



# California Crop Weather

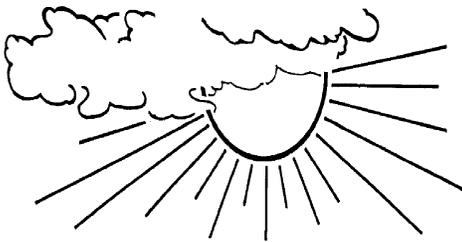
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## WEATHER



Last week was generally a quiet period overall. Temperatures for most areas trended above normal early in the week as high pressure built across the Golden State and the interior thermal trough shifted last week. This above normal temperature regime maintained itself for several days in the inland areas. Across Southern California, a weak disturbance triggered some scattered thunderstorm activity in the mountains and coastal hill later in the period. This disturbance then moved north and generated some elevated thunderstorm activity

across mainly the southern Sierra Nevada. A big change followed for the northern and central portions of California as a colder, Fall-like low pressure trough brought much cooler temperatures to the interior. This system also generated rainfall up to around a half an inch for the North Coast and northern Coastal Ranges, with spotty and much lighter amounts observed as far south to the northern San Joaquin Valley and greater Delta region.

## FIELD CROPS

**Rice** harvest of early maturing varieties was underway, while later maturing varieties continued to develop. Enough rice has been harvested for the rice millers to begin milling the new crop. **Cotton** progressed well this past week and was helped along by warm weather. Over half of cotton bolls were open and producers continued preparing fields for defoliation. Both cotton and rice crop conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. **Alfalfa** harvest continued as some producers were cutting their sixth crop and irrigating for a potential seventh as the season nears end. **Black-eye** beans were maturing nicely in the fields and starting to be cut and windrowed. **Sunflower** bracts were turning brown and harvest was underway. **Wheat** ground preparation and fall planting of wheat continued.

## FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley for Red Globe, Summer Royal, Thompson Seedless, and Flame Seedless varieties. Harvest of wine grapes continued. Raisin grape harvest continued. **Pomegranates** continued to increase in color. **Apple** harvest continued. Bartlett **pear** harvest was finished, while Bosc and Comice harvests continued. The **olive** crop continued to progress. The harvest of **prunes** and **peaches** were nearly over. **Kiwis** continued to develop well. **Figs** harvest was underway. Valencia **orange** harvest was winding down.

## NUT CROPS

Nonpareil **almond** harvest was in full swing across the state. Growers were beginning to harvest other varieties. **Walnut** orchards across the state were being prepped for harvest, with harvest starting in a few locations. **Pistachio** harvest began to pick up.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported **peppers**, **tomatoes**, **cucumbers**, **squash**, **eggplants**, and **honeydew** were picked and packed. Fresno County reported dehydrator **onions** were being harvested while fresh onion harvest was winding down, and winter **carrots** were being watered, fertilized and treated for fungus. **Cantaloupe**, honeydew, tomato, bell pepper, and **watermelon** harvest continued while **radicchio** planting continued in Merced County. In Sutter County, field work and ground preparation continued, while melons were treated for aphid and cucumber beetle. Processing tomato harvest was ongoing. In San Joaquin County, processing and fresh market tomatoes were being harvested as were bell peppers, watermelon, squash and **pumpkins**. Onion harvest was winding down.

## LIVESTOCK

Range conditions were reported to be good to poor condition. Cattle were on summer range and some were being moved to fall range. Fire danger is high in the foothills. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued to increase.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 9/25/11**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 9/25/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 9/25/11	January 1 - 9/25	July 1 - 9/25/11	Week Ending 9/25/11	July 1 - 9/25/11	July 1 - 9/25	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
<b>North Coast</b>												
Eureka_WFO	60	4	68	48	11	73	10	0.35	0.58	1.20	38.10	
Ukiah	74	7	101	52	1,433	1,360	2	0.01	0.02	0.71	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	70	4	98	50	626	986	1	0.01	0.01	0.54	31.01	
Napa_AP	72	6	97	55	926	1,068	0	0.00	0.00	0.47	26.46	
<b>Central Coast</b>												
San_Francisco_A	67	4	88	54	380	467	1	0.01	0.01	0.25	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	73	5	94	59	1,118	1,420	0	0.00	0.00	0.31	15.08	
Salinas_AP	65	1	88	54	405	516	3	0.03	0.05	0.26	12.91	
Monterey_AP	62	0	80	51	128	240	7	0.02	0.09	0.42	20.35	
King_City_Ag	71	4	100	51	944	1,153	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	75	7	102	52	1,488	1,553	1	0.00	0.01	0.37	13.08	
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>												
Redding	77	6	103	57	2,274	2,324	5	0.01	0.28	0.60	33.52	
Red_Bluff	78	5	103	59	2,295	2,503	3	0.06	0.12	0.77	24.07	
Willows_6W	77	7	98	58	1,913	1,933	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	19.03	
Oroville	76	7	95	60	1,981	2,044	1	0.01	0.01	0.59	28.75	
Marysville	76	5	99	58	1,958	2,330	1	0.03	0.03	0.45	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	76	6	100	57	1,727	1,861	1	0.01	0.01	0.37	17.93	
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>												
Stockton	76	5	99	54	1,782	2,113	0	0.00	0.00	0.35	13.84	
Modesto_AP	78	7	99	57	2,092	2,231	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	13.12	
Merced_Macready	79	8	104	57	2,220	2,222	0	0.00	0.00	0.19	12.50	
Madera_AP	78	7	100	58	1,992	2,355	0	0.00	0.00	0.21	11.94	
Fresno_AP	82	10	101	60	2,650	2,560	0	0.00	0.00	0.23	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	77	6	101	53	2,140	2,286	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	7.89	
Visalia_AP	79	8	100	57	2,286	2,327	0	0.00	0.00	0.23	11.03	
Bakersfield	81	7	100	61	2,806	2,870	0	0.00	0.00	0.18	6.49	
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>												
Alturas_AP	61	6	92	34	485	451	2	0.00	0.18	1.23	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	65	8	93	45	753	508	6	0.00	0.53	1.49	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	71	11	84	54	913	666	2	0.00	0.11	1.93	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	72	7	91	51	1,346	1,214	3	0.86	1.98	1.44	37.73	
<b>South Coast</b>												
Santa_Maria_AP	65	2	78	50	438	523	1	0.00	0.09	0.34	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	63	-4	73	57	527	1,019	1	0.00	0.01	0.50	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	65	-2	73	57	798	891	2	0.03	0.03	0.40	15.62	
Riverside_AP	75	0	102	59	2,372	2,456	2	0.00	0.38	0.44	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	66	-5	74	60	1,098	1,438	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	67	-5	72	62	1,426	1,707	2	0.00	0.13	0.28	10.77	
<b>Southeast Interior</b>												
Bishop_AP	70	5	95	46	1,536	1,703	3	0.00	0.20	0.54	5.02	
Daggett_AP	84	7	102	66	3,560	3,517	5	0.00	0.47	1.12	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	77	7	99	55	2,363	2,337	2	0.00	0.23	0.39	7.40	
Thermal	87	5	108	63	4,421	4,549	6	0.00	0.69	0.92	3.53	
Blythe_AP	89	5	108	69	5,007	4,747	4	0.00	1.73	1.43	4.02	
Imperial_CA	89	5	108	68	4,707	4,505	2	0.00	0.20	0.64	2.96	

1 Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) is in inches.

Air Temperatures are in Degrees Fahrenheit.

Normal periods 1970-2000 used in Departure From Normal calculations.  
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