



California Crop Weather

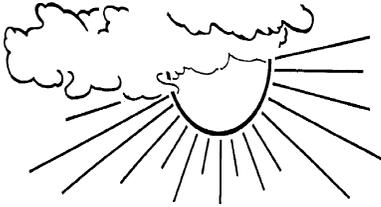
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WEATHER



The week started out with near to above normal temperatures statewide under the influence of high pressure. A long-lived low pressure trough pattern then developed for Northern and Central California as a Gulf of Alaska low pressure disturbance moved into Northern California coastal areas. This system brought sharply cooler temperatures and breezy conditions by the middle and latter part of the period with high temperatures for the Central Valley only in the 70s to lower 80s. Precipitation with this system was mainly light for interior portions of Northern California but the Northwest Coast saw rainfall totals locally exceeding an inch around Eureka and Crescent City. Meanwhile, the Southland saw dry conditions with a somewhat cooler onshore pattern developing late in the period. The desert areas and Imperial Valley experienced triple digit high temperatures throughout the period.

FIELD CROPS

Nearly two-thirds of the **wheat** crop was harvested by week's end. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, raked and baled. Cooler temperatures throughout the week temporarily slowed the pace of **cotton's** developmental progress. Over a third of the cotton crop was squared by week's end. The crop was being monitored for pests since gusty winds have aided in the movement across fields. Nearly all of the planted **rice** fields have emerged. Cotton and rice crops were rated mostly good to excellent.

FRUIT CROPS

Plum, prune, peach, apricot and **nectarine** fruit continued to progress and develop. Harvest continued for plums, **plumcots**, peaches, apricots and nectarines in the San Joaquin Valley. In the Sacramento Valley, harvest was picking up for stone fruits. **Cherry** harvest was winding down across the state. **Apple** fruits were developing. **Kiwis** were flowering. **Figs** were leafing out and setting fruit. **Jujubes** were in bloom. Table **grapes** in the Coachella Valley were being harvested. Other grapes continued to develop fruit. Vineyards were being sprayed for weeds and powdery mildew. **Pomegranate** bloom was finishing and fruits were developing. The **Olive** crop was progressing well. **Blueberries** and **strawberries** were being picked and packed. The harvest of Valencia **oranges** and **lemons** continued. The late navel orange harvest was wrapping up.

NUT CROPS

Almond nuts continued to develop as hull split was approaching. **Walnut** codling moth sprays were complete for the first generation as growers were waiting for second flight to start. **Pistachio** shells were hardening.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots**, organic vegetables and **watermelon** were being harvested. In Tulare County, early season vegetables such as **eggplant, squash** and **cucumbers** were being harvested, while other vegetable varieties were growing well. Fresno County reported **carrots, onions**, and **garlic** were being irrigated and fertilized, while dehydrator onions were being prepared for harvest. In Stanislaus County, eggplant, **cabbage, broccoli**, greenhouse **tomatoes**, garlic, onions, herbs and squash were still being harvested. Tomatoes, **peppers, cantaloupe** and **honeydew** were growing well in the heat. In San Joaquin County, onions were being harvested, as were early varieties of watermelon. Sutter County reported fresh melon crops emerging and tomato transplants growing well, while **garbanzo** and onion harvest was ongoing.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate. Non-irrigated range was reported from poor to good condition. The foothills and higher elevation range were in good to fair condition. Supplemental feeding increased as range quality declined. Cattle and sheep grazed idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Bees worked kiwi, pomegranate, seed onion and sunflower crop. Some hives were moved to vine seed fields.

Coming soon – NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

This report is available the first workday of the week after 1:00 PDT at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/index.asp

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 6/24/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 6/24/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 6/24/12	January 1 - 6/24	July 1 - 6/24/12	Week Ending 6/24/12	July 1 - 6/24/12	July 1 - 6/24	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	54	-3	63	44	0	6	118	0.74	39.60	38.05	38.10	
Ukiah	65	-4	96	42	384	287	72	0.01	24.70	38.90	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	60	-7	89	43	244	288	51	0.00	22.28	31.01	31.01	
Napa_State_Hosp	64	-4	90	48	396	309	54	0.00	21.08	26.46	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	61	-1	79	52	117	126	49	0.00	13.49	20.11	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	65	-5	94	50	388	451	45	0.00	7.12	15.08	15.08	
Salinas_AP	60	-2	70	49	107	140	51	0.01	10.36	12.91	12.91	
Monterey_AP	59	1	74	49	23	42	56	0.03	11.39	20.35	20.35	
King_City_Ag	63	-5	86	46	283	338	35	0.00	6.25	12.30	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	67	-5	97	46	464	381	31	0.00	8.43	13.08	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	73	-5	98	53	764	636	68	0.00	23.29	33.47	33.52	
Red_Bluff	73	-5	100	52	804	739	52	0.00	20.60	24.02	24.07	
Willows_6W	72	-3	98	51	691	570	58	0.05	19.89	19.03	19.03	
Oroville	71	-5	95	53	692	614	61	0.00	18.84	28.75	28.75	
Marysville	71	-6	99	52	724	780	52	0.00	15.46	22.07	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	68	-6	96	49	618	559	42	0.00	12.22	17.93	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	69	-6	98	49	627	657	45	0.00	8.13	13.84	13.84	
Modesto_AP	72	-3	98	53	756	747	41	0.00	8.75	13.12	13.12	
Merced_Macready	74	-2	98	53	816	683	38	0.00	7.48	12.50	12.50	
Madera_AP	73	-4	98	51	708	735	32	0.00	7.76	11.94	11.94	
Fresno_AP	78	2	101	56	1,024	808	28	0.00	8.15	11.23	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	74	-3	102	49	783	744	33	0.00	4.53	7.89	7.89	
Visalia_AP	75	-1	100	54	824	747	23	0.00	7.31	11.03	11.03	
Bakersfield	79	0	102	57	1,032	940	26	0.00	4.93	6.49	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	56	-5	89	31	63	39	69	0.01	7.21	12.03	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	59	-4	86	41	156	58	86	0.66	29.53	39.06	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	60	-3	77	40	220	66	77	0.11	46.90	66.30	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	70	3	93	46	420	193	42	0.00	24.13	37.63	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	61	-2	71	47	76	118	35	0.00	9.57	14.01	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	62	-4	75	49	94	306	29	0.00	10.18	16.93	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	63	-2	72	52	303	289	26	0.00	9.73	15.62	15.62	
Riverside_AP	73	-3	91	57	925	775	29	0.00	5.23	10.22	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	65	-3	71	59	393	520	29	0.00	7.52	13.15	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	66	-3	72	60	362	645	39	0.00	8.03	10.77	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	75	3	99	47	520	447	14	0.00	3.07	5.02	5.02	
Daggett_AP	87	3	106	64	1,498	1,202	18	0.00	1.21	4.12	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	79	3	103	56	895	669	25	0.00	3.46	7.40	7.40	
Thermal	89	2	114	66	1,892	1,873	15	0.00	1.38	3.51	3.53	
Blythe_AP	91	2	116	70	2,113	1,867	17	0.00	2.98	4.01	4.02	
Imperial_CA	90	3	112	70	1,891	1,756	13	0.00	0.81	2.96	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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