

Barley

1726 April 9 (Saturday). This Day the Last of Mr. Wards Cows and his Horse went away. N.B. The 5th and 6th Neighbor Clark and his Son ploughed (with my Mare and Mr. Wards Horse) my Stubble, and the 8th and 9th Neighbor Clark with my Boy went on (as aforesaid) in ploughing and sowing of Wheat and Rye and Barley.

1726 July 14 (Thursday). I was much taken up with Looking out for Labour about my Barley Harvest. Isaac and Hezekiah Pratt mow'd it in the first of the afternoon.

1726 July 15 (Friday). Neighbor Maynard came to make up my Barley and get it in.

1726 July 16 (Saturday). My Barley Secur'd by Neighbor Maynard and his son.

1727 April 18 (Tuesday). I got Mr. Thurston to plow and sow my Barley, and Mr. Hezekiah Ward ploughed part of the Stubble.

1727 April 19 (Wednesday). And again he ploughed in the Stubble.

1727 April 20 (Thursday). And he ploughed a Morning Spell more.

1728 July 30 (Tuesday). Having got in my Hay, Rice, Barley, and Wheat, I dismiss'd Thomas Kendal for a while. Now we are intirely alone having no Servant nor any one in the House. Our Loneliness gives Scope for Thought. God Sanctifie our solitude, and help us to improve in acquaintance with Himself.

1736 April 23 (Friday). David Sowed and ploughed in some more Rie; we could get no Barley.

1738 April 20 (Thursday). John Rogers wrought for me -- ploughed in Rye and Barley.

1738 April 21 (Friday). Simon Tainter, junior, came and wrought for me. He plough'd the remainder of the Stubble, with Brother Hicks's oxen join'd to mine. P.M. Plough'd in Barley, with only my Cattle. I planted Cucumbers, Squashes.

1738 July 26 (Wednesday). Our Barley was mow'd and rak'd.

1739 January 10 (Wednesday). N.B. Jotham Maynard thrash'd Barley with John Kidney.

1739 April 13 (Friday). Very fine spring Weather. Barley Sow'd.

1739 July 19 (Thursday). N.B. John Rogers mow'd my Barley this morning.

1739 July 21 (Saturday). Ebenezer Maynard came and carry'd in my Barley, whilst I visited Mr. Lull's Child.

1740 January 12 (Saturday). Samuel Bumpso thrash'd Barley.

1740 January 14 (Monday). Samuel Bumpso finish'd Thrashing Barley a.m.

1740 March 14 (Friday). Mr. Hezekiah Stow Sifted over my Barley.

1740 August 4 (Monday). Rainy Day. Very great Frown of Providence on the Hay and Barley Harvest.

1742 February 26 (Friday). Thomas Winchester thrashed Barley.

1742 March 1 (Monday). Thomas Winchester cleared up Nine Bushels Barley.

1742 April 9 (Friday). Ebenezer and Tomme carry Barley to Mr. Terrys at Grafton to be malted.

1744 July 9 (Monday). John Rogers work'd with Thomas. A.M. They mow'd Barley. P.M. they went to the Meadow.

1744 July 10 (Tuesday). Thomas and Neighbour Rogers to the Meadow a.m. Thomas at home p.m. Neighbour Rogers p.m. work'd for Neighbour Maynard. No Barley [?] to reap though much was expected.

1745 February 11 (Monday). Thomas thrash'd Barley and Sarah Henry making a Coat for Ebenezer.

1745 February 12 (Tuesday). Thomas thrashing Barley.

1746 March 7 (Friday). My sons Thrashing Barley.

1746 March 8 (Saturday). They sow'd some Peas in the Garden, and thrash'd Barley again.

1746 March 20 (Thursday). My son Thomas carry'd our Barley to Mr. Mathis.

1746 April 12 (Saturday). Fine weather. Thomas Sow'd Barley. Might Grace Spring in our Hearts!

1746 July 14 (Monday). Considering the Extremity among people on account of the Scarceness of men to Labour I did what I could abroad which yet was but very little for I was soon worry'd. My work was chiefly turning some Hay, and raking up and poling in Barley which lay greatly expos'd to a great storm of Rain which came up suddenly and pour'd down most heavily.

1747 January 13 (Tuesday). Very Cold Season. Ebenezer thrashes Barley.

1747 January 15 (Thursday). Thomme to Mr. Johnsons Mill. Ebenezer Thrashing Barley. Not So Cold as Yesterday.

1747 April 3 (Friday). Ebenezer Sow'd Some Barley and ploughs it in with the Mare. N.B. Billey begins more manfully to ride to plough.

1747 April 4 (Saturday). Ebenezer Sow'd the rest of the Barley and Some Early Peas.

1747 July 16 (Thursday). My Boys work'd at Home. They Cutt the Barley. A great deal of Hay in Making. P.M. a thunder Storm arose which drew out all Hands of us to work. Bekky and I pol'd in what was round the Barn and near at Hand. The Barley in part rak'd and Cock'd, the rest left in Wind-rows. A part of our Hay we were forc'd to leave spread around. And Neighbour Batherick did not pretend to got to the meadow till the Afternoon, if he went then; So that doubtless the great Quantity of Hay there is wash'd. But the Storm went chiefly to the South. We had not a great deal of Rain. Another Thunder storm in the Evening went mostly South also. This working in the Hay worry'd me not a Little -- But I hope I got over it.

1747 July 17 (Friday). Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Martyn Pratt came to reap Rye for me. P.M. Joseph Grout came to reap also. They got the Southside down and Load in, the other part was Shock'd in the Field. Ebenezer and Thomme are getting the Barley into a Stack, with Joseph Grouts Help. Great likelihood of Thunder storm, but it went over. Mr. Batherick rakes and Cocks the South part of the Meadow.

1748 February 3 (Wednesday). Mr. Dunlop and Ebenezer thrash Barley.

1748 February 4 (Thursday). Mr. Dunlop and Ebenezer thrashed Barley.

1749 March 14 (Tuesday). Lieutenant Tainter came and winnow'd out my Barley.

1749 July 3 (Monday). In the Morning Daniel mow'd the Barley, of which there seems to be, through Gods Goodness, a midling Crop.

1749 July 7 (Friday). Ebenezer and Thomas plough'd the Barley Stubble, there being much Barley left among the stones which they could not rake.

1751 February 19 (Tuesday). P.M. Ebenezer thrashes Barley.

1751 April 27 (Saturday). Ebenezer and Thomas Sowing Barley and Carting Muck.

1751 July 22 (Monday). Ebenezer and Thomas Mowing -- part of the Barley.

1751 July 23 (Tuesday). The rest of the Barley cut down.

1751 July 24 (Wednesday). Ebenezer got home another Load of Hay from the Meadow, got in Barley etc.

1752 March 21 (Saturday). N.B. Ebenezer and William went to Mr. Daniel Matthews with our Barley to be Malted.

1752 July 16 (Thursday). I rak'd Hay and Barley p.m. at the other place, and return'd home at Eve.

1755 August 1 (Friday). Only Breck and I to rake Barley. Thomas and Billy yet ill.

1755 August 2 (Saturday). Solomon Baker came in the Morning and with Mr. Nurse's Team got in my Barley: being but half a Load of it.

1755 August 4 (Monday). N.B. Deacon Bond and Alpheus Newton help'd in Pitching off the Barley and Hay -- and Mr. Ebenezer Chamberlin in Pitching it on again, to its place.

1756 January 23 (Friday). Another bright Day. Billy winnows up the remainder of our Small matter of Barley. It amounts to about 4 Bushels only.

1756 February 9 (Monday). Billy went to Mr. *Cutlers* in Sudbury to change Barley for Malt.

1761 January 8 (Thursday). Alexander to Mr. Abbots with Barley.

1761 April 14 (Tuesday). Alex and Breck with Mr. Bakers oxen plough in the orchard 1 Bush. Barley.

1765 April 30 (Tuesday). Mr. Nurse's Team again. Thomas and John plow in the Orchard and Mr. Samuel Fay being here, he sows a Bushel of Barley for me, there. He is in great Trouble and Perplexity. Dines with us. Dismiss Mr. Nurse's Oxen and use his Horse only. Thomas plows in Barley and Oates in the Orchard.

1765 July 24 (Wednesday). Mr. Kelly having lodged here, works again for me to day, and Billy a.m. with him. Breck mows the Barley and works the rest of the Day.