



# California Crop Weather

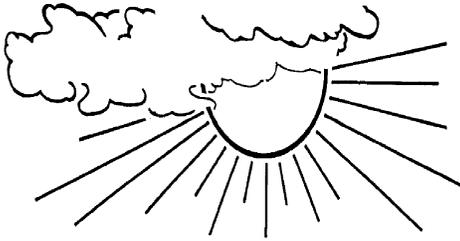
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## WEATHER



The early part of the period was quite active as a low pressure area dropped south over Southern California. This slow moving system began to pump moisture northward from the Gulf of California with rather spotty, but significant rains noted over the mountains and desert areas. Locally heavy rains associated with mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorm activity affected the Northeast Plateau region, the Sierra Nevada, as well as some of the mountain and desert areas of Southern California. Temperatures for the week

started out near or above normal and then trended to cooler than normal readings as the cloud cover and local rains trimmed back the daytime highs. The end of the week saw the Southern California low pressure area exit to the northeast as dry Pacific high pressure built across the Golden State and temperatures began to warm Statewide.

## FIELD CROPS

**Cotton** progressed well this past week and was helped along by warm weather. Nearly half of cotton bolls were open and producers were starting to prepare fields for defoliation. **Corn** for silage harvest continued. Seed **alfalfa** harvest continued. Nearly all **rice** fields were headed. **Black-eye** beans made good developmental progress this past week and some producers began to harvest the crop. **Sunflower** bracts continued to turn yellow, while some have progressed to the brown stage and were awaiting harvest. **Safflower** and **sorghum** harvest continued. **Wheat** ground preparation continued and fall planting began.

## FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley for Red Globe, Summer Royal, Thompson Seedless, and Flame Seedless varieties. Harvest of wine grapes began to pick up. Raisin grape harvest continued. **Pomegranates** were starting to show color. **Apple** and **pear** harvest continued. The **olive** crop continued to progress. **Prune** harvest was concluding. **Kiwis** continued to develop well. **Fig** harvest was underway. Valencia **orange** harvest was winding down.

## NUT CROPS

Nonpareil **almond** harvest was in full swing across the State. Growers were beginning to harvest other varieties. Weed, husk fly, and mite control continued in **walnut** orchards; orchards in the southern part of the State began shaking. **Pistachio** harvest began to pick up.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported organic **carrots** were being harvested. In Tulare County, **peppers**, **tomatoes**, **cucumbers**, **squash**, **eggplants**, and **honeydew** were picked and packed. Fresno County reported **onions**, **garlic**, squash, eggplant, **daikon**, cucumbers, **zucchini**, **sweet corn**, peppers and carrots were being harvested. **Watermelon**, honeydew and **cantaloupe** harvest continued in full swing while processing tomato harvest was wrapping up. **Broccoli** fields were being planted. Field work and ground preparation continued, while tomatoes were treated for mold and stinkbug in Sutter County.

## LIVESTOCK

Range conditions continued to deteriorate and were reported to be in good to poor condition. Recent lightning fires in Kern County burned over 110 square miles, negatively impacting rangeland, including forty-five square miles near Arvin. Cattle were on summer range and some were being moved to fall range. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued to increase. Bees were reported in vine seed fields.

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**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 9/18/11**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 9/18/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 9/18/11	January 1 - 9/18	July 1 - 9/18/11	Week Ending 9/18/11	July 1 - 9/18/11	July 1 - 9/18	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
<b>North Coast</b>												
Eureka_WFO	57	0	65	45	5	70	6	0.00	0.23	0.99	38.10	
Ukiah	70	2	96	46	1,334	1,306	1	0.00	0.01	0.51	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	66	-3	92	47	553	937	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	31.01	
Napa_AP	67	-1	90	52	839	1,019	0	0.00	0.00	0.34	26.46	
<b>Central Coast</b>												
San_Francisco_A	63	-2	81	52	328	439	0	0.00	0.00	0.18	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	68	-2	88	53	1,024	1,358	0	0.00	0.00	0.24	15.08	
Salinas_AP	63	-3	82	50	365	481	2	0.00	0.02	0.19	12.91	
Monterey_AP	61	-3	73	51	111	217	5	0.00	0.07	0.35	20.35	
King_City_Ag	66	-3	94	47	869	1,099	0	0.00	0.00	0.19	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	70	-2	95	46	1,382	1,492	1	0.00	0.01	0.25	13.08	
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>												
Redding	76	3	98	53	2,152	2,241	4	0.12	0.27	0.46	33.52	
Red_Bluff	77	2	98	55	2,165	2,409	2	0.06	0.06	0.57	24.07	
Willows_6W	74	2	93	53	1,794	1,856	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	19.03	
Oroville	74	3	92	54	1,867	1,976	0	0.00	0.00	0.45	28.75	
Marysville	73	0	94	52	1,843	2,246	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	72	1	94	52	1,612	1,786	0	0.00	0.00	0.29	17.93	
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>												
Stockton	72	-1	92	51	1,666	2,032	0	0.00	0.00	0.28	13.84	
Modesto_AP	74	2	92	54	1,965	2,147	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	13.12	
Merced_Macready	76	3	97	56	2,087	2,139	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	12.50	
Madera_AP	74	-1	94	52	1,862	2,272	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	11.94	
Fresno_AP	78	3	95	58	2,495	2,468	0	0.00	0.00	0.16	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	74	2	95	52	2,019	2,203	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	7.89	
Visalia_AP	74	2	93	51	2,154	2,245	0	0.00	0.00	0.16	11.03	
Bakersfield	77	1	94	57	2,655	2,764	0	0.00	0.00	0.11	6.49	
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>												
Alturas_AP	60	2	86	31	475	450	2	0.18	0.18	1.08	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	64	5	88	40	713	494	6	0.30	0.53	1.28	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	64	3	75	54	830	645	2	0.11	0.11	1.53	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	68	1	88	49	1,263	1,174	2	1.05	1.12	1.17	37.73	
<b>South Coast</b>												
Santa_Maria_AP	64	0	77	50	405	489	1	0.00	0.09	0.26	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	63	-5	74	51	502	969	1	0.00	0.01	0.36	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	65	-2	76	54	762	847	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	15.62	
Riverside_AP	74	-3	96	57	2,263	2,351	2	0.00	0.38	0.37	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	67	-5	73	59	1,056	1,369	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	67	-5	74	62	1,375	1,630	2	0.00	0.13	0.21	10.77	
<b>Southeast Interior</b>												
Bishop_AP	67	-2	90	43	1,467	1,660	3	0.09	0.20	0.47	5.02	
Daggett_AP	79	-2	96	62	3,389	3,395	5	0.00	0.47	1.05	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	73	0	94	50	2,242	2,262	2	0.00	0.23	0.32	7.40	
Thermal	80	-5	102	62	4,232	4,390	6	0.51	0.69	0.85	3.53	
Blythe_AP	84	-3	102	64	4,804	4,579	4	0.09	1.73	1.34	4.02	
Imperial_CA	84	-3	102	67	4,506	4,336	2	0.09	0.20	0.56	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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