



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER



The week started off cool with just a trace of rain recorded along the coast in the far north and at Oxnard. As the week progressed, temperatures rose, humidity dropped, and gusty winds developed, which led to several fires in Northern California.

FIELD CROPS

Barley, oats, and winter forage harvest continued. Durum **wheat** harvest continued and winter wheat harvest was underway. **Alfalfa** growers continued to cut, windrow, rake, and bale alfalfa hay. **Corn** for silage planting and weed spraying was winding down. **Rice** planting in the Fresno area continued. Dry **lima** bean and **blackeye** bean planting continued in Merced. **Sugar beet** harvest continued. **Cotton** was being cultivated and side-dressed with pesticides to control insects on a continuous basis. Cotton was growing nicely. **Safflower** fields remained in various stages of growth.

FRUIT CROPS

Irrigation in orchards and vineyards continued due to the dry conditions. **Grapes** continued to form bunches. Sulfur dusting, thinning of bunches and suckering on table grapes was ongoing. Thinning of stone fruit was still taking place in some areas. Stone fruit harvest remained underway. Varieties picked in Fresno County included Poppy, Patterson, Robada, Tasty Rich and Castlebrite **apricots**; Golden Sweet and Honey Gold **apriums**; Brittany Lane, Crimson Lady, Earlich, Early Saturn, Island Prince, Ivory Princess, Jullie White, May Sweet, Sweet Sun, Spring Bright, Spring Snow, Saturn, Spring Flame, Snow Angel, Sweet Kay, Spring Treat, Vista and Vista Gem **peaches**; Black Beaut, Black Ice, Black Splendor, Earliqueen, Ruby Rosa, Red Beaut, Sugar Drop and Yummy Beaut **plums**; Flavorosa, Sugar Rosa and Spring Flavor **pluots**; Flavorella **plumcots** and Arctic Star, Crimson Baby, Diamond Bright, Diamond Fire, Diamond Pearl, Honey Fire, Flying Saucer, Polar Ice, Red Jewel, Red Roy, Snow Flare, Sunny Gun, and Zee Fire **nectarines**. In other areas, **cherries** were still being harvested. **Boysenberries, blueberries,** and **strawberries** were also being harvested. Late Lane, Powell and Barnfield Navel **orange** varieties were still being picked. **Lemons** were also picked. Valencia harvest moved forward. **Olives** were forming fruit.

NUT CROPS

Almond, walnut, and **pistachio** nuts were developing normally. Irrigation of groves continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Growers in the Imperial Valley completed the **sweet corn** harvest and melon harvest was ongoing. Several fields of fresh market **onions** are being disked under because the market price will not cover harvest costs. All the processing **tomatoes** had been planted and were growing well. In the south Central Valley, bell **pepper** plants were being picked as well as **peas,** sweet corn, onions (red, white and yellow), **beans** (green, fava and long), **cucumbers** and summer **squash** and **broccoli**. In southern and central San Joaquin Valley, early planted fields of cucumbers and summer squash were being harvested. Sweet corn was progressing normally for a mid June harvest. **Garlic** was being dried for harvest. Farmers market oriental crops continued to be harvested. In northern San Joaquin Valley areas early planted processing and fresh market tomatoes continued to grow well. Planting continued for bell peppers, fresh market tomatoes, freezer bean, **cantaloupe, watermelon,** and **honeydew** melons. Planting of processed tomatoes was nearly complete. Current vegetables harvested were lettuce and carrots. Harvests of fresh market onion and summer squash continued with good quality reported in areas farther north into Sacramento Valley. Other crops being harvested were dehydrated onions, **carrots,** sweet corn and **artichokes.** **Radicchio** packing was complete. Tomatoes, beans, and zucchini squash acreages were reduced due to lack of deliverable water.

LIVESTOCK

Extremely poor pasture and range conditions contributed to a continuing fire hazard in many areas. Movement of cattle off of grasslands continued, and a few cattle were still being placed on irrigated pastures. Supplemental feeding of hay and other nutrients was ongoing. Sheep continued grazing on retired farmland, dryland grain fields, alfalfa and rangeland. Bees continued to pollinate melon, squash, sunflower, and cucumber fields. Hives were placed in holding areas awaiting safflower and vineseed bloom.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 06/15/08

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 06/15/08	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 06/15/08	January 1 - 06/15/08	Week Ending 06/15/08	July 1 - 06/15/08	July 1 - 06/15/08	July 1 - June 30
NORTH COAST	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Inches --			
Eureka	51	-5	59	39	18	0	0.00	35.14	38.28	37.53
Ukiah	71	3	98	45	316	217	0.00	27.83	39.35	37.96
Santa Rosa	69	4	93	47	300	131	0.00	24.30	30.92	30.30
CENTRAL COAST										
San Francisco AP	64	2	88	50	147	26	0.00	15.81	20.32	19.70
San Jose	--	--	--	--	393	268	0.00	11.33	15.13	14.42
Salinas AP	62	1	85	45	124	20	0.00	10.67	12.81	12.44
Monterey FAA	62	2	85	48	101	0	0.00	7.57	14.73	18.72
King City	68	3	100	44	298	172	0.00	9.29	12.24	11.44
Paso Robles AP	72	3	100	45	378	269	0.00	8.62	13.35	13.95
SACRAMENTO VALLEY										
Redding	78	4	100	59	739	509	0.00	25.20	35.79	33.30
Red Bluff FSS	79	3	99	60	767	586	0.00	15.05	23.68	22.29
Chico AFS	75	3	97	48	658	442	0.00	19.44	26.46	26.32
Marysville	76	2	99	48	628	604	0.00	15.68	22.38	21.04
Sacramento AP	75	4	97	52	546	408	0.00	13.71	17.95	17.52
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY										
Stockton WSO	76	3	100	54	591	503	0.00	10.11	13.93	13.95
Fresno	80	4	103	58	825	685	0.00	8.94	11.39	10.60
Bakersfield	81	3	101	62	882	780	0.00	2.53	6.55	5.72
SOUTH COAST										
Santa Maria AP	61	0	80	45	78	8	0.00	11.62	14.17	12.36
Santa Barbara	62	0	71	54	164	54	0.00	15.93	17.32	16.25
Ventura	62	0	69	52	88	0	0.00	14.32	15.33	14.38
Los Angeles	69	-1	82	57	672	592	0.00	13.52	15.27	14.77
Riverside	--	--	--	--	612	486	0.00	6.33	10.73	9.58
San Diego AP	65	-2	72	59	351	369	0.00	7.50	10.78	9.90
SOUTHEAST INTERIOR										
Bishop	69	-1	96	42	308	275	0.00	7.39	5.01	5.37
Lancaster	78	4	98	54	614	487	0.00	7.87	7.85	6.92
Daggett AP	84	1	107	62	1,153	1,072	0.00	2.58	4.20	3.93
Thermal AP	88	3	111	63	1,751	1,562	0.00	3.62	3.61	3.16
Blythe	89	2	110	67	1,715	1,703	0.00	2.15	4.08	3.60
Imperial	86	0	110	64	1,552	1,604	0.00	2.37	3.01	2.75
CASCADE - SIERRA										
Alturas	56	-1	86	31	42	0	0.00	12.22	12.18	12.01
Mt. Shasta	61	1	87	38	110	3	0.00	29.71	39.82	37.02
Blue Canyon	66	6	79	46	170	6	0.00	37.95	65.78	67.04
Yosemite	--	--	87	48	192	85	0.00	15.97	38.33	37.05

Normal is defined as average over the 30-year period 1961 through 1990. Dashes (-) in Average Week Ending and Departure from Normal columns mean less than five days reporting, while in High and Low columns mean no days reporting.

Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data are quality controlled by the National Climatic Data Center, the accumulated growing degree day and precipitation values are updated.