



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER



A moderate high pressure system dominated the weather pattern during a beautiful fall week in California. A weak storm front brushed Northern California on Thursday and brought scattered showers to some locations of the northern mountains. There was not much precipitation in the Central Valley south of Sacramento, however. A few scattered afternoon mountain thunderstorms followed the weak front. Most of the week was filled with sunny skies and near to slightly above normal temperatures across the State.

FIELD CROPS

Rice field harvest continued with over three-fourths of the crop finished. Reports noted **cotton** harvest was the main activity of the week. Half of the cotton crop was harvested by week's end. **Alfalfa** growers continued to cut, windrow, rake and bale with good drying conditions across the State. Winter **wheat** field planting continued and some early planted wheat had emerged.

FRUIT CROPS

Late wine **grape** harvest continued. Some raisin grapes were still drying on the ground. Table grape harvest continued. **Fig** harvest was over. Asian **pear** harvest was ongoing. **Apples** continued to be harvested, including the Fuji and Pink Lady varieties. **Kiwi** harvest began. **Peach, nectarine, and plum** harvests were complete. Early **persimmons** were harvested. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. Citrus growers were preparing for the Navel **orange** harvest.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was nearly complete. Finished orchards were irrigated, fertilized and pruned. **Pistachio** and **walnut** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported fall vegetables such as **pumpkins, pomegranates, and persimmons** were sold at farmers markets. In Fresno County, **carrots** were irrigated and treated with fungicides. Dehydrator **onion** fields were prepared for planting. San Joaquin County reported harvest of bell **peppers** and pumpkins. **Tomato** harvest was winding down and fields were prepared for fall plantings. Winter vegetables such as **broccoli** and **lettuce** were planted in San Mateo County. Yuba County reported **cantaloupe** harvest was winding down. In Siskiyou County, dehydrator onion harvest was ending.

LIVESTOCK

Range and non-irrigated pasture continued to be in fair to very poor condition. Cattle were moved from higher range in preparation for winter. Sheep and cattle grazed on idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Livestock supplemental feeding of hay and grain was ongoing.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/20/13

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 10/20/13	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 10/20/13	January 1 - 10/20/13	July 1 - 10/20/13	Week Ending 10/20/13	July 1 - 10/20/13	July 1 - 10/20/13	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	50	-6	69	40	120	73	15	0.00	2.90	2.54	38.10
Ukiah	62	+1	88	36	1,729	1,467	4	0.00	0.59	1.80	38.90
Santa Rosa AG	62	-2	82	42	1,572	1,107	1	0.00	0.48	1.52	31.01
Napa State Hosp	63	0	84	42	1,470	1,190	1	0.00	0.67	1.22	26.46
Central Coast											
San Francisco A	63	+3	81	49	713	543	1	0.00	0.23	0.79	20.11
San Jose AP	64	0	82	47	1,382	1,568	1	0.00	0.66	0.81	15.08
Salinas AP	63	+2	85	44	686	599	2	0.00	0.08	0.60	12.91
Monterey AP	59	-2	77	43	389	302	5	0.00	0.07	0.99	20.35
King City Ag	64	+1	91	40	1,364	1,277	0	0.00	0.00	0.59	12.30
Paso Robles AP	63	+1	91	38	2,043	1,673	1	0.00	0.02	0.70	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	65	+2	91	39	2,911	2,497	5	0.00	1.40	1.89	33.52
Red Bluff	66	+2	91	42	3,017	2,713	4	0.00	0.52	1.62	24.07
Willow s 6W	63	-2	84	42	2,463	2,115	3	0.00	0.71	0.95	19.03
Oroville AP	63	0	84	43	2,500	2,203	2	0.00	0.79	1.46	28.75
Marysville	64	-2	85	41	2,524	2,533	2	0.00	0.75	1.15	22.07
Sacramento AP	64	-1	85	44	2,260	2,044	4	0.00	0.59	0.90	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	64	-2	84	43	2,312	2,301	2	0.00	0.28	0.86	13.84
Modesto AP	64	-2	83	44	2,689	2,431	2	0.00	0.13	0.77	13.12
Merced Macready	63	-2	84	43	2,744	2,414	1	0.00	0.10	0.61	12.50
Madera AP	64	-1	84	43	2,618	2,539	3	0.00	0.28	0.67	11.94
Fresno AP	68	+4	86	51	3,661	2,764	1	0.00	0.01	0.64	11.23
Lemoore NAS	66	+2	89	44	3,152	2,478	1	0.00	0.01	0.56	7.89
Visalia AP	63	-3	84	45	2,893	2,521	1	0.00	0.01	0.63	11.03
Bakersfield AP	67	0	86	50	3,562	3,123	0	0.00	0.00	0.42	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas AP	43	-5	75	16	653	451	12	0.00	0.81	1.73	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	51	+1	76	28	978	510	11	0.00	1.87	2.77	39.16
Blue Canyon	57	+4	71	43	1,132	692	3	0.00	0.11	4.12	66.36
Yosemite Valley	57	0	78	37	1,875	1,278	3	0.00	0.98	2.81	37.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria AP	64	+3	89	44	836	603	2	0.00	0.02	0.60	14.01
Santa Barbara A	62	-2	85	45	1,005	1,147	2	0.00	0.10	0.83	16.93
Oxnard NWS	66	+3	86	48	1,242	1,015	1	0.00	0.01	0.63	15.62
Riverside AP	70	+2	91	51	3,029	2,724	4	0.00	0.42	0.63	10.22
Los Angeles AP	68	+2	86	56	1,678	1,638	3	0.00	0.05	0.62	13.15
San Diego AP	67	-1	84	55	1,729	1,930	4	0.00	0.12	0.54	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop AP	53	-5	82	25	2,083	1,770	6	0.00	0.76	0.67	5.02
Daggett AP	65	-4	86	48	4,400	3,802	8	0.00	0.96	1.34	4.17
Lancaster ATC	57	-6	85	32	3,119	2,489	2	0.00	0.04	0.63	7.40
Thermal	69	-5	93	45	5,198	4,967	6	0.00	1.54	1.09	3.53
Blythe AP	71	-4	89	50	5,570	5,181	14	0.00	1.79	1.68	4.02
Imperial CA	71	-5	93	51	5,374	4,959	10	0.00	1.16	0.98	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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