

HAWERA.—Very rough boisterous weather was experienced early in the month, with an unusually cold snap on the 7th and 8th. Since then the weather has been changeable, with light misty showers at times, cold nights, and a few slight frosts followed by bright sunny days. A good soaking rain would be very beneficial just now, as grass is getting rather short, and the pastures in some parts of the district present quite a burnt-up appearance. There are indications that farmers who have not laid by a good store of hay or ensilage will be short of feed during the coming winter. The grass-grub is in evidence in some parts of the district, but not to any serious extent. Root crops are looking well, but will not be as good as last year's crops. The end of the dairying season is now approaching, and, although perhaps not up to expectations warranted by returns in the early spring months, farmers generally appear to be well satisfied with the season's operations.—*A. J. Glasson.*

WANGANUI.—The chilliness of the weather during April was a decided intimation of the proximity of winter. With the exception of the last few days, which were appreciably milder, the temperature was generally low, and several frosts were recorded. Very little rain fell, except on the night of the 13th and the dawn of the 14th, when there was an unusually heavy downpour. Feed in the pastures, although the growth was checked by the low temperature, is still plentiful, and during the last five days of more genial weather is showing noticeably green. Roots and green crops are doing fairly well.—*C. Watson.*

MANGAWEKA.—Weather-conditions during the past month were too dry. Several light showers fell, but not sufficient to soak the ground; therefore the grass is not so far advanced as farmers would like to see it. The good prices offering for all classes of stock tend to prevent overstocking, so that graziers will have a better chance of carrying the remaining animals well through the winter. Some of the turnips and grass on the new burns look very yellow and sickly, due to want of rain. This means a decided loss to new settlers, as a good crop of turnips ensures a considerable profit to beginners in this district during the coming winter.—*J. A. Melrose.*

FEILDING.—The present month was cold up to the 20th, which checked the growth of grass considerably; since that date it has been mild for the time of the year. Oats that are sown and are above ground are looking well. Some farmers have made the mistake of not getting their stubble land ploughed earlier in the season and letting it lie up to the sun. Threshing operations have been in full swing. Oats, barley, peas, and grass-seed have turned out well. Silver-beet, or Swiss chard, has been sown in this district, and is giving very fair returns; but when planted under more favourable conditions experimenters will beyond doubt be pleased with the results obtained from it for fattening purposes.—*W. Dibble.*

GISBORNE.—Very serviceable rains fell during April. Pastures are now showing a good improvement, although the growth has been retarded by the cold winds and frost that accompanied the rain. Cattle-feed will be short during the coming winter over the whole of the district. Maize-picking is now being carried out. The yield will not be as heavy as last year, owing to the dry season.—*W. Ross.*

Wairoa.—The weather-conditions during the past month were of a variable character. The first portion was wintry and broken, while the latter half was of a mild nature, thus producing a spring-like growth of the pastures, a condition of affairs that will be greatly appreciated by the pastoralist, as there has been a great shortage of grass throughout the past season. Stock are not up to the normal in point of condition.—*T. F. Mullaly.*

WAIKURAU.—The month of April has been an ideal one as far as weather-conditions are concerned, it being more like spring than autumn, nice warm rains falling at intervals, with sunny days following. Pastures and root crops should be much benefited. Should the frost keep away, winter prospects will be very much improved. Autumn-sown grasses are coming away well.—*H. O. M. Christie.*

PAHATUA.—The rainfall for the month was 2.30 in. Rain fell on eleven days, the heaviest fall being on the 13th. (April, 1912: Total fall, 5.44 in.; rain fell on sixteen days; heaviest fall, 1.61 in., on the 27th.) We again have had good weather for all outdoor work, and this has been taken advantage of throughout the district. The root crops that were put in late are still growing, and are making fair headway. Chaff-cutting and threshing are now being started, some being last year's crops. The crops generally in both cereals and roots will not be up to the average. This remark applies generally to the crops that were put in late (the lateness was owing to bad weather, followed by high winds and gales). The outlook for the coming winter is good at present.—*T. Bacon.*

NORTH WAIRARAPA.—The past month was exceptionally fine. At the beginning of the month we had light rains, and towards the end a few nights' frost, with fine sunny