, but a good supply for summer use is deposited in the canyon gorges; plowing has begun on the unbroken lands, but as yet it is too wet to plow stubble; the grass and lucern beginning to start in the valley; winter wheat also is making its appearance and seems to have wintered well.

Deweyville.—The first half of the week was stormy and cold, winding up with a snowstorm on the 6th, since then the weather has been pleasant and a few farmers have commenced plowing; winter wheat is peeping up through the ground and promises a good stand.

Honeyville.—The past week has been favorable for crops. The last snow has just disappeared from our fields; winter wheat, so far as can be seen, has wintered well and the fields are already showing green.

Benson.—The first part of the week was cold and stormy; the last half has been bright with clear frosty nights. Farming has not yet commenced. Everywhere in the fields the snow lies from three to ten inches deep, and is melting very slowly. Winter wheat is growing quite fast under the snow.

Lewiston.—The weather during the first three days has been quite stormy with sleet and snow, the latter part of the week has been fine. The snow is going fast but in the fields it is from six and seven inches deep.

Smithfield.—The past week has seen changes in temperature ranging from winter to balmy spring. Snow not all gone yet; winter wheat doing well under the snow and being well rooted the prospects are good. Plenty of water secured for the snow in the mountains is deep and well preserved. But little frost in the ground.

Hyde Park.—Snow six inches deep; spring weather part of the week.

Mendon.—Snow going very fast; no frost in the ground, and as the snow melts the water will go into the ground which will put the land in first class condition.

Syracuse.—The past week has been unfavorable to farm work here. The low temperature and cold storms have prevented the ground from drying; very little grain has been sown yet.