WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Report of Climate and Crop Service, Weather Bureau.

Weather in Utah the Past Week, and Reports From the State of the Condition of Crops.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, June 1st, 1897.

Warm, dry days, and moderately cool nights, were the prevailing features of the weather throughout the State during the past seven days. The temperature averaged slightly in excess of the normal, while the precipitation was greatly deficient in all sections.

The weather has been generally favorable to watered crops, which are looking unusually promising and making satisfactory growth. The prevailing drought is having a detrimental effect on dry-farm crops, many of which will prove a partial failure, even with favorable weather conditions during the remainder of the season. The winter wheat looks well and has a healthy appearance generally, but the late spring-sown wheat in many localities is thin and unsatisfactory, owing to insufficient moisture for the germination of seeds.

In the southern portion of the State wheat and barley is heading out, strawberries, peas and new potatoes are ready for use, and the first crop of lucern is being cut. In the northern portion lucern is blooming and will soon be ready to harvest, strawberries ripening, garden products advancing rapidly, and fruit developing nicely. Streams fell considerably during the week.

A few good showers during the coming week would greatly improve the condition of crops.

Remarks of Correspondents.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Minersville—Good growing week; crops look fine; fruit prospects good.

Greenville—Fine weather for crops, which are looking well and growing nicely.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Garland—Dry farm grain at a standstill; recent rain badly; irrigated grain unharmed.

Deweyville—Farmers busy cutting lucern; small grain suffering from drought, especially spring wheat and barley; peaches and apricots killed by frost; rain needed badly.

Brigham City—Fruit promising; field crops not so promising; too dry; lucern beginning to flower; the first crop will be heavy. Weather unfavorable to crops, especially fall and spring grain, which needs rain badly.

CACHE COUNTY.

Smithfield—The long continued drought up to date has proved disastrous to spring wheat and corn. Lucern growing rapidly; winter wheat doing as well as the drought will permit. Fruit is developing nicely and garden vegetables advancing rapidly.

Benson—Weather warm and windy. The ground is hard and dry; crops not irrigated looking poorly.

Providence—Crops cannot possibly be as good as last year, even if we have rain now. Dry farms are suffering greatly; strawberries about half grown; raspberry crop almost a failure.

Millville—Week dry; not more than half of the grain came up; hay and fruit looking well where it has been watered.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Woods Cross—Weather of past week favorable to market gardening, but unfavorable to late planted crops which will not come up unless it rains soon; ground very dry.

Syracuse—Weather dry and crops need rain badly. Winter wheat is the best; high crop anticipated; spring grain looks better.

Kaysville—Past week hot and dry. Fall grain on dry farms in past redemption; should a good rain come soon there may be half a crop, if not chances are favorable for a failure. Indications for large yield of fruit.

EMERY COUNTY.

Lawrence—Everything growing nicely. A good week for the farmers.

Ferron—Beautiful spring weather. Much grain is up three inches high, while much of it is not yet watered the first time; plenty of water; splendid show for fruit. Bees suffered greatly the past winter, more than half of them died through cold.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Coyote—Slight frost night of 20th did but little damage; grain and lucern growing nicely when it is not too dry; irrigation begun.

GRAND COUNTY.

Moab—First crop of lucern ready to cut; green peas for dinner on 28th; ripe strawberries in abundance and of superior quality; all kinds of agricultural growth doing nicely.

IRON COUNTY.

Parowan—The week has been warm; crops growing nicely; apples set well; peas beginning to blossom; prospects bright for good crops of grain, vegetables and fruit; plenty of water for irrigation.

JUAB COUNTY.

Levan—Weather beautiful; wheat and oats have had the first watering; fruit trees sprayed first time; lucern starting to blossom; prospects for a heavy fruit crop good; mountain streams failing.

KANE COUNTY.

Kanab—Good growing weather past week for all kinds of crops. Farmers busy planting corn; lucern most ready to cut.

Ranch—Weather favorable to grain and hay crops. Lucern 2 to 4 high. Good prospects for bountiful crops.

MILLARD COUNTY.

Fillmore—Warm and dry. No rain for the last six weeks. Strawberries nearly ripe; prospects for fruit good.

Holden—Fine growing weather. Corn and potato planting about 3 inches; some lucern coming in bloom; waiting for rain.

Hinckley—Warm and dry; grain and fruit looking well; big crop of mosquitoes; water telling a little.

Deseret—Finest week of the season; crops growing nicely; grain looking well; alfalfa nearly ready to cut; river still one foot and lowering fast, but plenty of water; irrigation in full blast.

Leigh—Very fine growing week. Everything quite early, more so than usual; very slight frost 27th and 28th to the south parts of the valley.

Meadow—No rain for more than two weeks past; fruit set in great abundance; all small grains looking well; corn and potatoes all planted, and quash, cucumbers, etc. Melons and cucumbers up and looking well.

MORGAN COUNTY.

Morgan—Favorable weather past week for crops; everything growing nicely; wheat looking fine; rain needed badly.

Peterson—The growth of vegetation has been slow for lack of moisture, rain is very much needed to bring up late planted crops. Irrigating crops begun. Potato planting in progress.

PIUTE COUNTY.

Circleville—Crops doing nicely; wheat shooting well; everybody watering crops; lucern and last high and looking well; river falling.

Greenwich—Warm week. Wheat and oats looking fine; corn and potato planting finished; lucern about ten inches high; garden growing nicely; high waters receding.

Kingston—Weather favorable to crops of all kinds; corn and potatoes coming up; some wheat and oats in the boot.

RICH COUNTY.

Meadowville—Occasional showers during the past week; fine growing weather and all crops and cereals doing well.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Miller—Fine growing weather and all that could be desired; waters high but no damage yet.

Mill Creek—Past week warm and dry; planting all finished; corn and potatoes coming up but need rain; strawberries commencing to get ripe.

SAN JUAN COUNTY.

Monticello—All grain looking well but ground getting dry; irrigation in full progress; heavy hay crop; range grass excellent.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Moroni—Week warm and dry; crops growing nicely; lucern about a foot high and looks well.

Manti—Good growing weather past week. Slight frost on 26th but no damage to fruit or garden; spraying in progress.

Fairview—Conditions favorable for crops; grain, fruit and lucern coming on fine. Water plentiful and farmers are busy irrigating.

Spring City—Week warm and dry and favorable to growth of crops. Wheat stooling; lucern 12 inches high; corn and potatoes coming up; garden products doing well; rainless ready for haying.

SEVIER COUNTY.

Sigurd—Week warm and dry. All kinds of vegetation growing nicely.

Monroe—Everything growing rapidly. Danger from high water considered past.

SUMMIT COUNTY.

Rockport—Warm days and cold nights but no frost. Crops looking good where there is plenty of water.

Coalville—A good growing week. A little frost two nights; no damage.

Oakley—Fine growing weather; past week farmers watering lucern; grain looks well; potatoes being planted; apples in bloom and strawberries blooming; river falling.

TOOELE COUNTY.

Lincoln—Weather warm and favorable to all crops; first watering mostly done and grain fields looking fine; fruit was not injured by the cold snap of two weeks ago; hay crop very promising.

UINTAH COUNTY.

Randlett—No change in weather during the past week; dry and warm and crops doing nicely; alfalfa, grain and garden truck all show great improvement over a week ago.

UTAH COUNTY.

Pleasant Grove—Weather warm the past week and everything advancing rapidly; corn and potatoes about all planted; lucern soon ready to cut; radish ready for table use; strawberries ripe and peas in bloom.

Lehi—Past week generally fine but dry; all kinds of work progressing; lucern cutting about to commence; irrigation for beets soon needed.

Mapleton—All farm work moving along nicely. Beets mostly thinned; strawberries coming on; wheat and oats exceptionally fine; fruit crop very promising. Dry land grain crops not very good. Irrigation in full blast.

Payson—Fine growing weather; water is being freely used; ground very dry; peas in bloom; small fruit looking fine; plenty of garden stuff on the market; hay crop nearly ready to cut; best weeding in progress.

Lake Shore—Past week very warm. Fall wheat and barley in the boot, lucern in bloom; spring grain is growing well; early potatoes doing nicely; currants and gooseberries bushes well filled with fruit.

Salem—Slight frost night of 26th. Dry land lucern is being cut and is reasonably heavy crop; spraying commenced; fall wheat heading out.

American Fork—Crops looking well; lucern soon ready to cut; small grain is being watered.

Santaquin—Weather warm and dry. Everything in the field and orchard is doing fine except dry grain; lucern ready to cut; garden truck looking well; green peas and new potatoes soon ready for use.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Heber—Good growing weather past week; lucern a foot high; potatoes and meadows growing nicely; gardens not so healthy looking; radish and lettuce in the market this week; Thursday a cold north wind with some rear of frost; thermometer indicates 40 degrees at dusk with a clear sky, but at midnight an east wind blew up and the fruit is all O. K. so far.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. George—New potatoes accompanying green peas; strawberries not as plentiful as in past years, from some cause; wheat and barley headed out finely.

Leeds—Weather warm, with light windy; farmers cutting lucern; fruit growing nicely; plenty of early vegetables.

Pinto—Fine growing weather past week; farmers busy putting in potatoes; corn about all in and some coming up.

Toquerville—Fine summer weather past week; cane nearly all planted; cherries ripe; lucern heavy; tomatoes blooming.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Grover—Heavy hailstorm on 19th, doing much damage to lucern; warm and pleasant since 19th; crops improving; creeks high; plenty of water.

Teasdale—Weather favorable to crops; lucern in bloom; grain crops looking well; plums and cherries good size.

Lyman—Excellent growing weather; crops look fine.

WEBER COUNTY.

Huntsville—For growing weather, but very dry; irrigation not generally commenced; yet; potato planting nearly over.

Uintah—On account of unusually dry weather most of the grain planted this spring has not germinated; fall wheat is a failure, being only about eight inches high at present. Strawberries are getting ripe, but they will be of a poor quality.

Pain City—Weather hot and dry; lucern coming in bloom.

Ely—Crops growing nicely; weather fine; some need very dry; fall wheat heading out; lucern in bloom.

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Bring seed potatoes out into the light. Don't let the sprouts grow all bloodless and white. Short, green and stubby the sprouts should be found when you are ready to work up your ground, says Rural New Yorker.

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