



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

A Pacific system moved across the Northwest third of the State Tuesday and Wednesday. Rain totals of one half to one inch fell across the northern and northwest coast of the State. Rain over the interior North Central and the West Central Coast were mostly under one quarter of an inch. One inch or more fell in the Northern Sierra Nevada Range. The rest of the State remained dry and mostly sunny. Mt. Hebron in the north reached a low in the upper 20s early in the week and by the end of the week multiple locations dropped below freezing in the northeast. Highs along the coast stayed in the 70s for most of the week, while inland areas reached the 90s along the Central Valley and south. The northern part of the State saw highs in the 50s and 60s much of the week.

FIELD CROPS

Cotton is being harvested. Cotton conditions were rated 85 percent good or excellent. **Alfalfa** and **corn** fields continued to be harvested for silage. Some silage sorghum remained to be harvested. Field preparations for winter grains were underway. Pasture and rangeland was 70 percent poor to very poor. **Rice** harvest was 85 percent complete.

FRUIT CROPS

Pruning of stonefruit orchards continued, with older orchards being pushed out to make way for new plantings this winter and spring. **Pomegranates** were harvested and packed for export and the domestic market. **Olive** harvest continued. Most **grapes** have been harvested except late table grape varieties and some wine grapes. A small number of **plums** were packed for export. **Kiwis** were packed for export. **Persimmons** were coloring nicely. Harvested mandarin **oranges** arrived at packing houses where they were treated to improve color. Valencia oranges were packed and exported. The navel orange harvest began, with initial maturity tests reported well above the minimum required. Oro Blanco **grapefruit** harvest started and fruit was packed and exported. **Lemons** were packed and exported.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was nearly complete. Clean-up in almond orchards continued. The **pistachio** and **walnut** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Harvest slowed down for late summer crops such as **lettuce** and **brassicas**. Harvest began for early fall crops such as **peppers**, **squash**, **eggplant**, **pumpkins**, and **gourds**. Many growers continued with their fall ground preparation by irrigating, cultivating and fertilizing.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was reported as mostly poor to very poor condition. Cattle and sheep continued to be moved down from higher elevation range. Cattle and sheep grazed idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Supplemental feeding of hay and nutrients to cattle continued.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/19/14

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 10/19/14	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 10/19/14	January 1 - 10/19/14	July 1 - 10/19/14	Week Ending 10/19/14	July 1 - 10/19/14	July 1 - 10/19/14	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1--	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	61	+7	74	45	114	73	9	0.84	3.65	2.46	38.10
Ukiah	63	+2	94	46	2,135	1,465	6	0.23	0.91	1.73	38.90
Santa Rosa AP	64	+2	90	46	1,309	1,104	5	0.11	0.94	1.45	31.01
Napa State Hosp	65	+3	95	48	1,681	1,187	7	0.10	0.64	1.17	26.46
Central Coast											
San Francisco A	69	+9	88	57	1,275	541	2	0.00	0.42	0.75	20.11
San Jose AP	66	+2	87	51	1,593	1,564	1	0.00	0.36	0.78	15.08
Salinas AP	66	+5	82	49	936	597	3	0.00	0.11	0.58	12.91
Monterey AP	64	+4	77	51	673	300	6	0.02	0.41	0.95	20.35
King City Ag	66	+3	98	46	1,658	1,274	0	0.00	0.00	0.57	12.30
Paso Robles AP	65	+3	94	46	2,251	1,671	0	0.00	0.00	0.68	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	65	+3	85	48	3,140	2,493	8	0.10	3.52	1.81	33.52
Red Bluff	67	+2	86	53	3,255	2,708	7	0.01	3.34	1.57	24.07
Willow s 6W	66	+3	91	45	2,868	2,110	3	0.00	1.45	0.92	19.03
Oroville AP	67	+5	90	52	3,033	2,199	4	0.20	1.11	1.40	28.75
Marysville	66	+1	90	49	2,724	2,528	3	0.10	0.53	1.11	22.07
Sacramento AP	66	+2	89	51	2,532	2,039	4	0.17	0.64	0.87	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	67	+3	92	50	2,612	2,296	1	0.00	0.59	0.83	13.84
Modesto AP	68	+3	90	51	2,864	2,426	1	0.00	0.30	0.74	13.12
Merced Macready	69	+5	94	50	3,113	2,409	0	0.00	0.00	0.58	12.50
Madera AP	68	+5	94	49	3,018	2,535	1	0.00	0.03	0.64	11.94
Fresno AP	72	+7	94	56	3,981	2,759	1	0.00	0.01	0.62	11.23
Lemoore NAS	68	+4	96	48	3,329	2,473	0	0.00	0.00	0.54	7.89
Visalia AP	68	+4	93	50	3,115	2,516	1	0.00	0.02	0.61	11.03
Bakersfield AP	71	+4	96	55	4,023	3,117	1	0.00	0.01	0.41	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas AP	52	+5	83	27	840	451	13	0.15	1.38	1.71	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	56	+6	76	37	1,146	510	10	1.34	4.35	2.69	39.16
Blue Canyon	55	+1	75	43	1,297	692	8	1.01	2.94	3.98	66.36
Yosemite Valley	59	+3	87	39	2,192	1,278	7	0.00	0.47	2.73	37.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria AP	68	+7	83	52	1,427	601	0	0.00	0.00	0.58	14.01
Santa Barbara A	67	+4	76	53	1,395	1,143	2	0.00	0.02	0.81	16.93
Oxnard NWS	66	+3	76	54	1,616	1,011	2	0.00	0.04	0.62	15.62
Riverside AP	70	+2	89	56	3,412	2,716	6	0.00	0.40	0.62	10.22
Los Angeles AP	68	+1	74	60	2,201	1,632	3	0.00	0.19	0.61	13.15
San Diego AP	71	+4	77	63	2,602	1,923	3	0.00	0.08	0.52	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop AP	62	+6	84	36	2,205	1,770	2	0.00	0.16	0.66	5.02
Daggett AP	71	+4	92	51	4,494	3,795	2	0.00	0.03	1.34	4.17
Lancaster ATC	64	+3	86	42	2,980	2,486	1	0.00	0.03	0.62	7.40
Thermal	78	+6	96	50	5,433	4,955	5	0.00	0.45	1.09	3.53
Blythe AP	78	+5	94	57	5,791	5,169	10	0.00	0.67	1.67	4.02
Imperial CA	78	+4	95	58	5,643	4,946	5	0.00	1.60	0.97	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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