

## WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,  
August 17, 1897.

The weather conditions during the week ending August 16th were generally favorable in most sections of the State for the growth, cultivation and harvesting of crops. The high temperature during the fore part of the week was followed on the 12th by generous and refreshing showers which stimulated the growth of corn, potatoes, sugar beets and other late crops, and assisted very materially in filling out some of the late grain. On the morning of the 14th light frost occurred in portions of Summit and Wasatch counties, but no damage is reported. Mountain floods did considerable damage to dams of irrigation ditches east of Moab, in Grand county.

Harvesting grain and hay continues, and threshing will be under full headway in a week or ten days. Corn, potatoes and garden truck are reported as doing nicely and indicate about average crops, except in a few localities where worms, squirrels, etc., have caused considerable of a shortage. Early apples, pears and peaches are being marketed; melons, cabbage and tomatoes ripe. In portions of Utah county the fruit is wasting on the ground for want of a market. The ranges are reported in good condition and cattle and sheep are doing well.

Beaver—Weather past week good for all growing crops; very warm with some light showers. Farmers cutting and hauling second crop of lucern; harvesting still in progress.

Box Elder—Fine August weather; rainfall for the week .16 of an inch; thunderstorm on the 12th with refreshing shower; potatoes ripening; spring wheat threshing out fairly well.

Cachet—Past week favorable for growing crops and harvest operations; farmers busy cutting early grain which is somewhat light in yield; second crop of lucern nearly all cut, and wild hay about all harvested in good condition; corn and potatoes looking fine; fruit good.

Emery—The past week has been very favorable for all growing crops; rain and some wind on 12th but no damage; some wheat harvested; hay, grain and fruit generally good crop this season.

Grand—Big floods in the La Sal mountains past week washed away the dams in irrigation ditches east of Moab, requiring considerable labor to replace them.

Morgan—In the vicinity of Peterson the weather of the past week has been warm and dry in the day time, with very cold nights and heavy dew; farmers busy with second crop of lucern, and harvesting grain; potato crop is fairly good and water supply for irrigating limited.

Millard—Harvesting grain and lucern in full blast; grain crop fair, lucern good, corn and potatoes doing well.

Platte—In the vicinity of Kingston the weather during the past week, especially the last days, was quite changeable, the temperature ranging from nearly the freezing point to 100 degrees or more. Still the season, considering everything has been very favorable. Potatoes are a failure so far.

Rich—In the vicinity of Meadowville rain fell on the night of the 7th to the depth of nearly one-half an inch, greatly improving the pastures. Haying is nearly over; a full crop of small fruits has been gathered. Apples not plentiful.

San Juan—Weather very dry and hot. Crops look fairly well; second crop of alfalfa a failure; garden stuff suffering for rain; grain on range good.

Salt Lake—Wheat is nearly all in the shock; quality good, but a light crop. Second crop of lucern is being cut; yield fair. Corn and potatoes growing nicely, but will fall below the average of previous years on account of severe weather conditions during the spring; corn in the vicinity of Mill Creek is very wormy; water getting scarcer.

Summit—In the vicinity of Peoa, rain fell on two days of the past week; the rest of the week has been clear and favorable to farm work and crops; the weather cleared up without a frost, which is unusual at an altitude of 6,250 feet above sea level.

Sanpete—In the vicinity of Spring City the weather of past week has been cloudy and warm, with heavy showers during the latter part, which will prove beneficial to corn, potatoes and other late crops; wheat is being cut and promises an average yield; second crop of lucern nearly ready to cut, but is already damaged by the drought; high winds have damaged fruit some; worms are destroying cabbage and tomatoes.

Sevier—Past week has been hot and dry with the exception of shower on the 12th; crops, as a rule, are doing nicely; harvesting in progress; second crop of lucern being cut; plums, early peaches and apples getting ripe.

Tonele—The past week has been hot and dry and very favorable for ripening grain, some of which is being cut. The second crop of lucern is being cut with prospects of an good a yield as first crop; potatoes looking fairly well and making good headway; water is getting very low.

Utah—A nice growing week for corn, potatoes and garden truck; no rain on 12th did much good to the growing and maturing crops. The grain will all be harvested in a few days and threshing will soon be the order of the day; second crop of lucern turning out well and fruit is ripening fast; lucern seed nearly ripe; water getting scarce; sugar beets look fine; melons ripe and fruit wasting on the ground for want of a market.

Washington—Light showers during week improved the condition of crops to a great extent. Grain is ripening fast, and in the southern portion threshing is being vigorously pushed. Wild hay ready to cut and crops generally are doing well. Fruit in abundance.

Wayne—The weather of past week favorable to agricultural interests. Rain on 11th and 12th did much good to corn, cane, potatoes and garden truck. All crops progressing rapidly, with indications of at least an average yield in most localities. Cattle and sheep doing well on the range.

Weber—Harvesting and haying progressing and in some localities threshing is under way with fair speed. Dry farms burned up for want of water. In the vicinity of Marriotts early peas are

being marketed, and a fine crop of Bartlett's will be ready for shipment the coming week. Good rain on the 12th improved condition of corn, potatoes and other late crops.

Just—In the vicinity of Levan a couple of small showers on the 12th, not enough to do much good. Hauling and stacking grain the order of the day. Bees are making but very little honey this season, so say the apiarists.

Garfield—Past week favorable for farm work and growth of crops. Grain is ripening fast and harvesting will soon commence; second crop of lucern is being cut and crops in general were much improved by the fine showers during the week.

Wasatch—In the vicinity of Heber the past week was very favorable for crops. Refreshing shower on the 12th did much good toward filling up the ripening grain. Middle of week very warm, mercury going up to 96 degrees. No spring wheat cut yet but many fields look like the grain was ready for the machines. A little white frost morning of 14th, minimum temperature 36.4 degrees.

Kane—Weather hot and sultry with frequent showers. Fruit drying in progress; third crop of lucern looking good; corn doing well; melons and early apples getting ripe; early cabbage large enough for use.

## STATE SCHOOL MONEYS.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction John R. Park, in a recent communication to the attorney general asked to be advised upon the following:

"In case a report from a county treasurer relative to school moneys seems to disclose irregularities or discrepancies in his accounts, what steps, if any should be taken in the premises?"

Replying today, Mr. Bishop says: Section 4, page 134 of the laws of 1897, provides: "He (the county treasurer) shall, on or before the first day of August in each year make a report to the county commissioners who shall audit the same, and to the State superintendent in such form as he shall direct, showing, first, The amount of moneys on hand at the commencement of the school year; second, the amount of moneys received from the State school fund; third, the amount received from county school tax; fourth, the amount received from other sources; fifth, the total expenditures for school purposes; sixth, the balance on hand at the end of the school year."

Section 3, page 112 of the same act provides:

"He (the State superintendent) may examine the State auditor's books and records relative to school revenue and those of other public officers relating to school accounts."

Subdivision 1 of section 21, page 521 of the laws of 1896 makes it the duty of the county commissioners to supervise the official conduct of all county and district officers charged with the assessing, collecting, sale keeping and management or disbursement of the public revenues and see that they faithfully perform their duties and direct prosecutions for delinquencies.

Under the provisions of the statute above referred to, it will be observed