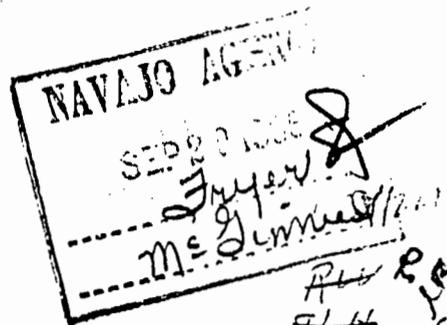


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Navajo Service
Ft. Wingate, N. Mex.,
Sept. 27, 1936.



Mr. E. R. Fryer,
Supt. Navajo Agency,
Window Rock, Ariz.

Dear Mr. Fryer:

Range conditions over most of District No. 16 are good. I have been over most of the district during the past ten days and have found the grass better than I have ever seen in the past. In practically all of the Blue Grama areas it is producing a good seed crop. There is also a fair seed crop in some of the Bluestem and Galletta types. The browse types have made a good growth this year and I believe there is plenty of feed to carry the stock through the winter in most places.

The feed is shorter in the Ramah area than in any other part of the district. We have some very large herds in this area and there is some trouble among these large owners about the range there.

There are some places, where large outfits have lived over a period of years that the feed is short and the Sage and Chamise are practically killed out, also the grass is very short. We are trying to work out better grazing practices for these places. Most of the Indians see the need for controlled grazing and I believe we will be able to carry this plan forward with good success during the next year.

Respectfully yours,

G. L. Milstead
G. L. Milstead,
District Supervisor.

FD 74

8
0
0
0