



California Crop Weather

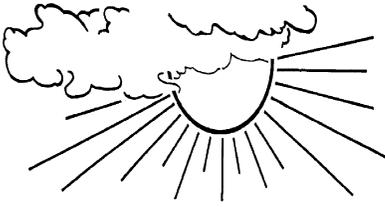
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WEATHER



The upper level weather patterns remained somewhat static during the week, with high pressure centered over the Central U.S. and a low pressure trough poised along the West coast. This pattern resulted in mostly dry and mild weather for the State. Monsoonal moisture, drifting northeastward over Southern California, spread some clouds over that part of the State. There was some thunderstorm activity associated with this moisture along the Nevada border on Friday. Otherwise, temperatures tended to be near or a little below normal, and dry conditions prevailed over most of the State for the week.

FIELD CROPS

Cotton was setting bolls rapidly. Some bolls have started to open. The crop is making good developmental progress and reporters commented that producers will stop irrigating the crop in two to three weeks. **Rice** fields were developing well; most fields were headed, but harvest had not yet begun. **Alfalfa** fields continued to be cut, windrowed and baled as operators were progressing through their third to fifth cuttings across the State. **Corn** for silage harvest was ongoing. Weed and insect control in cotton, corn and alfalfa fields continued. Harvested grain fields were being baled, then disked and prepared for fall plantings. **Safflower** fields were drying down. **Black eye** beans were maturing with runners and blooms clearly becoming more visible. The **Garbanzo** bean harvest was ongoing. **Sugarbeet** harvest was going strong.

FRUIT CROPS

Maintenance to orchards, groves, and vineyards continued with the spraying of fungicides, fertilizers, insecticides, and herbicides as necessary. **Peaches, plums, pluots, and nectarines** continued to be harvested and packed. The early variety table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley with the main varieties, Summer Royals and Flame Seedless, picked. Raisin and wine grapes continued to develop and underwent thinning and foliage removal. **Cherry** orchards were pruned. Scale treatments were applied in **olive** orchards. **Pear** harvest continued. **Apples** were harvested in the San Joaquin Valley. **Kiwis and pomegranates** were growing well. The **prune** harvest was expected to begin in one to two weeks. Valencia **oranges, tangelos, grapefruits, and lemons** were packed. The new Navel crop was slightly behind normal for the season.

NUT CROPS

Almond growers were busy preparing orchards for harvest. The early variety harvest was expected to begin in the next week. **Walnut, pistachio and pecan orchards** showed good development. Walnut growers continued to spray for codling moth.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **bell peppers, organic greens, carrots and garlic** were being harvested. In Tulare County, farmer's markets were still enjoying their peak season, with summer fruits and vegetables continuing to be harvested. Processing **tomato** harvest continued. Fresno County reported **onions, tomatoes and carrots** were being harvested. Some farmers were applying fungicides on the tomatoes. In San Joaquin County, fresh market tomatoes were being harvested, bell pepper harvest had begun, **watermelon** harvest was underway, and **cucumbers** were being harvested. Field work and ground preparation continued, while the tomato harvest was delayed in Sutter County. Onions were continuing to bulk-up in Siskiyou County.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated pasture and rangeland were reported to be in good to poor condition. Non-irrigated grasses in the lower Sierra foothills and the eastern slope of the Coast Range have dried and range conditions were fair. Supplemental feeding of livestock was at a minimum in some areas. Sheep and cattle grazed harvested grain fields. Bees were active pollinating alfalfa, melon, and squash fields.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 8/14/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 8/14/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 8/14/11	January 1 - 8/14	July 1 - 8/14/11	Week Ending 8/14/11	July 1 - 8/14/11	July 1 - 8/14	July 1 - June 30
North Coast	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
Eureka_WFO	59	-1	65	52	2	39	6	0.00	0.23	0.30	38.10
Ukiah	74	2	96	51	862	922	1	0.00	0.01	0.05	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	65	-3	83	47	351	666	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	31.01
Napa_AP	66	-4	81	50	587	740	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	62	-2	72	53	218	286	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	20.11
San_Jose_AP	68	-4	82	55	681	993	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	15.08
Salinas_AP	62	-3	72	54	254	317	2	0.00	0.02	0.04	12.91
Monterey_AP	59	-3	67	52	83	121	2	0.00	0.02	0.09	20.35
King_City_Ag	66	-3	85	50	591	788	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	72	-3	98	49	931	1,065	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	81	2	99	62	1,449	1,670	2	0.00	0.15	0.10	33.52
Red_Bluff	80	0	99	63	1,453	1,793	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	24.07
Willows_6W	77	2	95	59	1,223	1,377	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	19.03
Oroville	78	2	96	62	1,264	1,498	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	28.75
Marysville	77	-2	98	56	1,257	1,705	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	22.07
Sacramento_AP	75	0	96	56	1,094	1,315	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	75	-2	95	54	1,128	1,509	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.84
Modesto_AP	78	2	97	58	1,355	1,617	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.12
Merced_Macready	79	2	99	59	1,440	1,595	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	12.50
Madera_AP	77	-3	97	57	1,272	1,702	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	11.94
Fresno_AP	83	3	100	64	1,733	1,856	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	77	-2	99	56	1,428	1,662	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.89
Visalia_AP	79	1	97	59	1,524	1,694	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	11.03
Bakersfield	83	1	100	66	1,874	2,078	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	66	0	90	42	304	339	0	0.00	0.00	0.44	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	69	3	89	48	454	362	2	0.00	0.23	0.53	39.16
Blue_Canyon	69	2	80	61	482	446	0	0.00	0.00	0.51	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	75	3	97	57	810	820	1	0.00	0.07	0.58	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	64	-1	76	55	289	314	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	63	-7	69	57	358	667	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	66	-2	74	58	547	599	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	15.62
Riverside_AP	75	-5	95	58	1,593	1,714	1	0.00	0.34	0.03	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	67	-4	73	60	762	991	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	13.15
San_Diego_AP	67	-6	73	62	1,026	1,194	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	75	-2	100	48	1,036	1,266	1	0.00	0.08	0.17	5.02
Daggett_AP	88	2	107	69	2,466	2,580	3	0.23	0.30	0.67	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	80	-1	101	58	1,548	1,691	1	0.00	0.22	0.10	7.40
Thermal	88	-3	108	64	3,179	3,420	1	0.00	0.08	0.33	3.53
Blythe_AP	96	3	110	80	3,608	3,540	2	0.00	1.64	0.60	4.02
Imperial_CA	93	2	110	74	3,336	3,322	1	0.00	0.11	0.20	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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