



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

Hot and dry weather continued across the State through the middle of the week. A cooler weather pattern prevailed during the second half of the week. Precipitation was limited to the extreme North and Northeast parts of the State, with most rain totals under a quarter of an inch. Temperatures averaged 1-3 degrees above normal near the Central Coast and were mostly 1-3 degrees below normal in inland areas. Extreme maximum temperatures for the week ranged from 105-110 in the deserts, mid-90s in the Central Valley, and mostly upper 70s to mid-80s near the Central Coast, except for lower 70s in the Northwest Coast. Extreme minimum temperatures for the week ranged from mostly mid-40s to mid-50s in the Central Valley, mid-60s to mid-70s in the deserts and upper 20s to 30s in the extreme North and mountains.

FIELD CROPS

Corn continued to be cut for silage. **Sorghum** silage made good progress with harvest underway. Grain sorghum and milo progressed well. **Alfalfa** fields were irrigated, cut, and baled. **Rice** conditions were 70 percent good-to-excellent. Virtually all fields were headed and growers prepared to begin harvest. **Cotton** continued showing good growth with more than one-third of the crop estimated bolls opening by weeks end. Black-eye **beans** were in various stages of development with harvest beginning in some areas.

FRUIT CROPS

Peach, plum, and nectarine harvests were slowing. **Prune** harvest continued and post-harvest orchard cleanup began. Gala **apple** harvest was almost finished and Granny Smith and Fuji apple harvests continued. Wine and table **grapes** were harvested; raisin grapes were drying on the vine and on the ground. Asian and European **pears** were harvested. **Olives** continued to mature. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. Valencia **oranges** were still being harvested. Navel oranges continued to mature. **Lemon** harvest gained momentum. **Avocado** harvest nearly completed.

NUT CROPS

Pistachio, pecan, and almond harvests continued. **Walnuts** were irrigated and sprayed for weeds and orchard floors were prepared for harvest.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In San Joaquin County, harvest continued for **cantaloupe, watermelon, other melons, tomatoes, herbs, sweet corn**, and other market vegetables. In Monterey County, warm weather continued with evenings warmer than normal. **Brassicas, lettuce**, and other leafy greens were all in production and harvest. In Fresno County, the harvest of organic processing tomatoes continued. There were some mold problems reported due to delayed harvest. Lettuce seed and dehydrator **onion** harvest were winding down. In Tulare County, harvest of **squash, Bell and chili peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, sweet corn and cucumbers** were winding down. **Honeydew melons** were harvested and packed.

LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland water and forage were in poor condition in low to middle elevations for most of the State. Late season rain showers mitigated this in some northern areas of the state. This allowed some mountain pastures in the northern Sierra's to be fully stocked. Water for livestock was hauled to some dry locations in the foothills around the San Joaquin Valley. Sheep continued to graze stubble and idle fields. Supplemental feeding was ongoing and required due to the lack of quality forage. Bees were pulled from sunflower and squash fields as late pollination drew to a close.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 9/06/2015

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS This Season	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 9/06/2015	Departure from Normal 2/	High	Low	This Year January 1 - 9/06/2015	Normal Year 2/ January 1 - 9/06/2015		This Week This Season	This Season July 1 - 9/06/2015	Normal Season 2/ July 1 - 9/06/2015	Normal Year 2/ July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /3 -	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	60	3	71	47	130	58	7	0	0.54	0.66	38.10
Ukiah	68	-4	94	44	1608	1191	3	0	0.14	0.27	38.90
Santa Rosa AP	67	-1	91	44	968	847	3	0	0.08	0.23	31.01
Napa State Hosp	68	0	90	48	1216	924	1	0	0.01	0.22	26.46
Central Coast											
San Francisco A	67	3	85	53	714	379	0	0	0	0.1	20.11
San Jose AP	68	-3	86	52	1160	1239	1	0	0.02	0.13	15.08
Salinas AP	65	2	86	50	793	421	2	0	0.07	0.1	12.91
Monterey AP	64	3	78	54	559	176	4	0	0.12	0.23	20.35
King City Ag	66	-3	90	45	1237	995	2	0	0.03	0.07	12.3
Paso Robles AP	68	-5	94	45	1618	1364	2	0	2.09	0.13	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	77	1	97	58	2916	2070	1	0	0.04	0.33	33.52
Red Bluff	75	-4	95	58	2648	2219	1	0	0.03	0.33	24.07
Willow s 6W	72	-2	93	52	2183	1706	1	0	0.05	0.21	19.03
Oroville AP	73	-1	93	54	2390	1835	2	0	0.1	0.29	28.75
Marysville	72	-5	93	49	2140	2080	0	0	0	0.21	22.07
Sacramento AP	72	-2	93	50	1989	1639	0	0	0	0.17	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	72	-3	94	49	2045	1870	2	0	0.02	0.16	13.84
Modesto AP	74	-2	95	53	2414	1982	0	0	0	0.14	13.12
Merced Macready	72	-4	94	49	2138	1971	0	0	0	0.05	12.5
Madera AP	74	-3	97	51	2387	2102	2	0	0.12	0.03	11.94
Fresno AP	76	-2	96	56	2790	2283	2	0	0.43	0.04	11.23
Lemoore NAS	73	-3	98	50	2518	2037	2	0	0.12	0.08	7.89
Visalia AP	74	-2	96	53	2534	2079	3	0	0.2	0.04	11.03
Bakersfield AP	77	-3	96	61	3046	2553	1	0	0.04	0.08	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas AP	56	-6	86	28	738	430	14	0.19	1.63	0.79	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	60	-3	86	38	959	463	8	0.04	1.56	0.94	39.16
Blue Canyon	62	-4	76	45	959	594	3	0	0.08	0.99	66.36
Yosemite Valley	67	-4	89	48	1647	1079	7	0	1.88	0.84	37.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria AP	67	3	88	51	961	429	2	0	0.14	0.14	14.01
Santa Barbara A	70	2	81	56	1034	873	1	0	0.01	0.2	16.93
Oxnard NWS	70	4	83	57	1244	763	4	0	0.58	0.15	15.62
Riverside AP	76	-3	96	59	2625	2149	5	0	1.95	0.25	10.22
Los Angeles AP	72	2	81	64	1428	1244	3	0	0.35	0.21	13.15
San Diego AP	73	2	82	67	1944	1486	5	0	1.71	0.12	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop AP	70	-2	98	40	1803	1560	3	0	0.24	0.35	5.02
Daggett AP	81	-3	100	62	3591	3149	7	0	0.64	0.92	4.17
Lancaster ATC	74	-3	95	50	2334	2100	4	0	2.34	0.24	7.4
Thermal	86	-2	106	64	4292	4084	3	0	0.88	0.66	3.53
Blythe AP	92	3	107	76	4736	4253	4	0	0.23	1.1	4.02
Imperial CA	92	4	108	74	4544	4013	3	0	0.26	0.44	2.96

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

2/ Normal periods 1970-2000 used in Departure From Normal calculations.

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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