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California Crop Weather



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WEEK ENDING: May 30, 2021 RELEASED: June 1, 2021

FREQUENCY: Weekly VOL. 42 NO. 9

WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the low 60s to high 80s in the mountains, low 60s to mid 90s along the coast, mid 60s to mid 100s in the valley, and mid 70s to low 100s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the high 20s to low 60s in the mountains, high 30s to mid 50s along the coast, high 30s to mid 80s in the desert, and mid 40s to low 80s in the valley.

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, fields were being fertilized and prepped for summer planting. **Corn** was progressing at a steady rate and being treated for pests. **Cotton** plantings were in the second and third leaf stage. **Oats** were being cut for baled hay and silage. Winter grain silage harvesting was ramping up. **Alfalfa** was on its third cutting. Early Sudan hay production began in Imperial County. Across the Central Valley, crops were drying out quickly with the early heat of summer appearing. Weed control was a priority as temperatures rose and days became longer. Producers continued to be concerned about water availability this year.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchard development continued. Cherry maturation and early varieties of apricot harvests progressed. Peaches and nectarines were harvested. Thinning continued where necessary as fruit size increased. Grape vines formed fruit and were steadily increasing in size. Pomegranates and apples continued to bloom. Immature kiwifruit flower bud development progressed. Plum orchards were progressing well with reports of ripe fruit on schedule to be harvested soon. Pummelo, lemon, lime, tangelo, and grapefruit harvests remained consistent. Late Navel and Mandarin orange harvests continued to wrap up for the season. In Tulare County, the strawberry harvest continued to wind down. Blueberry harvest continued.

NUT CROPS

New nut orchards were prepped for planting. **Almond** crop continued to look favorable. Nut development continued in **walnuts** and **pistachios**.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Tulare County, summer vegetable crops continued to be planted and have done well with warm temperatures. Field planted **zucchini** and **bell peppers** continued to grow. Spring **lettuce**, **eggplants**, and **onions** grew well and were harvested. In San Mateo County, **artichokes** were harvested.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in fair condition. Irrigated range was in good to excellent condition. Bees were moved out of citrus groves. Some hives were placed in kiwifruit vineyards and melon fields for pollination. Sheep grazed on old alfalfa fields and retired farmland. Cattle continued to be moved to higher elevation range. Water was trucked in to fill drying foothill stock ponds.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | TEMPERATURE | | | | GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE | | RAIN DAYS | PRECIPITATION 1 | | | |
| STATIONS | Average for Week Ending | Departure from | High | Low | This Year | Normal Year ² | This Season | This Week | This Season | Normal Season ² | Normal Year ² |
| | May 30, 2021 | Normal ² | r iigii | 2011 | Jan 1- May 30, 2021 | Jan 1- May 30, 2021 | Oct 1- May 30, 2021 | Week Ending May 30, 2021 | Oct 1- May 30, 2021 | Oct 1- May 30 | Oct 1- Sept 30 |
| | Degrees Fahrenheit | | | Number | | Days 3 | Inches of Precipitation | | | | |
| North Coast | ast | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eureka WFO | 53 | -2 | 63 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 0.14 | 23.25 | 38.45 | 40.53 |
| Ukiah | 68 | 4 | 96 | 46 | 218 | 70 | 51 | 0.00 | 13.47 | 36.39 | 37.61 |
| Santa Rosa | 64 | 2 | 88 | 39 | 127 | 33 | 44 | 0.00 | 12.87 | 35.58 | 36.51 |
| Napa State Hospital | 62 | 1 | 80 | 44 | 89 | 11 | 40 | 0.00 | 7.46 | 19.83 | 20.52 |
| Central Coast | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Francisco | 59 | -2 | 70 | 51 | 71 | 9 | 39 | 0.00 | 7.27 | 20.32 | 20.79 |
| San Jose | 63 | -2 | 82 | 50 | 145 | 146 | 33 | 0.00 | 5.33 | 14.57 | 15.02 |
| Salinas | 59 | - -1 | 70 | 51 | 58 | 6 | 36 | 0.00 | 5.77 | 12.53 | 12.91 |
| Monterey | 58 | 0 | 67 | 51 | 32 | 0 | 38 | 0.00 | 7.56 | 15.76 | 16.23 |
| Paso Robles | 69 | 4 | 96 | 43 | 237 | 113 | 22 | 0.00 | 6.74 | 12.43 | 12.87 |
| Sacramento Valley | | • | • • • | | | | | | • | | |
| Redding | 76 | 5 | 104 | 51 | 513 | 241 | 51 | 0.00 | 13.81 | 32.97 | 34.80 |
| Red Bluff | 76 | 5 | 105 | 54 | 554 | 263 | 44 | 0.00 | 9.11 | 23.25 | 24.63 |
| Willows | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Oroville | 75 | 5 | 98 | 55 | 513 | 253 | 38 | 0.00 | 8.77 | 30.26 | 31.72 |
| | 73 73 | 4 | 98 | 50 | 425 | 233 | 36 | 0.00 | 7.14 | 21.76 | 22.88 |
| Marysville Sacramento | 73 72 | 4 | 97 | 52 | 423 | 199 | 33 | 0.00 | 6.68 | 20.60 | 21.35 |
| | 12 | 4 | 91 | 32 | 421 | 199 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 21.33 |
| San Joaquin Valley | 60 | 4 | 02 | 47 | 201 | 222 | 20 | 0.00 | 7.00 | 12.67 | 1111 |
| Stockton | 68 70 | -1 -1 | 93 | 47 51 | 291 | 222 353 | 28 | 0.00 | 7.89 | 13.67 | 14.14 |
| Modesto | - | | 91 | 51 | 369 | | 25 | 0.00 | 7.13 | 12.70 | 13.19 |
| Merced Macready | 71 | 2 | 91 | 51 | 380 | 239 | 29 | 0.00 | 7.01 | 12.05 | 12.59 |
| Madera | 71 75 | 1 | 91 | 49 57 | 381 | 262 | 19 | 0.00 | 1.78 | 11.54 | 12.10 |
| Fresno | 75 70 | 2 | 93 | 57 | 629 | 393 | 26 | 0.00 | 6.59 | 11.09 | 11.57 |
| Lemoore | 72 | 2 | 93 | 48 | 426 | 286 | 22 | 0.00 | 4.30 | 7.66 | 7.95 |
| Visalia | 73 | 2 | 92 | 49 | 530 | 328 | 26 | 0.00 | 5.15 | 10.61 | 10.99 |
| Bakersfield | 76 | 3 | 91 | 57 | 698 | 417 | 20 | 0.00 | 2.78 | 6.27 | 6.51 |
| Cascade Sierra | | | 0.5 | 00 | 40 | • | 50 | 0.00 | 5.50 | 10.01 | 4.4.00 |
| Alturas | 55 | 1 | 85 | 28 | 10 | 0 | 56 | 0.02 | 5.58 | 12.01 | 14.22 |
| Mount Shasta | 60 | 3 | 88 | 36 | 49 | 0 | 65 | 0.01 | 18.32 | 40.54 | 43.48 |
| Blue Canyon | 61 | 5 | 79 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 64 | 0.00 | 30.90 | 61.94 | 65.00 |
| Yosemite Valley | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| South Coast | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Santa Maria | 58 | -1 | 73 | 47 | 45 | 0 | 25 | 0.00 | 6.89 | 13.72 | 14.05 |
| Santa Barbara | 60 | -1 | 77 | 45 | 88 | 17 | 16 | 0.00 | 7.31 | 17.27 | 17.89 |
| Oxnard | 60 | -1 | 72 | 51 | 136 | 21 | 12 | 0.00 | 2.81 | 14.29 | 14.71 |
| Riverside | 70 | 1 | 95 | 53 | 508 | 354 | 13 | 0.00 | 4.36 | 11.90 | 12.50 |
| Los Angeles | 64 | 1 | 75 | 55 | 230 | 115 | 13 | 0.00 | 5.00 | 12.45 | 12.92 |
| San Diego | 65 | 1 | 76 | 57 | 367 | 201 | 29 | 0.00 | 4.51 | 10.07 | 10.42 |
| Southeast Interior | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bishop | 69 | 3 | 93 | 40 | 231 | 111 | 6 | 0.00 | 1.63 | 4.49 | 5.21 |
| Daggett | 80 | 3 | 99 | 57 | 829 | 598 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.61 | 3.07 | 4.08 |
| Lancaster | 75 | 4 | 96 | 50 | 490 | 282 | 12 | 0.00 | 1.33 | 6.99 | 7.43 |
| Thermal | 83 | 2 | 102 | 58 | 1314 | 1032 | 7 | 0.00 | 0.35 | 2.61 | 3.22 |
| Blythe | 83 | 0 | 101 | 59 | 1293 | 1140 | 4 | 0.00 | 0.88 | 2.61 | 3.85 |
| Imperial | 82 | 1 | 101 | 59 | 1181 | 1052 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.69 | 2.50 | 3.46 |

¹ Rain or melted snow/ice.

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 $^{^2\,}$ Normal periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

