

Home Farm

Wednesday Evening July 8 1896

Dear Husband

I

will write you a short letter to-  
night. I have done something or  
rather had something done that  
I fear you will not approve of  
I have had all the wheat cut  
for hay Pa Elmer Mr Pebler and  
every one else that I spoke to  
about it thought it should  
be cut for hay. Elmer finished  
cutting this evening. hay is going  
to be a good price so they say  
Elmer says farmers are refusing  
\$600 per ton in the field your  
wheat turned out very poor  
only about one ton to the  
acre and the oats in the

orchard will not even make  
a crop that will do to cut  
there has not been one drop of  
rain since you left and there  
are places where the oats has not  
come up at all. Elmer said  
if you did not cut the wheat  
for hay that you would not  
have hay enough hay to feed  
your stock through and I  
felt if you were <sup>here</sup> to know just  
how things were that you would  
do just as I have done the wheat  
is just in the dore and a fine  
crop of it. Elmer said this  
evening that he thought it  
would go about two tons to  
the acre. Elmer has had Harry  
Wadkins helping him to day and  
will have him a day or so more  
helping rake and put up the hay  
he will also have to get some

to help him haul it into the  
barns. I hope you will not feel  
disappointed about the wheat.  
I think I will make this letter  
short for it is now ten o'clock  
and Vernal is crying for me to  
come to bed. Pa thinks he will  
go down to Lissas Friday if so  
Ellen will come over and stay  
all night with me. Lissa will  
come home with Pa. I am  
quite sorry that I did not get  
some strawmats put up but I  
just had so much to do when  
I first came home and in fact  
not a cent in money to get them  
with but of course I could  
have managed that part but  
I have not been in town  
since I came out and Pa

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with lots of kisses and much love  
is a poor hand to see to such  
things. Pa paid the moon  
account I was quite glad to  
get the five dollar check  
Elmer says he thinks he gets  
about 130<sup>th</sup> of milk per day now  
the cows are failing a little in  
their flow of milk, quite a  
number of my friends expressed  
great surprise when they learned  
that you had gone away just  
when you did but seemed to think  
it was all right when I explained  
matters to them. I wish you could  
see sweet Ethel now she is getting to  
be so nice you will hardly know  
the dear little thing I think I would  
grieve for Ma much more than I  
do if it were not for baby. I will  
try and write again Sunday I will  
be in town the first of next week  
hoping get things in order at Pa's house