WEATHER AND CROPS

From All Parts of the Territory Come Reports of Very Cold Weather.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY FROST.

The Sunshine of the Past Few Days Is Very Welcome to the Almost Discouraged Farmer.

For the week ending Monday, April 17th, Director Salisbury of the Utah Weather-Crop service says: From all parts of the Territory the reports come of a cold week, which was, for the most part, unfavorable to growth of all kinds. There were storms of rain, snow and hail during the first half of the week; the 10th, 14th and 15th were frosty, the 16th and 17th were warmer, with more sunshine.

In Grand county there was much damage by the frosts to fruits, such as apricots, grapes and peaches. In Millard county, though there were frosts, there was no damage. In Washington county there was some damage to fruit.

In the north the snow has gone, except in a few sentered localities. Plowing has been done in Box Elder, Cache and Rich counties, the most backward ones this season. Winter wheat looks well, but has had no growth to speak of. There have been heavy losses of sheep on the ranges.

East of the Great Salt Lake the cold and frosty weather has kept work and growth back. Some gardening has been done, and some oats sown.

In the central counties grass and grain is now showing green, but had no growth last week. In the south the spring is three weeks later than usual. Lucerne is four to twelve inches high, but during the last two weeks has not grown much.

Northern Section.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Snowville—The farmers are just beginning to plow. The grass has not started on the range; the sheep men are meeting with heavy losses in sheep.

Box Elder—This week has been colder even than its predecessor; but although the grain has made but little growth the general appearance is good. The frost has been severe at night, and damage is feared to the tender fruit buds.

Corinne — Season late; grass just growing and that is all.

Bear River City—Cold weather for the season of the year. Hail in small showers nearly each day this week. Grain is coming slowly. Spring plowing has begun, and some spring wheat has been sown. Water for irrigation will be plentiful.

Cache Junction — There is some breaking of new land, but not much old land plowed yet.

CACHE COUNTY.

Newton—The weather was beneficial to fall wheat. The farmers are breaking new land and some plowing of stubble has begun. Some seeding has been done also, but not to any great amount.

Logan—Highest temperature 58, lowest 17. Weather still backward, though a little plowing is done. There was about four inches of snow on the 12th.

RICH COUNTY.

Randolph—Plowing commenced on the 13th, but most farmers have not commenced cropping as yet. All are ready for spring work. Winter wheat looks well.

WEBER COUNTY.

Huntsville—This week has been cold and stormy. There is yet from four to six inches of snow and ice on the ground.

Hooper—On the 10th it was cold and stormy, both rain and snow. On the 12th very cold, at noon 30 degrees.

Harrisville—The rainfall was beneficial to hay land. The sunshine of the past few days is very welcome, causing hay lands, pastures and fall crops to display their desirable verdure. Plowing is under genera l headway.

MORGAN COUNTY.

The week has been very cold; frost every night, snow about all gone; some plowing done on uplands; 11th, 16th and 17th begin to be pleasant and the little birds sing their songs of praise while the farmer begins to smile after so long a winter.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Layton — Weather the past week beneficial to fall grain. A little snow on the 11th. Some garden seeds have been planted during the week.

Farmington — The rainfall of the early part of the week was beneficial to crops that had the ground dried or baked over them. The week was too cold for the rapid advancement of growing crops. One inch of snow on the 11th, and ½ of an inch on the 13th. Apricots blossomed on the 12th.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Mill Creek—Cool weather prevailed through the week. Snow and rain on the 10th delayed general farm work, and was beneficial only to seeds in the ground.

Taylorsville — The past week has been very cold, and nothing growing. The ground is getting dry. People are putting in garden seeds, and oats are also being put in today, 17th.

Sandy—Light snow on the night of the 11th. Frost on the night of the 14th, but nothing injured. Altogether the week has been cloudy and cold with but little growth.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Heber—First plowing done the 11th on bench land; will commence on low land this week. The last half of the week there was sunshine 2-3 of the day, which was beneficial in drying the land.

UTAH COUNTY.

Lehi—High wind on the 12th slightly injured small grain. Frosts 10th, 11th, 13th. Hail on the 13th. The week has been cold and stormy, but a deal of small grain has been put in. Lucerne looks green, and first-sown grain is up. No fruit blossoms to eight yet, but early spring vegetables are up.

Lake View—Rain and wind retarded the planting of grain and garden seeds. Warmer the last part of the week, starting a good growth to lucerne and wild grasses.

Springville—Season very backward, though fine weather at present. Land in good condition for plowing; wheat, oats and barley being sown everywhere except on very low, wet land.

JUAB COUNTY.

Levan—Snow on the 11th, 1½ inches. Week too cold for growth of grass and winter wheat. Frost on the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, but no damage, as no kind of fruit was in blossom. Very little spring work has been done; warm weather is needed.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Moroni—Weather for the past four days was bustering, with snow and hail. Frosts at night. Lucerne and grass commence to show green, but up to this the weather has not been good for grain.

Spring City—A cold, frosty week, farmers being able to work only half the time; most of grain put in, but no growing weather. No appearance of trees budding yet.

Wales—Last; very wet, and little grain put in; nothing growing yet. Cattle and sheep are suffering because on account of the long winter hay is about used up.

Southern Section.

MILLARD COUNTY.

Oak City—Spring cold and backward; spring crops not all in yet.

Scipio—Nice and warm since the 12th. Vegetables of all kinds are beginning to show that spring has come. Most of the small grain is sown. Lucerne is just showing green.

Meadow—Three light snow storms, but no damage to fruit or crops. Peaches in bloom, looking well; all fruit healthy. Gardens planted; some peas, onions, etc., up and looking well.

Kanosh—Changeable; frosty at night. All crops have a good start. Plenty of snow on the high mountains, and the cool nights will keep it from melting too rapidly, preserving it for later on when needed.

SEVIER COUNTY.

Richfield—Cold and windy week; no grain put in; no gardening; very little plowing done.

EMERY COUNTY.

Price—Very pleasant; a trifle cool at nights; farmers putting in crops; lucerne fields green; prospects for a good crop, only a little late.

GRAND COUNTY.

Moab—Frost on the 14th, 15th and 16th, and high winds slightly injured fruit blossoms, such as apricots and grapes. Ice ¼ of an inch on 14th.

Richardson—Peach crop injured by frost and ice, but cannot tell to what extent, as some trees are not yet blossoming.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Minersville—Snow and low temperature has kept back growth of grain, and retarded spring work, but the snow and rainfall was of vast amount of good to farms and stock ranges.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Teasdale—Very heavy westerly wind-storm accompanied by sleet and snow raged over a large area of country on the 7th from early morning until after midnight. Week cold, with far below average sunshine. Sowing wheat is general. Grass is very backward. Prevailing high winds retarded seeding.

Caineville — Changeable weather, windy, cloudy and sunshiny alternatively.

IRON COUNTY.

Kanarra—Fields green and about three inches high. The first grain put in is beginning to come up. Not done putting in grain yet. About one inch of snow on the 11th, and some on the 14th.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Loose—The week was too cold and cloudy for the growth of crops. No farm work done for the week on account of cold, blustery weather. All crops are very backward.

Henrieville—The cold weather was injurious to fruit blossoms. High winds on the 8th, had for young lucerne. We have had no rain; plenty of wind and a light frost.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

New Harmony—High wind the 6th, and turned cold. On the 10th windy, with hail and snow; 11th and 12th windy and cold.

Virgin City—Very cold, backward spring, three weeks later than common. Lucern is about twelve inches high; it has not grown much for two or three weeks. Grain looks good. No other crops put in yet except gardens. Fruit damaged by frost to quite an extent. Apricots about as large as a pea, and but very few left. Gardens look very well; late peas about six to eight inches high. Very cold nights and mornings.

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