



California Crop Weather

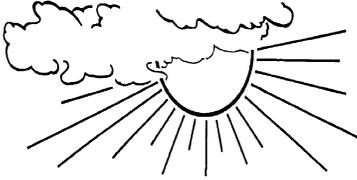
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WEATHER



Most of California during the second week of November was dominated by the Pacific High. The only exception is the far Northern California Coast; rain fell north of Ukiah, California for most of the week. Precipitation totals were 0.25 inches or less along the far north coast due to cold fronts clipping the Golden State. Otherwise, California was mostly dry with daytime high temperatures slightly below normal for this time of year, due to the Pacific High keeping the weather fairly

benign. Northern California had daytime highs in the 60s throughout the valley, and in the 50s along the coast and the higher elevations of the mountains. Lows were in the middle 30s to the 40s. Southern California had daytime highs in the middle 60s through the 70s. Lows were in the 40s.

FIELD CROPS

Ground preparation for planting **winter wheat, oats, and barley** continued. Early rainfall was beneficial for seed germination. Weed control started in winter crop fields where plants had already emerged. Many **alfalfa** fields had their last cutting before the plants go to dormancy. New alfalfa fields were being planted in Madera County. **Cotton** harvest continued; harvested fields were being shredded and disked. **Corn** harvest for grain and silage neared completion. **Sorghum** harvest was close to being finished. **Dry bean** harvest continued, with some fields being baled for straw. **Rice** harvest was completed in most areas. **Sunflower** seed harvest has ended. Post harvest ground preparation included irrigation, cultivation, and fertilization.

FRUIT CROPS

The wine **grape** harvest along the Central Coast was nearly complete. Minor picking of table grapes and Pink Lady **apples** continued in the Central Valley. **Pomegranates**, Satsuma and Clementine **mandarins**, and Oro Blanco **grapefruit** were being picked in the San Joaquin Valley. The **kiwi** harvest was essentially finished. The navel **orange** harvest continued to pick up in the Central Valley, fruit showed good progress and sugar content. The **lemon** harvest continued in the desert region. Plantings of **strawberries** and **blueberries** were ongoing for next year. Normal spraying and maintenance continued in orchards, which included tree pruning and pre-emergent spray applications.

NUT CROPS

The **almond, walnut, pecan, and pistachio** harvests were essentially finished as minor hulling and stockpile fumigations continued for almonds. Orchards finished with harvest had ongoing pruning and maintenance activities, including continuing applications of zinc sulfate in almond orchards.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Harvesting operations for most leafy greens were slowing down in Monterey County. Ground preparation continued in Sutter County. Tulare County's harvest of fall vegetables, such as **broccoli, cabbage** and Romaine **lettuce** were gaining momentum. The **cauliflower** harvest was expected to be in full-swing within the next few weeks. The harvesting and packing of fresh market **tomatoes** was almost completed. Winter vegetables, including broccoli and spinach, were planted on the Westside of Stanislaus County. Farmers in Imperial County were harvesting some **sweet corn** and spring mix salad products, while fresh **spinach** was nearly ready for harvest. Fresno County's lettuce and broccoli were being harvested. The **carrots** were looking good and pesticides were applied to the crop. Producers were pre-irrigating dehydrator onions and preparing tomato beds. Kern County's **asparagus** was almost all harvested while lettuce, cabbage, **kale**, spinach and **chard** continued to be planted. The fresh market tomato harvest was completed in Merced County, but the **radicchio** harvest continued.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and dry-land pasture was reported to be showing some green in many foothill locations. Cooler temperatures and higher humidity reduced fire hazard in the foothills. The relatively dry condition of winter grasses remained a challenge to livestock producers. Supplemental feeding of cattle on low elevation range and dry pasture continued. In Imperial County most cattle had been moved to winter range. Dairy herds continue to be downsized. Movement of sheep and lambs onto winter pasture continued.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/15/09

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 11/15/09	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 11/15/09	January 1 - 11/15/09	Week Ending 11/15/09	July 1 - 11/15/09	July 1 - 11/15/09	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Inches --			
NORTH COAST										
Eureka	47	-4	58	35	14	0	0.17	2.74	6.46	37.53
Ukiah	51	-2	61	32	1,685	1,454	0.01	3.05	5.39	37.96
Santa Rosa	53	-2	68	34	1,222	923	0.00	3.82	4.43	30.30
CENTRAL COAST										
San Francisco AP	56	1	64	44	697	443	0.00	2.30	2.46	19.70
San Jose	--	--	--	--	1,451	1,334	--	--	1.99	14.42
Salinas AP	53	-3	71	37	576	432	0.00	2.20	1.68	12.44
Monterey FAA	53	-4	70	36	308	145	0.00	3.36	3.29	18.72
King City	52	-3	70	32	1,476	1,043	0.01	2.47	1.38	11.44
Paso Robles AP	50	-3	70	29	1,818	1,552	0.01	1.90	1.48	13.95
SACRAMENTO VALLEY										
Redding	49	-4	64	32	2,895	2,504	0.02	1.24	4.56	33.30
Red Bluff FSS	50	-3	64	35	2,952	2,610	0.00	2.32	3.81	22.29
Chico AFS	51	-2	66	31	2,505	2,043	0.03	1.89	3.52	26.32
Marysville	52	-3	66	32	2,444	2,442	0.02	2.17	2.97	21.04
Sacramento AP	52	-2	66	33	2,172	1,932	0.02	3.40	2.29	17.52
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY										
Stockton WSO	52	-3	65	30	2,262	2,214	0.01	2.87	2.05	13.95
Fresno	52	-3	68	38	3,282	2,792	0.14	1.54	1.42	10.60
Bakersfield	54	-2	67	38	3,598	3,128	0.00	0.09	0.83	5.72
SOUTH COAST										
Santa Maria AP	56	0	76	37	542	410	0.00	1.59	1.40	12.36
Santa Barbara	57	0	74	41	810	736	0.01	3.73	1.88	16.25
Ventura	57	0	72	42	790	0	0.00	1.69	1.47	14.38
Los Angeles	65	1	84	49	2,519	2,424	0.00	2.07	1.26	14.77
Riverside	--	--	--	--	2,957	2,377	0.00	0.00	1.04	9.58
San Diego AP	63	1	78	52	1,825	1,790	0.00	0.00	1.21	9.90
SOUTHEAST INTERIOR										
Bishop	43	-3	64	21	1,866	1,552	0.00	2.01	0.98	5.37
Lancaster	53	1	75	24	2,829	2,343	0.00	0.02	1.01	6.92
Daggett AP	61	3	78	44	4,182	3,937	0.00	0.05	1.39	3.93
Thermal AP	65	3	88	45	5,188	4,869	0.00	0.10	1.23	3.16
Blythe	69	6	87	51	5,803	5,378	0.00	0.12	1.82	3.60
Imperial	68	3	88	48	5,584	5,142	0.00	0.00	1.17	2.75
CASCADE - SIERRA										
Alturas	34	-3	59	16	545	296	0.40	2.05	2.75	12.01
Mt. Shasta	38	-3	54	23	935	446	0.09	6.17	6.33	37.02
Blue Canyon	43	-1	54	32	1,258	574	0.47	5.77	11.12	67.04
Yosemite	--	--	65	44	1,503	1,090	0.00	0.01	6.21	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.