

Edna Heim to Miss Clarice Snoddy

Tenant farmers Bill and Edna Heim of Kensington, Kansas, wrote to the farm owner, Clarice Snoddy of Topeka, regarding a hail storm that destroyed most of their crop. The letter discusses the insurance claim to be filed for the damage and the tenants' feelings, economic condition, and related problems. The letter illustrates the considerable vulnerability of farming to unfavorable environmental and economic conditions. Farms on the plains had been ravaged by drought and wind in what is commonly known as the Dust Bowl.

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Dear Miss Snoddy.

Well I sure hate to
write you this letter, but
Friday about 2:30 we were
hailed out we have put
in for a total loss we
will send you the policy
as soon as we can 126-
aces + had \$5- on it I told
you that, \$25- we are
sure hoping we get the
full amt, but can't tell
as the officers here
worked awful bad. Bill
was so blue, I doubt if



It has been awful hot
yesterday, 102 in our dinner
room.

we have 500 bushel on
the 40 acres we have
out a new tractor on our
hards it makes one feel
like going up, but we'll
stick just the same. If
you feel like you want
to come out, you come if
not we will send you
your share of money when
the adjuster has been
here. Most of the fields were
just about 30 to 75 - but
we were the hardest hit
my dad poor man I feel
so bad + he so old. had
3 inches of rain in a few
minutes + a most terrible
wind, Sincerely Edna H.



Some fields farther south
are averaging about 12 bu
one man told us yesterday
that he cut 20 a & got
100 bushel, it rained so hard
Friday he could not get in
the field till today & said
he feared there would be
nothing to cut, on acct of
hogfears.

Had another blow last
week this place sold
so a more for us.