



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the mid 40s to mid 70s in the mountains, low 60s to high 70s in the desert, low 60s to low 80s along the coast, and mid 50s to mid 80s in the valley. Temperature lows ranged from the low 20s to high 30s in the mountains, high 20s to mid 40s in the desert, low 30s to low 50s along the coast, and mid 30s to low 50s in the valley.

## FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, **wheat** fields had some lodging due to rainy and windy conditions. Winter grain plantings were in different stages of growth, with some wheat starting to form heads. Some wheat, **oats**, and **barley** fields were being treated for weed control. Planted **alfalfa** was emerging in the Sacramento Valley. Rice ground preparations continue.

## FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchards neared end of bloom and immature stone fruit continued to develop. **Peaches**, **nectarine**, and **plum** sizing was on course and early reports indicated good yield in Tulare County. **Pear** fruit began to form. **Cherries** were developing well, though progress varied by area, orchard, and variety. **Pomegranates**, **persimmons**, and wine **grapes** continued to leaf out. **Navel oranges**, **tangelo**, and **mandarin** harvest remained consistent. **Tangerine** groves continued to be covered with netting to prevent pollination by bees during the blooming period.

## NUT CROPS

New nut orchards were prepped for planting. Some **almond** orchard floor clean up and herbicide applications continued where conditions were favorable. Almond development was progressing well. **Walnuts** began to awake from dormancy. **Pistachios** were leafing out.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Summer vegetable fields were prepared for planting. Rain impeded field work and harvest in some areas. Early planting of tomatoes and use of protective coverings continued with some certified growers. **Carrots**, Napa **cabbage**, and **lettuce** were harvested. Tulare County reported **blueberries** were being planted. **Strawberry** plants continued to produce fruit, though rain impacted harvest and quality. Plantings of **garlic**, **onions** and **peas** were growing well under mulch.

## LIVESTOCK

Late spring rain and warming temperatures promoted range development. Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were in good condition. Bees were active in stone fruit orchards when weather conditions permitted, while some hives were moved to citrus orchards and to the foothills as well as out of state.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER -- WEEK ENDING 04/12/2020**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 04/12/2020	Departure from Normal 2/	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year 2/	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season 2/	Normal Year 2/
					January 1- 04/12/2020	January 1- 04/12/2020	October 1- 04/12/2020	Week Ending 04/12/2020	Oct 1- 04/12/2020	Oct 1- 04/12/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	51	1	59	38	0	0	73	0.00	24.48	35.15	40.53
Ukiah	57	3	81	36	6	0	55	0.02	12.89	33.79	37.61
Santa Rosa	54	-1	69	32	7	0	48	0.32	18.06	33.36	36.51
Napa State Hospital	53	-1	68	35	2	0	42	0.12	8.58	18.58	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	55	-1	65	43	16	0	43	0.66	8.89	19.36	20.79
San Jose	56	-2	67	38	19	0	43	0.22	7.10	13.73	15.02
Salinas	54	-2	65	38	11	0	38	0.18	8.98	11.82	12.91
Monterey	56	2	63	43	11	0	55	0.48	18.20	14.76	16.23
Paso Robles	53	-2	70	35	4	0	42	0.53	11.30	11.94	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	60	3	85	41	48	0	54	0.18	19.35	29.90	34.80
Red Bluff	60	3	86	43	41	0	38	0.01	9.59	21.26	24.63
Willows	58	0	79	39	36	0	28	0.10	7.04	20.73	23.67
Oroville	60	2	78	46	29	0	38	0.02	10.65	28.23	31.72
Marysville	57	0	75	40	16	0	39	0.02	9.04	19.76	22.88
Sacramento	56	-1	73	37	8	0	37	0.01	9.68	19.18	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	57	-1	73	39	19	0	38	0.12	7.99	12.72	14.14
Modesto	57	-3	72	40	21	7	36	0.14	6.48	11.64	13.19
Merced Macready	56	-1	71	37	7	0	35	0.67	9.32	11.02	12.59
Madera	56	-2	71	38	11	0	33	0.42	5.74	10.58	12.10
Fresno	57	-3	73	45	52	4	34	0.64	7.35	10.24	11.57
Lemoore	56	-2	73	40	19	0	35	0.80	6.98	7.11	7.95
Visalia	57	-3	74	43	29	2	27	1.71	7.79	9.86	10.99
Bakersfield	57	-4	75	46	68	11	30	2.28	6.93	5.87	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	48	7	72	23	0	0	50	0.05	5.89	9.75	14.22
Mount Shasta	52	6	74	32	0	0	57	0.04	15.65	37.04	43.48
Blue Canyon	42	-2	59	27	0	0	64	0.20	33.37	56.04	65.00
Yosemite Valley	46	-3	65	31	0	0	34	1.25	13.84	31.97	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	52	-3	68	38	22	0	39	0.83	10.39	13.04	14.05
Santa Barbara	54	-3	69	42	7	0	33	0.94	11.49	16.59	17.89
Oxnard	54	-2	63	44	42	0	33	1.67	11.53	13.69	14.71
Riverside	55	-7	68	47	109	25	30	2.64	10.75	11.18	12.50
Los Angeles	58	-1	67	51	182	0	35	2.62	13.03	11.99	12.92
San Diego	60	-1	67	51	137	21	44	3.40	13.37	9.66	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	49	-4	76	28	0	0	19	0.43	2.20	4.21	5.21
Daggett	55	-8	75	44	49	41	18	2.21	5.86	2.96	4.08
Lancaster	50	-7	72	35	4	0	29	2.22	10.65	6.79	7.43
Thermal	62	-7	79	45	264	247	18	0.74	5.22	2.58	3.22
Blythe	63	-7	79	44	240	279	21	0.90	5.28	2.57	3.85
Imperial	62	-6	79	46	222	269	13	0.09	2.06	2.43	3.46

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

2/ Normal periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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