

## Wheat

1726 April 9 (Saturday). 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.

1728 July 30 (Tuesday). Having got in my Hay, Rice, Barley, and Wheat, I dismiss'd Thomas Kendal for a while.

1740 April 15 (Tuesday). Jonathan and Benjamin Tainter with their Team Carted Wood, Fencing stuff, ploughed in wheat, etc.

1740 July 12 (Saturday). Mr. Biglo brought up Wheat, Books etc. in his Cart from Boston.

1740 August 8 (Friday). Nei[gh]bor Caruth reap'd my Wheat. About 14 shock from less than half an Acre.

1740 September 26 (Friday). Sam Bumpso and Ezekiel Pratt wrought wheat.

1740 October 1 (Wednesday). Sam Bumpso Thrashing Wheat Still. Finish'd it somewhat before night, and winnow'd it over a first Time.

1742 April 12 (Monday). Thomas harrowing and sowing. Sowed wheat by the old House. High winds, the old Barn in Danger. Cracked and wrecked very much.

1742 July 27 (Tuesday). *Mary Joslin* dyed yesterday and her Brother *Isaac* to Day of the Throat Distemper. They sent for me but I was not at home, neither would my Affairs permitt me to go when I did get home -- my Rye and Wheat upon Spoil I was obliged to look up a Reaper.

1742 August 2 (Monday). Thomas Winchester got in the last of the Wheat and the last of the Hay in the Meadow Except Two Stacks which we cannot Conveniently Cast yet.

1744 March 21 (Wednesday). Sent by him also to Mrs. Catherine Foster, Clothier. Captain Forbush here, and told me that Considering the Town had not granted sufficiency for my Support he would send me a Bushel of English Grain, Wheat and Rye.

1745 November 5 (Tuesday). At Eve Brother Hicks, who brought us some Wheat and lodg'd here.

1745 November 7 (Thursday). Ebenezer ploughing and Sowing Wheat. The Sowing by Neighbour Ebenezer Maynard.

1746 May 19 (Monday). I din'd at Mr. Palatiah Rice's. Bought peas at 16 shillings and wheat at 18 pence per Bushel.

1746 November 24 (Monday). The Boys thrash Wheat, which they find much Eaten by Vermin, besides that it was much Blasted.

1750 July 26 (Thursday). Neighbour Eliezer Rice and his son reap'd my Wheat a.m. and Ebenezer and Joseph mow'd etc. for him.

1750 July 27 (Friday). Ebenezer and Joseph work at the Meadow -- but p.m., Ebenezer came and got in part of the Wheat.

1750 July 28 (Saturday). Joseph brought home 2 Load of the Meadow Hay. He got in the Wheat likewise.

1750 September 7 (Friday). P.M. My Neighbours rais'd my New Frame and we sung part of Psalm 127. Scil. one Stanza and Psalm 128 (second meetre) except the last half stanza. Sundry Neighbours Sent and brought Cheese, Cake, Wheat Bread, etc. which with Some Apples Pyes which my Wife provided, made up our Entertainment.

1750 October 30 (Tuesday). Thomas thrashes Wheat.

1751 January 3 (Thursday). Ebenezer Thrashing Wheat -- which has Suffer'd by the Rotts of the Barn. Thomas a.m. to Mr. Wymans for Several Sadlers-Tools which he has made for him. P.M. he thrash'd with his Brother.

1751 January 21 (Monday). P.M. my sons thrash'd Wheat and Swingled some small matter of Flax.

1751 April 25 (Thursday). N.B. The Season unusually Cold and Somewhat windy but Ebenezer (Having deferr'd it long already) Sowed Wheat.

1751 August 1 (Thursday). Thomas and William reap Wheat.

1751 November 5 (Tuesday). Sam Bumpso has been thrashing wheat and Rye for Ebenezer for some Time.

1755 April 26 (Saturday). Alpheus Newton was to have come and Sowed Wheat for me, but disappointed me.

1755 April 30 (Wednesday). Mr. John Rogers comes with his Oxen and Plough -- splits hills by the Barn and sows Wheat. Billy with my Mare helps him.

1755 May 1 (Thursday). Neighbour Alpheus Newton a.m. sowed and plough'd in some more Wheat and some Peas at the Barn Orchard.

1755 August 14 (Thursday). 'Kias and Seth mow at the ministerial Meadow again and this is the last, which they accomplish a.m. but because it was cloudy and they could not rake up what they had mow'd; they return'd home and p.m. reap'd my Wheat by the Barn, and got it in.

1755 August 18 (Monday). Mr. Dunlop came to thrash my Wheat -- finds it too damp. Thrashes only the out Sides of the Sheaves and leaves them to be dry'd.

1755 August 20 (Wednesday). Mr. Dunlop also comes to take Care of my Wheat, drie and thrash some of it.

1755 September 18 (Thursday). Mr. Nichols cleans up Rye and remainder of Wheat which Dunlop thrash'd, and mow'd Bushels in the New broke up Land.

1759 August 10 (Friday). Mr. Gamel comes to Work, but comes in a great Frett; at which I was much grieved when he came to the House and shewed it here. Eat but a mouthfull or two of Food at Dinner. He and *Alex* finished the Rye at the Island. P.M. the Wheat at the Barn, and Steuked up the former.

1764 October 18 (Thursday). Squire Stone having invited me to his House, we rode to Harwich....P.M. leaving Brother Stone at his Brothers, we rode to Eastham; and I went to the Bridge at *Nossett*, where the waters of the West and East Seas sometimes meet. We went to Mr. Joseph *Crockers*, and lodged there. N.B. Their Country is very sandy and few Streams. Wind mills are therefore the more frequent. N.B. At Harwich Mr. David Bangs raises Wicker-Trees -- the Stump of one, Set but 8 Years Since, measured about 19 Inch diameter, and was 50 feet high, when it was cut down. The Same Mr. Bangs had 51 Bushels of good Wheat from an Acre and Quarter of Ground.

1765 September 6 (Friday). Thomas and John harrow. Sow one Bush. Wheat, which I have of Mr. Tainter.

1765 September 13 (Friday). Received a Bushel of Wheat of Capt. Maynard, which Thomas and John harrowed in, at the Island.

1765 October 18 (Friday). Thomas Arnold has fenced off the Wheat, cut and carted Wood etc.

1766 July 31 (Thursday). Caleb reaps Rye, but chiefly Cradles Wheat.

1766 August 1 (Friday).C. and J. about the Rye and Wheat -- they get in [*blank*] Shock of Rye and [*blank*] Shock of Wheat. They work till past 10 in the Night and Mr. Nurse and Nathan Kenny help them.

1766 November 21 (Friday). P.M. *Caleb Winch* came again. Dines here, and goes to work at the Barn to clear it for thrashing, and thrashes Wheat.

1766 November 22 (Saturday). *Caleb* is trashing Wheat.

1767 February 19 (Thursday). Capt. *Maynard* and his Wife and Child. He brings me 4 Bushels Wheat.

1761 April 17 (Friday). Deacon Bond with a Yoke of Oxen plows and Sows for me peas, wheat etc.

1781 August 15 (Wednesday). I went up to the Treasurer *Newton's*, but he was not at home. Yet I spoke to his Wife concerning his working last Sabbath in getting in Wheat.