

WILLAMETTE FARMER.

CALIFORNIA CROP REPORTS.

WOODLAND, Jan. 13.—Early grain throughout the country is progressing finely and will not suffer for rain for some time. Rain is much needed to help late-sown grain. Considerable grain is yet to be sown. The prospects for good crops has seldom been better. There will probably be more grain planted in this country than any season heretofore. A slight drizzling rain is now falling; wind southeast, signs of a heavy rain.

NAPA, Jan. 13.—Crop in this valley will be at least 30 per cent increased over last year. Prospects were never better. The heavy fog has been a great benefit to crops in general; can do without rain for a month yet; slight showers to-day indications good for rain. Farmers are jubilant over the prospects for good crops. Some say Napa valley will produce 50 per cent more grain than last year.

PETALUMA, Jan. 13.—There is more than double the acreage of grain seeded in this country at the present time than last year. Crops are not suffering in the least for want of rain. If we have the usual spring showers and fogs, the prospects are very flattering that we will have the largest crop ever raised in this country. Grass is not as forward as it promised earlier in the season but has a thick undergrowth, which will bring it out all right. It is raining to day for the first time since November 21. Wind blowing from the southwest; thermometer 50°.

SANTA ROSA, Jan. 13.—A larger area has been sown in wheat than for the past five years. The weather has been favorable for farm work. The heavy rains in November (12 inches) left the soil in excellent condition—the adobe lands ploughed, which for the past four years have been impracticable. The low price of seed, and the continued lack of rain in some parts of the State, caused our farmers to seed wheat land plowed for other purposes. Much of the wheat is up and looks well. To day a steady fall of warm rain. Prospect unusually promising.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 13.—The dry weather has prevented farmers in this vicinity from putting in fall crops. Some of that planted has not come up. If there is hereafter plenty of rain planting will be completed. Probably no injury has been done that abundance of rain will not remove.

MONTEREY, Jan. 13.—Weather dry, and indications of continuing so. Farmers as a general thing fear drought. There is great deal more land under cultivation than in previous years. Fifty-five thousand acres of land is cultivated for wheat in the immediate vicinity of Modesto, and will yield, should it be a favorable year, 800,000 bushels.

MEREDITH, Jan. 12.—Continued dry weather in this vicinity will be the cause of several large failures, unless rain speedily comes. The light shower or rain on Monday was of little or no benefit to crops or cattle, of which thousands are suffering for want of water. Farmers have little or nothing to say, merely stating that the ground looks well, and that unless rains come soon crops will be in a deplorable condition, which will lead to a financial crisis, as money is already very scarce. The sky to-day looks hopeful, and may end again to-morrow in a light shower of rain. No one ventures an opinion.

VISALIA, Jan. 13.—The amount of grain put in this year in Tulare county and vicinity is about the same as last year. If rain should fall within a few days, considerable more barley will be sown. The weather looks more favorable this afternoon for a supply of moisture than at time since the late rains.

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