



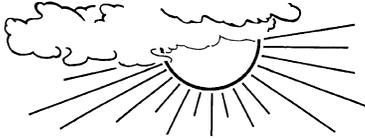
# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

At the beginning of the week, high pressure brought warm and dry weather to most of California, except for the far northern coast, where some light rain was reported. This pattern continued until midweek. At that time, low pressure from the Gulf of Alaska pushed a cold front across the State. This system was strong enough to bring widespread precipitation to Northern California late Halloween evening and Thursday morning. The precipitation did not extend into Southern California, but temperatures did cool off in the South. By the end of the week, high pressure was again building with warmer and drier conditions returning. In the south, a strong offshore flow brought very dry conditions and raised fire weather concerns by Sunday.

## FIELD CROPS

**Cotton** harvest progressed rapidly over this past week. Over two-thirds of cotton was harvested by week's end, nearly double the previous week's total progress. Cotton crop was rated mostly good to excellent. The **rice** harvest continued in full-swing. About three-quarters of the crop had been harvested and harvested fields were being cleared. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, raked and baled across the State. Recent rainfall increased soil moisture for producers to plant their winter small grain crops. **Sudan** grass harvest continued.

## FRUIT CROPS

**Olives** continued to mature; harvest was still at least a week away in the Sacramento Valley. Olives continued to be harvested in San Joaquin County. **Persimmon** harvest continued. **Pomegranate** harvest continued; many fruits were split. **Fig** harvest was slowing. **Kiwi** harvest continued. **Apples** and **pears** continued to be picked and packed. Asian pears and **quince** continued to be exported. Late variety table **grapes** continued to be harvested and exported, including Autumn King, Autumn Royal and Red Globe varieties. Wine grape harvest was complete in Napa County. Navel **orange** harvest picked up in Kern and Tulare counties; oranges were being received at packing houses. **Lemons** were expected to start arriving at packing houses next week. **Tangerine** harvest continued, with good internal maturity and color.

## NUT CROPS

Late variety **walnuts** and **pistachios** continued to be harvested in the Sacramento Valley. **Almond** harvest was complete; post-harvest activities were ongoing. **Pecans** continued to be shipped.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Tulare County the harvest of **squash** and **eggplant** was winding down. **Pumpkins** were still available, while **cabbage**, **cauliflower** and **broccoli** were being planted. In Fresno County, processing **tomato** beds were being prepared. Stanislaus County reported broccoli was being harvested. In San Joaquin County, harvest was winding down for **peppers**, pumpkins and **gourds**. Sutter County reported winter vegetables being planted and field cultivation continuing. In Siskiyou County, **onion** harvest was ending.

## LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture began to recover in areas that received precipitation last month. Range conditions were reported as mostly fair to poor for the northern parts of the State, while very poor conditions persisted in the south. Cattle and sheep continued to graze idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Supplemental feeding of hay and nutrients to cattle, to compensate for nutritionally poor forage, continued. Mild temperatures stimulated milk production. Some bee hives were moved into the State in preparation for the almond bloom.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/04/12**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 11/04/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 11/04/12	January 1 - 11/04/12	July 1 - 11/04/12	Week Ending 11/04/12	July 1 - 11/04/12	July 1 - 11/04/12	July 1 - 6/30/2013
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka_WFO	59	7	68	48	11	73	26	0.16	2.40	4.51	38.10
Ukiah	62	8	80	45	1,786	1,479	6	0.11	1.67	3.63	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	61	4	82	42	923	1,141	6	0.95	2.28	3.06	31.01
Napa_State_Hosp	62	5	81	45	1,322	1,222	5	0.61	2.12	2.50	26.46
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San_Francisco_A	61	4	76	50	462	565	7	0.35	1.00	1.67	20.11
San_Jose_AP	61	3	79	48	1,274	1,607	8	0.16	0.50	1.48	15.08
Salinas_AP	64	6	87	49	576	624	4	0.02	0.20	1.12	12.91
Monterey_AP	58	1	81	46	164	323	9	0.13	0.74	1.86	20.35
King_City_Ag	62	5	87	42	1,182	1,309	6	0.02	0.31	1.00	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	60	4	86	39	1,994	1,692	4	0.00	0.14	1.09	13.08
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	61	6	84	46	2,840	2,524	6	0.63	2.42	3.51	33.52
Red_Bluff	62	5	85	47	2,940	2,759	5	0.33	0.91	2.65	24.07
Willows_6W	62	6	81	46	2,484	2,157	7	0.51	1.12	1.79	19.03
Oroville	61	5	78	46	2,596	2,239	4	0.72	1.73	2.78	28.75
Marysville	62	4	80	48	2,525	2,587	5	0.79	2.22	2.15	22.07
Sacramento_AP	62	4	79	48	2,212	2,094	5	0.32	1.34	1.64	17.93
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	62	4	80	44	2,285	2,346	5	0.03	0.28	1.50	13.84
Modesto_AP	63	4	82	47	2,675	2,483	5	0.11	0.23	1.35	13.12
Merced_Macready	63	5	83	43	2,910	2,458	5	0.00	0.27	1.17	12.50
Madera_AP	61	4	82	44	2,668	2,579	2	0.00	0.11	1.19	11.94
Fresno_AP	66	8	85	51	3,637	2,809	2	0.00	0.25	1.07	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	62	4	84	43	2,853	2,522	4	0.00	0.16	0.88	7.89
Visalia_AP	61	3	84	45	2,904	2,569	1	0.00	0.05	1.09	11.03
Bakersfield	64	4	85	48	3,605	3,188	3	0.00	0.04	0.62	6.49
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas_AP	47	6	69	18	613	451	6	0.02	0.35	2.26	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	51	7	69	34	973	510	7	0.42	1.20	4.59	39.16
Blue_Canyon	54	8	72	42	1,364	692	9	1.03	4.99	7.33	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	56	7	76	39	2,073	1,278	4	0.00	1.47	4.55	37.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa_Maria_AP	62	4	91	43	598	629	3	0.00	0.24	0.99	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	59	-1	86	45	809	1,189	6	0.00	0.14	1.23	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	62	0	91	46	1,290	1,068	2	0.00	0.06	0.96	15.62
Riverside_AP	66	4	93	49	3,332	2,813	2	0.00	0.25	0.85	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	64	0	87	55	1,727	1,724	3	0.00	0.15	0.93	13.15
San_Diego_AP	65	2	87	54	1,894	2,023	4	0.00	0.70	0.91	10.77
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop_AP	53	4	77	30	1,963	1,770	6	0.00	0.25	0.82	5.02
Daggett_AP	66	6	86	47	4,591	3,877	7	0.00	0.45	1.33	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	60	6	86	35	3,219	2,510	2	0.00	0.04	0.79	7.40
Thermal	70	5	95	47	5,498	5,108	7	0.00	2.01	1.11	3.53
Blythe_AP	71	5	91	50	5,846	5,324	13	0.00	2.72	1.71	4.02
Imperial_CA	72	5	92	51	5,639	5,122	4	0.00	1.03	1.14	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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