

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
April 27th, 1897.

The weather during the fore part of the week ending April 26th, was cold and stormy, with rain, hail and snow throughout the central and northern section of the State; the latter part of the week was generally clear with cold northerly winds which were beneficial in drying the wet lands and checking the rise of streams. Sharp frosts occurred on the mornings of the 22nd and 23rd, causing some damage to the fruits and vegetable crops of Davis county, but in other sections no serious injury resulted from the freeze on account of the backwardness of the fruit buds and general vegetation. Plowing, seeding and garden work progressed rapidly during the latter part of the week, except in a few of the most northerly counties where the soil is still too wet for cultivation. Winter wheat, lucern, grass and meadows were greatly benefited by the recent warm rain, and at the close of the week were reported as looking unusually fine and promising. In the vicinity of Monticello, San Juan county, the fall wheat is reported winter killed on account of insufficient snow protection during the cold spells of November and January. Throughout the southern part of the State vegetation is well advanced and everything is growing rapidly. Peach, plum, pear and prune trees are all in full bloom and indicate good crops not damaged by late frosts.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Minersville—The past week has been very changeable; the fore part high southwest, changing to cold north winds with some frost; apricots nearly all killed.

Greenville—A cold, windy week. Wind from the southeast and southwest first three days; balance of week from the north with frost every night. Wet storm Friday night, which will do universal good; vegetation has made no perceptible growth this week; most of the wheat and gardens in; alfalfa two inches high in some places, in others just started; no winter wheat grown here.

BOXELDER COUNTY.

Honeyville—Heavy rain Tuesday; Wednesday rain and snow. Vegetation checked by cold but no damage; trees beginning to leaf out.

Deweyville—Rain, hail and snow Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; since then the weather has been fine. Winter wheat is doing well. Considerable wheat and barley sown here this spring; some gardening done.

Fielding—Most part of week cold and stormy. Fall wheat looks well; spring seeding progressing nicely; very little gardening done yet; considerable fruit trees will be planted this spring.

Collinston—The past week has been cold with four days of rain, hail and snow. Alfalfa looking good and from two to four inches high. The rain was of great benefit in loosening up the crust of the ground to let the grain through that did not get up last fall; a few fruit trees have commenced to bud and will soon blossom.

West Portage—The first three days

were fine growing weather; during the past four days we had rain, hail and snow, and cold north winds with frost at night. The frost will do us no harm as none of our fruit trees are in bloom as yet. The lucern is about two inches high, and the winter wheat begins to color the fields; spring plowing and sowing are in full blast; the grass in our pastures and on our mountains is growing very finely. The soil here is soaked so thoroughly that the growth of vegetation will be very rapid when warm weather begins.

Garland—Most of the past week has been cloudy with frequent showers which have been beneficial in bringing the grain through the crusted ground. The latter part of the week much warmer; lucern is growing fast; farmers busy putting in crops and planting fruit trees.

Portage—Tuesday and Wednesday fine rain; Wednesday thunder and lightning with snow on the mountain; cool Thursday cloudy with sprinkle of rain in forenoon, snowed on the mountains in afternoon. Friday cold north wind but sunshiny; roads drying up; farmers busy; fall grain and grass looking fine.

Brigham City—Stormy weather stopped work on the farm generally during the week. Light frost on the nights of 21st 22nd and 23d. Apricots coming in bloom; prospects good. Fall grain is not very conspicuous yet.

CACHE COUNTY.

Logan—Very little plowing yet—ground too wet. The river is overflowing its banks.

Smithfield—Weather fair and pleasant, except on the 20th and 21st, which were very stormy with rain and snow; commenced plowing; winter wheat and all grasses thriving; floods temporarily subsiding; soil in good condition.

Benson—The past week up to the 23rd has been cold and stormy and unfavorable to farm work and the growth of vegetation. The 23rd and 24th fine. If the weather continues fine for a few days the soil will be in favorable condition for farming.

Lewistown—The past week has been very changeable with rain, hail and snow on the 20th, 21st and 22nd, and severe frosts. Some farming done in the western part. If the weather keeps fine we may get to work in earnest by the 1st of May. Our lands have never been so wet during the past twenty-three years.

Hyde Park—The first part of the week has been stormy, alternating with rain and hail, but the latter part has been fine. The spring work has begun and the winter wheat is in good condition; trees are budding out still the nights are frosty.

Mendon—No frost; snow gone in town, much yet on the hills; people busy planting trees and doing garden work; ground in first class condition; there is no spring grain in yet; fall wheat growing nicely.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Syracuse—Forepart of past week cold and stormy with light frost on the 21st. Apricots bloomed on the 19th; farm work checked forepart of the week, everything very active now; vegetation growing rapidly; good prospects for fruit.

Woods Creek—The past week has been very favorable to farming and

market gardening; the first three days were warm and vegetables, which is the principal crop, made rapid growth, many people marketed a great amount of asparagus, spinach and rhubarb. The heavy rain during Tuesday night was gratefully received, but snow falling Thursday night cooling the atmosphere caused frost which did a great amount of damage.

CARBON COUNTY.

Wellington—The past week has been cold and stormy. Lucern is starting nicely; wheat is coming up.

Price—Weather for the past week has been beautiful and pleasant. Crops are growing good; grass from four to five inches high; small fruit such as currants and so on in blossom; big fruit trees about to blossom and leaf out; outlook good for plenty of water and good crops.

EMERY COUNTY.

Green River—The weather the past week has been quite changeable; Thursday and Friday cold and windy, but no frost; crops of all kinds looking well; fruit trees all in bloom; native trees leafing out.

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Orton—Week cold and cloudy with cold northwesterly winds. Plowing and sowing of small grain continued. An immense amount of snow in the mountains, and favorable prospects for very high water as soon as weather settles and becomes warmer.

Coyote—First four days of week unfavorable for farm work and growth of vegetation; Thursday, Friday and Saturday we had cold north winds and quite a hard frost on the night of the 22nd; not a very good growing week; grain principally in; plenty of snow in the mountains; prospects fair for good crops; wheat coming up.

GRAND COUNTY.

Moab—Splendid growing weather; peach, pear and prune trees all in bloom—a most beautiful sight. Precipitation on 21st, twenty-one hundredths of an inch.

Westwater—Weather cooler than last week but favorable for farm work. Farmers sowing grain and putting in gardens; alfalfa looking well and stands about eight inches high; no rain during week.

Richardsco—Three warm days during week with high wind; latter part cloudy with light shower. Peach, pear, prune, plum and cherry trees in bloom; winter and spring grain looking well; alfalfa growing rapidly; good supply of water for irrigation.

KANE COUNTY.

Kanab—Spring at last; good prospects for fruit; apricots in bloom; lucern two to three inches high; farmers plowing and planting cane; snows melting from mountains causing freshets; peas, radish and lettuce above ground.

Johnson—Weather warm and cloudy during week; farmers plowing for corn and small grain.

MILLARD COUNTY.

Scipio—20th, thunder, hail, snow and rain. A cold blustering week. The storm wet the lowlands so that seeding was stopped, though with few exceptions all is in bud corn and potatoes.

Hinckley—Past week has been rather unfavorable for the growth of