

"Perhaps I can best answer your questions by giving the views of my correspondents:—

E. P. Williams, Lane County, says:—I sow Cheat for fodder, and find it excellent for all kinds of stock.

J. Bagley, Polk County, says:—Very good hay for cattle and sheep.

S. P. Reeder, Washington County, says:—Cheat grass makes good hay for horses or cattle.

C. D. Steen, Linn County, says:—Wild Oats and Cheat make good hay if cut green.

E. F. Messner, Josephine County, says:—Chess makes good hay for horses, sheep and cattle.

Wm. Miller, Lane County, says:—I feed Cheat to horses and cattle, and consider it a fair quality of hay.

J. D. Hayes, Josephine County, says:—Chess makes fair hay for cattle.

J. G. McCune, Linn County, says:—I consider Chess of great value as hay for horses and cattle.

Ernest Eggerth, Umatilla County, says:—Have used it to feed stock and horses. Cheat hay made when in bloom makes good hay, but not equal to Timothy.

G. R. Stephenson, Multnomah County, says:—I consider it of no value.

S. W. Miles, Polk County, says:—Wild Cheat not of as much value as the tame hay.

L. P. Williams, Clackamas County, says:—Wild Oats and Chess may have some value as feed if cut early enough, but as they open before Clover and Timothy, their value is limited."

"I think that Chess grows *much better* on 'white land' or soil impregnated with alkali than does timothy and other tame grasses. In regard to the time of sowing Cheat for pasture, some sow in the fall, giving a spring pasture, others sow in the spring for late summer pasturage. For hay the seed is usually sown in October.

Opinions differ regarding the value of Cheat, but in the mountains, foot-hills, and on white land, large quantities are annually saved for hay, and for these localities there is nothing to take its place except Wild Oats.

In the valleys no one raises it, as other grasses will give better returns there."

I have reproduced the above letter in full, as it contains much that may be of use to British Columbian and North-western farmers.