



California Crop Weather

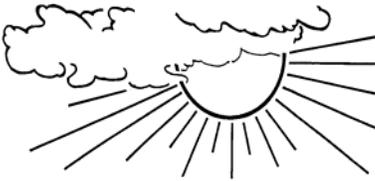
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WEATHER



Above normal temperatures dominated southern California for most of the week. High temperatures in southern California ranged from the low 80's to the low 90's. The warmth was due to high pressure and the Santa Ana winds. High temperatures for southern California returned to normal on Friday, and continued through the weekend. Central California experienced widespread dense fog for most of the week with visibilities as low as 1/8 of a mile. This caused the temperatures in northern and central California to be near normal for the middle part of November. Cold fronts entered the northern tip of California bringing rain to the area for much of the week, with rain accumulations as much as five inches in Crescent City.

FIELD CROPS

Rice harvest has ended across the state. Many **alfalfa** fields had gone into dormancy, with a few being harvested in Tulare County. **Cotton** harvest was nearing completion with shredding of cotton stalks still in progress. **Oat, winter wheat, and winter forage** planting continued. Herbicides continued to be applied to small grain fields. **Corn** silage and corn grain harvests were nearly complete and several fields of **sorghum** were maturing for late season cutting. Fall potatoes and sweet potatoes continued to be harvested. Lettuce seed production was nearly finished.

FRUIT CROPS

A few table **grape** varieties were still being picked in California, but for the most part grape harvest had ended. The **quince** and **jujube** harvests were still underway in Fresno County. Hachiya and Fuyu **persimmons** were also being harvested. Quince, **pomegranate**, and **kiwi** harvest had ended in Tulare County. **Strawberries** continued to grow well. Navel **orange** maturity was progressing normally and sugar content and color were good. Early Becks, Bonanzas, Fukumotos, and T.I. varieties were being picked in Tulare County. **Mandarins**, Chandler **pummelos**, and Meyer and Eureka **lemons** were also being picked. **Olive** harvest was coming to a close.

NUT CROPS

Almond, walnut, pecan, and pistachio harvests were complete in Tulare County. Picking of some nut varieties was still taking place in other areas of California. Pruning, fertilization and weed control were taking place in nut orchards.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Fresh market **tomatoes** were treated to control insects, mildew and weeds. Growers continued to prepare grounds for **carrot** and **lettuce** planting while beds were being shaped for 2008 processing tomatoes. Transplanted **broccoli** crops were growing well. Harvest continued for fall carrots, pickling **cucumbers**, freezer lima **beans**, **parsley**, **radishes**, and **spinach**. **Garlic, onion**, and fresh market tomato harvests were winding down. **Asparagus, bell pepper**, and **squash** harvest were nearly complete with some melon fields plowed under. Sweet **corn** harvest was virtually complete. Fall vegetable harvest of broccoli, **cabbage, cauliflower**, and romaine lettuce was in full swing. Harvest of **amaranth, basil**, bittersweet **melons, bok choy, cassava, cilantro, choy sum**, Indian beans, **dill, daikon**, leaf lettuce, **lemon grass, lobok**, long beans, **mint, moqua**, collard and mustard **greens, eggplant, kale, okra, tatsoi, tong ho**, winter **radicchio**, and **yu choy** continued.

LIVESTOCK

Foothill pastures remained dry. Cattle continued to receive supplemental feed or nutrients in many areas. While new grass has started in some northern areas, it was lacking growth due to limited rain. Fall calving was winding down. Milk production remained at a high level due to mild weather. Stock ewes and some new lambs were grazing in alfalfa fields, retired farmland, and harvested safflower fields. Fall lambing continued. A growing number of feeder lambs were grazing on bermuda grass and alfalfa pastures in the Imperial Valley. Bees continued to be moved to winter staging areas.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/18/07

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 11/18/07	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 11/18/07	January 1 - 11/18/07	Week Ending 11/18/07	July 1 - 11/18/07	July 1 - 11/18/07	July 1 - June 30
NORTH COAST	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Inches --			
Eureka	54	3	62	44	89	0	1.46	10.25	4.04	37.53
Ukiah	57	5	75	40	1,496	1,454	0.13	2.42	3.24	37.96
Santa Rosa	57	3	76	40	880	920	0.00	4.51	2.60	30.30
CENTRAL COAST										
San Francisco AP	59	4	73	46	548	442	0.00	2.16	1.47	19.70
San Jose	60	5	75	42	1,188	1,326	0.00	1.31	1.25	14.42
Salinas AP	59	4	82	43	460	431	0.03	1.80	1.04	12.44
Monterey FAA	60	4	80	45	336	145	0.00	1.26	2.46	18.72
King City	59	5	81	36	1,236	1,041	0.00	0.30	0.84	11.44
Paso Robles AP	59	7	83	35	1,712	1,552	0.00	0.35	0.92	13.95
SACRAMENTO VALLEY										
Redding	58	6	76	43	2,636	2,497	0.03	4.37	3.00	33.30
Red Bluff FSS	59	6	76	45	2,610	2,600	0.00	2.34	2.53	22.29
Chico AFS	59	7	79	40	2,410	2,042	0.00	2.04	2.30	26.32
Marysville	57	3	73	42	2,461	2,425	0.00	2.31	1.85	21.04
Sacramento AP	58	4	73	41	1,903	1,922	0.00	1.72	1.44	17.52
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY										
Stockton WSO	60	6	75	40	2,439	2,204	0.03	1.35	1.25	13.95
Fresno	60	7	76	48	3,045	2,777	0.00	0.21	0.88	10.60
Bakersfield	60	5	76	48	3,196	3,091	0.00	0.26	0.57	5.72
SOUTH COAST										
Santa Maria AP	64	8	88	41	630	410	0.01	0.49	0.91	12.36
Santa Barbara	59	3	84	43	590	731	0.02	0.56	1.33	16.25
Ventura	64	--	86	47	644	0	0.00	0.41	1.03	14.38
Los Angeles	68	4	88	52	2,218	2,300	0.00	1.47	0.89	14.77
Riverside	--	--	--	--	2,891	2,316	0.00	0.00	0.80	9.58
San Diego AP	65	3	84	57	1,502	1,698	0.00	0.46	0.83	9.90
SOUTHEAST INTERIOR										
Bishop	51	7	74	29	2,007	1,552	0.02	0.81	0.80	5.37
Lancaster	59	8	84	35	2,944	2,343	0.00	0.40	0.77	6.92
Daggett AP	63	7	79	47	4,326	3,883	0.00	0.16	1.29	3.93
Thermal AP	70	9	92	46	4,975	4,729	0.00	0.20	1.14	3.16
Blythe	70	8	87	49	5,578	5,225	0.07	0.19	1.71	3.60
Imperial	70	7	89	52	5,410	4,965	0.30	0.98	1.06	2.75
CASCADE - SIERRA										
Alturas	44	8	63	24	493	296	0.08	2.58	2.12	12.01
Mt. Shasta	47	7	60	30	750	446	0.06	4.16	4.11	37.02
Blue Canyon	54	11	67	43	1,044	574	0.04	7.08	7.19	67.04
Yosemite	--	--	--	--	1,359	1,090	0.00	0.93	4.08	37.05

Normal is defined as average over the 30-year period 1961 through 1990. Dashes (-) in Average Week Ending and Departure from Normal columns mean less than five days reporting, while in High and Low columns mean no days reporting.

Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data are quality controlled by the National Climatic Data Center, the accumulated growing degree day and precipitation values are updated.