

(Letterhead)

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Dear Mother,

We Rec'd your good letter a few days ago. Sure glad to hear from you and that you were well. I hope it has rained there by this time. We sure have had the rain here. It has rained and rained for three weeks any most every day or two. We planted garden in between rains tho and have our garden nearly all planted. We have crowder, blackeye, whipperwill, cream clay rippers and English peas, navy beans, stringless greenpod, pintos a few butter beans, turnips, okra, beets, lettuce, mustard, collards, carrots and onions. We had two pretty rows of tomatoes but the hail got all but fourteen plants and ruined what were in the tub there won't be enough to finish out the rows, ruined some of the earliest

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beans too, but what are up have little beans on them. The garden is growing pretty. We have a good sized patch of those little white multiplying onions, bermudas and a row of evergreen onions. Olive brought us some buttons and we set them out this evening. We planted some canteloupes and pumpkins too, and about a half row of flower seed. I thought they would do better there than they would here where the chickens are. Olive came down after a bunch of chickens last Thurs. And Buddy went home with her. They came again this morning after the last bunch Had 158. She said they already had about seven hundred and her and Mary have a little over a hundred turkeys. Olive got Mary 100 reds at the Hatchery at Mangtun about two or three weeks ago. She said she still had about all of those. Olive has't lost hardly any of her chickens. She has a good brooder house and brooders

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I guess we have lost 100 this wet cool weather some days we wear wraps it is so cool. The sun shone about all day today. I washed some this eve. It was too pretty to not wash a little when we have so many dirty clothes. Vera and Lona went home with Olive today. I cooked a rooster this morning put it on about 8 o'clock but Olive was in too big a hurry to stay for dinner said she had to get back and get the chickens fixed and put out potato slips. Mildred says they work all the time. Olive says she doesn't do much but tend the chickens. Margaret and Mildred cooks and cleans up. They have done a lot of improving, put in Delco lights, had built in cupboards put in all the way across the north end of the kitchen, built a brooder house and having a water system put in. I haven't been up there since we went to Burt's funeral. Guess we will go after

Vera and Lona Olive said they had smallpox, but it didn't hurt any of them. She said some of the children are in bed now and three to have it yet. Vera and Lona have been vaccinated. I don't reckon they could take it. I kinder hated for Iona to go for she was sick a few days ago and wasn't feeling well, but I had already promised her she could go when Buddy came home. Olive said it wasn't hurting any of them, said Francis was in bed two days and went to school this morning. Joe and Rose haven't been vaccinated.

Lewis has been puny for several days, but keeps going. He ploughs in the garden. I try to get him to wait awhile till he feels better, but he says the garden needs ploughing. I got a letter from Atta last week too and one from Erma Atta said she was about past going said her feet hurt her, she had just been working too hard. Guess she wrote you tho. She said she was aiming to. Well I must get to bed, it is getting late. Lots of love, Viola