



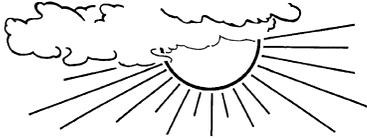
California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

The week began with a strong high pressure system building over the Four Corners region of the Southwest, a weaker high pressure system building over the Pacific Northwest, and a low pressure disturbance spinning up offshore of California. The moist, unstable remnants of Tropical Storm John and monsoonal moisture rotating clockwise around the Four Corners high surged into the State midweek and resulted in scattered thunderstorms, slightly cooler than normal temperatures, and very light rain. Moving into the latter half of the week, temperatures rebounded above their normal values due to the influence of the strengthening high pressure system building in from the Four Corners region. Over the weekend, a surge of midlevel moisture brought severe thunderstorms and flash flooding to portions of Southern California. In Northern California, the dry low pressure system spinning up earlier in the week moved inland and brought onshore winds and slightly cooler temperatures.

FIELD CROPS

Corn for silage continued to be chopped, and corn for grain was drying down. **Cotton** bolls continued to open. Cotton and **rice** crops were rated mostly good to excellent. The rice crop was progressing well, and heading was nearly complete. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, raked and baled across the State. Alfalfa yields showed the usual decline as the season progressed. Some **hay** fields were treated for various insects, although it was reported insect pressure was light. Growers were preparing ground for fall planting.

FRUIT CROPS

Weed and pest control was taking place in many stone fruit and nut orchards. **Peach, nectarine** and fresh **plum** harvests were ongoing. Cling peach harvest was nearly complete. **Prune** harvest was over in the San Joaquin Valley; yields were reported to be excellent. Prune harvest was underway in the Sacramento Valley. Fresh **grape** harvest continued, with Red Flame, Thompson Seedless, Summer Royal and Red Globe varieties being harvested. Raisin grapes continued to dry on paper; a few were even being picked up. White wine grape harvest was in full swing across the State and red wine grape harvest was picking up. **Pomegranate** harvest was expected to begin soon. Gala, Fuji and Granny Smith **apple** and Bartlett, Bosc, and Asian **pear** harvests continued. **Fig** harvest was ongoing. **Kiwi** and **olive** fruit continued to grow well; kiwi harvest is expected to begin in a few weeks. The Valencia **orange** harvest continued. **Tangelos, grapefruit** and **lemons** continued to be harvested and packed.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was in full swing. **Walnuts, pistachios** and **pecans** were developing well. Walnut orchard floors were being mowed in preparation for harvest. Pistachio growers were preparing for harvest.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported summer vegetables including **tomatoes, peppers, squash, eggplant** and **cucumbers** continuing to be harvested. In Fresno County, **garlic, carrots, onions, cantaloupe** as well as processed and fresh market tomatoes continued to be harvested. Madera County reported processing tomatoes were continuing to be harvested. In Merced County, tomatoes were being harvested; crop production is higher than expected. Stanislaus County reported tomatoes, **honeydew**, cantaloupe, **beans**, squash and **pumpkins** were being harvested. Fall **broccoli** was growing well, while the mid-week scattered showers did not cause any problems for the cantaloupe or honeydew harvest. In San Joaquin County, melons, bell peppers, squash, eggplant, **gourds**, pumpkins and tomatoes were being harvested, while onion harvest was winding down.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture quality continued to be reported as fair to poor with some very poor range. Irrigated pasture was reported to be in good condition. Watering holes and standing surface water sources continued to dry up in the San Joaquin Valley. Cattle and sheep grazed idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Supplemental feeding of hay and nutrients continued. Bees worked alfalfa, melon, squash and sunflower fields.

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should 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 9/9/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 9/9/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal Season	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 9/9/12	January 1 - 9/9/12	July 1 - 9/9/12	Week Ending 9/9/12	July 1 - 9/9/12	July 1 - 9/9/12	July 1 - 6/30/2013
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days ¹ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka_WFO	53	-6	64	45	3	62	13	0.01	0.81	0.74	38.10
Ukiah	70	-1	98	43	1,401	1,231	0	0.00	0.00	0.34	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	64	-4	89	43	693	879	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	31.01
Napa_State_Hosp	66	-2	90	48	1,035	956	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	61	-5	74	51	298	399	0	0.00	0.00	0.09	20.11
San_Jose_AP	66	-4	87	54	1,043	1,279	1	0.01	0.01	0.16	15.08
Salinas_AP	63	-2	74	53	350	441	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	12.91
Monterey_AP	59	-4	67	47	80	188	3	0.00	0.05	0.26	20.35
King_City_Ag	67	-2	91	48	880	1,031	1	0.01	0.01	0.10	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	76	5	99	50	1,565	1,409	1	0.00	0.01	0.17	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	77	3	98	56	2,285	2,130	0	0.00	0.00	0.36	33.52
Red_Bluff	78	2	99	56	2,352	2,286	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	24.07
Willows_6W	75	3	95	55	1,991	1,758	1	0.00	0.04	0.24	19.03
Oroville	77	5	95	59	2,086	1,885	0	0.00	0.00	0.32	28.75
Marysville	76	2	97	55	2,035	2,138	0	0.00	0.00	0.24	22.07
Sacramento_AP	74	2	95	55	1,755	1,691	1	0.00	0.03	0.20	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	74	0	96	53	1,826	1,926	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	13.84
Modesto_AP	77	3	97	56	2,137	2,039	0	0.00	0.00	0.18	13.12
Merced_Macready	79	5	100	54	2,331	2,030	2	0.02	0.04	0.05	12.50
Madera_AP	79	4	98	56	2,130	2,162	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	11.94
Fresno_AP	83	8	101	64	2,874	2,348	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	78	4	95	59	2,282	2,095	1	0.00	0.03	0.12	7.89
Visalia_AP	79	5	99	57	2,344	2,137	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	11.03
Bakersfield	82	4	99	65	2,876	2,627	1	0.00	0.02	0.08	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	64	5	93	34	578	438	1	0.00	0.06	0.86	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	66	5	88	42	838	475	2	0.00	0.07	1.02	39.16
Blue_Canyon	70	7	80	60	1,054	614	3	0.01	0.49	1.13	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	75	6	96	51	1,687	1,114	1	0.00	0.05	0.91	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	64	0	75	53	351	449	1	0.00	0.03	0.18	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	68	-2	81	59	532	905	4	0.08	0.10	0.24	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	70	3	81	57	873	791	2	0.01	0.06	0.19	15.62
Riverside_AP	83	6	102	63	2,515	2,219	0	0.00	0.00	0.29	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	73	3	83	64	1,155	1,288	0	0.00	0.00	0.25	13.15
San_Diego_AP	76	4	84	66	1,265	1,534	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	74	5	97	45	1,725	1,598	6	0.00	0.25	0.38	5.02
Daggett_AP	88	7	105	69	3,733	3,236	7	0.00	0.45	0.96	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	82	8	103	53	2,644	2,158	2	0.02	0.04	0.24	7.40
Thermal	91	5	108	72	4,362	4,190	6	0.00	0.59	0.74	3.53
Blythe_AP	93	5	104	81	4,721	4,366	10	0.00	2.38	1.18	4.02
Imperial_CA	93	6	107	80	4,468	4,125	3	0.00	1.01	0.48	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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