

Charlie finished breaking prairie some time ago. He broke 6 acres for Mr Sluffman besides what own. I was glad when he got done and I guess he was, but he has got no rest yet for he will have to plow corn now that Allen has gone, and Gill has promised to break up 80 acres of stubble for the man where he has been harvesting, if it is going to be so very hot I am afraid the boys and horses will all give out before they get through, it is for wheat they will commence in a couple of weeks I guess or after haying is done, nothing but work work for the farmer, I would not be a farmer, Chickens are growing finely I could give you chicken cooked in any way to suit your taste if you were here now.

But my paper is about to give out I will have to quit, you will have to excuse Gill for he is tired and this is the last sheet of paper in the house. It is thundering may be we will have a shower to cool the air we don't often have many days in succession of such extreme hot weather. Please write soon.

From your sister

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Dear Brother:

It is an awful hot day, but to write or do any thing else, but I am going to try and write you a letter, I ought to have been answered long ago, but we are all as well as common considering the hot weather it makes us feel as though we were sick almost, We have not had but few real hot days until this month it has been perfectly awful so far, I don't see how men can live and work in the harvest field when harvest commenced in good earnest the first of last week, wheat is good oats harvest will commence this week, Calico are first rate they are higher than Gills are and well headed, they will do to cut in a week he thinks, Gill has been shocking wheat the past week most of the time, will work in harvest this week I expect, I wish he would not, it is so very warm, I think by the time he get his own oats and hay cut he will