

1871

July 17th The season continues remarkably fine, excellent harvest weather. Finished cutting ^{wheat} John's today, cut ours on the 8th, cutting barley today, corn and Timothy hay, very heavy. Crops look well; are troubled with the potato bug.

October 23rd 1871 have been hushing corn for a few days. Our potato crop was good (an exception).

Has been remarkably dry since August scarcely any seeding done. Great fires all over the country.

Dec 12th It remains remarkably dry no sleighing yet. Sold grey team a few days ago. ^{\$1.00 \$225.}

1872 Jan 9th had some extremely cold days before Christmas, no sleighing yet. Went to Detroit on a bit in holidays.

Feb 14 Have had very steady winter weather plenty of snow and about a month sleighing it thawed, and rained a few days but is very cold now again.

Apr 18th Cold and dry every cold March. Sowed S. H. seed. Mar 26 finished oats today, good time for seeding.

June 17th have had plenty rain for nearly a month corn looks badly the worms have done great damage. Pleasant weather now, have some early potatoes about the size of walnuts. (Raised horse sheds at Church this spring)

Nov. 1st have had a fine season somewhat dry during the summer. fall wheat yielded very poorly spring wheat much better we had in all 180 bu. and 380 of oats. It has been a good fall for seeding wheat looks well. We made 28 Gall. Molasses of our own & 700 for other people. We had about 125 bu. potatoes. Our corn crop is about the best we ever raised have just commenced to husk.

15 lbs cider finished today