



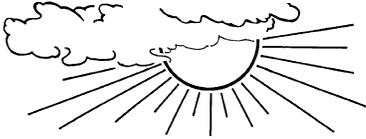
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WEATHER

High pressure over the West coast brought a quiet weather pattern to California at the start of the week. This situation changed dramatically by the week's end as a series of relatively warm and wet storms hit the Golden State. The first storm brought widespread showers on Wednesday with the heaviest precipitation in the north. On Friday, the second storm system spread significant precipitation across the entire State. Late Saturday and Sunday, the final storm in the series brought heavy rain to Northern California and lighter precipitation to the South. The heavy rains in the north caused widespread nuisance-flooding and flows into the bypass system of the Sacramento River. Temperatures were relatively warm, and snow levels were quite high, bringing snowfall only to relatively high elevations.

FIELD CROPS

Cotton producers plowed down their fields for pink bollworm control. Nearly the entire winter **small grain** crop has been planted and about two-thirds of the crop has emerged. Recent rainfall delayed producers from completing their plantings. However, the moisture benefited the developmental progress of small grains.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchards were being pruned. Late variety table **grapes** continued to be harvested, including Autumn King, Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless and Red Globe varieties. Wine grape harvest was complete. Vines continued to lose leaves and go dormant; pruning has still not begun. Cover crops were planted between rows in Napa County. **Persimmon** harvest continued. **Pomegranate** and **kiwi** harvests continued. **Apples** and **pears** continued to be picked and packed. Navel **oranges** continued to be harvested; cooler weather was improving external maturity. **Lemon, limes** and **tangerine** harvests continued. Hybrid **grapefruit** was picked and packed. **Mandarins** continued to be harvested.

NUT CROPS

A few orchards of late variety **walnuts** were harvested in the Sacramento Valley. Trees were being pruned in harvested **almond, pistachio** and walnut orchards.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Kern County, **carrots** were being planted. Tulare County reported the planting of winter vegetables such as **cabbage, cauliflower** and **broccoli**. In Fresno County, ground prep continued for processing **tomatoes** and other crops, **onions** were being planted, and good conditions were reported for all newly planted vegetables. Stanislaus County reported broccoli was being harvested. In San Joaquin County, fields were being prepared for plantings. Sutter County reported winter vegetables and onion seed crops continued to be planted while field cultivation continued.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture continued to improve in many areas. Range conditions were reported to be primarily fair in the northern half of the State, while fair to poor in the south. Cattle and sheep continued to graze idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Bee hives continue to be moved into the State in preparation for the almond bloom.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 12/02/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 12/02/12	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 12/02/12	January 1 - 12/02/12	July 1 - 12/02/12	Week Ending 12/02/12	July 1 - 12/02/12	July 1 - 12/02/12	July 1 - 6/30/2013
					-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --
North Coast											
Eureka_WFO	56	+7	62	49	33	73	40	5.73	9.74	10.16	38.10
Ukiah	55	+8	66	40	1,797	1,479	21	7.99	13.02	8.89	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	57	+7	64	39	929	1,143	18	6.44	11.89	7.21	31.01
Napa_State_Hosp	57	+8	66	39	1,336	1,222	19	4.84	9.23	6.10	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	59	+8	64	47	486	567	19	4.09	6.47	4.09	20.11
San_Jose_AP	59	+7	68	41	1,301	1,613	18	2.45	3.90	3.14	15.08
Salinas_AP	59	+7	68	44	648	629	15	3.17	4.02	2.58	12.91
Monterey_AP	58	+6	67	41	190	327	21	3.32	5.23	4.20	20.35
King_City_Ag	58	+8	72	37	1,208	1,312	14	1.16	1.98	2.23	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	56	+8	69	33	2,009	1,692	11	0.90	1.18	2.19	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	54	+7	66	37	2,854	2,524	18	3.65	10.60	7.37	33.52
Red_Bluff	55	+8	64	38	2,955	2,759	16	4.26	7.73	5.49	24.07
Willows_6W	55	+8	65	39	2,496	2,157	19	5.55	9.15	4.13	19.03
Oroville_AP	55	+8	63	40	2,605	2,239	13	4.10	8.01	6.40	28.75
Marysville	55	+7	65	37	2,537	2,589	14	5.92	9.88	4.87	22.07
Sacramento_AP	56	+9	68	38	2,228	2,096	14	3.72	6.48	3.77	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	56	+8	67	37	2,299	2,347	15	2.99	4.22	3.20	13.84
Modesto_AP	56	+8	66	38	2,693	2,487	16	2.46	3.09	2.76	13.12
Merced_Macready	57	+9	67	40	2,928	2,459	13	1.56	2.74	2.53	12.50
Madera_AP	57	+10	68	37	2,685	2,579	9	1.59	2.48	2.35	11.94
Fresno_AP	58	+11	69	42	3,678	2,809	9	1.15	1.78	2.14	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	57	+10	68	30	2,871	2,522	11	0.32	0.60	1.46	7.89
Visalia_AP	57	+9	68	36	2,923	2,570	9	0.57	0.86	2.21	11.03
Bakersfield	61	+12	74	41	3,657	3,196	8	0.07	0.17	1.18	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	42	+10	60	19	613	451	18	1.23	2.41	3.64	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	45	+9	57	30	973	510	17	8.37 13.4	12.31	9.47	39.16
Blue_Canyon	43	+4	56	37	1,374	692	24	1	25.70	15.93	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	45	+7	64	32	2,084	1,278	12	5.76	8.22	9.01	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	61	+8	68	47	642	633	10	0.56	1.29	2.23	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	60	+6	68	47	838	1,210	13	1.66	2.57	2.58	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	61	+4	66	48	1,339	1,121	11	0.94	1.57	2.36	15.62
Riverside_AP	61	+5	76	46	3,421	2,867	7	0.16	0.53	1.58	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	62	+4	68	53	1,813	1,806	11	0.36	0.83	2.07	13.15
San_Diego_AP	63	+4	69	52	1,970	2,107	9	0.10	0.99	1.95	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	45	+5	66	21	1,963	1,770	9	0.06	0.31	1.27	5.02
Daggett_AP	59	+10	76	41	4,647	3,890	7	0.00	0.45	1.54	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	55	+11	73	30	3,227	2,510	3	0.01	0.05	1.30	7.40
Thermal	63	+8	81	41	5,604	5,183	7	0.00	2.01	1.35	3.53
Blythe_AP	64	+9	81	46	5,971	5,399	13	0.00	2.72	1.93	4.02
Imperial_CA	66	+9	82	48	5,810	5,226	4	0.00	1.03	1.29	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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