



California Crop Weather

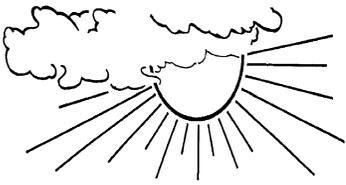
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WEATHER



Monday was the beginning of a warming trend for California as a high pressure system began building into the area. The weather remained dry for most of the state with only a few hundredths of an inch of rain for the northern Sierra Nevada, the northwest coastal mountains, and far northern valley very early in the week. Temperatures were ranging normal to above normal and reflected summer-like conditions. This warming trend continued into the middle of the week as the high pressure set in, with Wednesday and Thursday being the hottest days of the week for most of California. A low pressure system started influencing the state by Friday, cooling temperatures to near normal for Friday and near normal to below normal for Saturday and Sunday. This brought traces of rain along the southern California coast, and 0.01 was recorded for the northwest California coast for Friday into Saturday. Another wave of energy came through over the weekend, dropping several tenths of rain over northwest California on Sunday into Monday morning.

FIELD CROPS

Rice harvest was in full-swing. **Cotton** progressed well this past week, more than two thirds of bolls have opened. Defoliation has started in some areas of the state. Both cotton and rice crop conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. **Black-eye** beans were maturing nicely; beans were cut and windrowed this past week. **Sunflower** harvest was in full-swing. **Corn** for silage and large **lima** beans were still being harvested. **Wheat** ground preparation and fall planting of wheat continued.

FRUIT CROPS

Late season fertilizer applications were performed and some mechanical and hand pruning took place in orchards. **Peach**, **nectarine**, and **plum** harvest began its normal seasonal decline. Angeleno and Flavor-Fall plum variety harvest neared completion. The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley with Red Globe, Summer Royal, Crimson, Flame Seedless, Christmas Rose, and Autumn King the main varieties harvested. Harvest of wine grapes continued. Raisin grape harvest was progressing smoothly in the San Joaquin Valley. About half of the raisin grapes were dried and picked up in Tulare County. Grapes were protected from possible upcoming light showers with tarps. Pineapple **quinces**, **figs**, and **apples** were harvested. **Pomegranates** showed nice color, but maturity was still not there for harvest in most orchards. The **olive** crop continued to progress. **Pear** harvest slowed. Citrus fruits were sizing slowly. Citrus field maintenance continued with irrigation and replacement of old stock. **Lemons** and Star Ruby **grapefruit** were picked. Navel **orange** growers were expecting a late start to the harvest season due to poor internal maturity.

NUT CROPS

Late variety **almond** harvest continued. Growers reported above normal volumes because of a heavy crop set. Harvesting of early variety **walnuts** continued. **Pistachio** harvest continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported **peppers**, **tomatoes**, **cucumbers**, **squash**, **eggplants**, and **honeydew** continued to be picked and packed. **Cantaloupe** and **watermelon** harvest wound down. In Merced County, cantaloupe, honeydew, tomato, bell pepper, sweet **potato**, and watermelon harvest continued while **radicchio** planting continued. Fresno County reported dehydrator **onions** were being harvested while fresh onion harvest was winding down. Winter **carrots** were being watered, fertilized and treated for fungus. Processing tomato and **garbanzo** harvest was ongoing in Sutter County. In San Joaquin County tomatoes for processing and fresh market were being harvested, as were bell peppers, watermelon, squash and **pumpkins**. Onion harvest was winding down.

LIVESTOCK

Range conditions were reported to be in good to poor condition. Cattle were on summer range. Some cattle on higher elevation pasture were being gathered for movement to lower range. Fire danger remained high in the foothills. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued to increase.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/3/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 10/2/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 10/2/11	January 1 - 10/2	July 1 - 10/2/11	Week Ending 10/2/11	July 1 - 10/2/11	July 1 - 10/2	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days -- -- Inches --					
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	59	4	70	47	16	73	11	0.01	0.59	1.48	38.10	
Ukiah	68	2	97	46	1,490	1,404	2	0.00	0.02	0.92	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	67	2	97	47	679	1,028	1	0.00	0.01	0.72	31.01	
Napa_AP	68	2	96	49	982	1,112	0	0.00	0.00	0.61	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	67	5	90	53	434	495	1	0.00	0.01	0.32	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	69	2	96	53	1,185	1,473	0	0.00	0.00	0.39	15.08	
Salinas_AP	66	3	95	53	452	545	3	0.00	0.05	0.33	12.91	
Monterey_AP	64	3	91	52	155	261	7	0.00	0.09	0.52	20.35	
King_City_Ag	69	2	10	48	1,005	1,199	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	69	3	1	44	1,555	1,602	1	0.00	0.01	0.45	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	71	2	97	53	2,352	2,392	5	0.00	0.28	0.83	33.52	
Red_Bluff	72	1	99	52	2,379	2,582	3	0.00	0.12	0.98	24.07	
Willows_6W	72	3	96	53	1,999	1,999	0	0.00	0.00	0.52	19.03	
Oroville	70	3	91	54	2,052	2,103	2	0.01	0.02	0.74	28.75	
Marysville	72	2	98	53	2,043	2,403	1	0.00	0.03	0.59	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	71	3	97	53	1,808	1,927	1	0.00	0.01	0.49	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	70	1	95	51	1,858	2,182	0	0.00	0.00	0.46	13.84	
Modesto_AP	72	2	95	55	2,179	2,304	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	13.12	
Merced_Macready	73	4	97	54	2,313	2,293	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	12.50	
Madera_AP	72	3	95	54	2,079	2,425	0	0.00	0.00	0.29	11.94	
Fresno_AP	76	6	98	59	2,766	2,637	0	0.00	0.00	0.30	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	73	4	98	55	2,234	2,356	0	0.00	0.00	0.34	7.89	
Visalia_AP	74	4	95	55	2,384	2,398	0	0.00	0.00	0.30	11.03	
Bakersfield	75	3	96	58	2,912	2,961	0	0.00	0.00	0.24	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	59	6	89	31	494	451	2	0.00	0.18	1.37	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	60	5	86	38	767	510	7	0.01	0.54	1.77	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	65	6	81	48	955	681	2	0.00	0.11	2.38	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	69	6	90	49	1,407	1,244	3	0.00	1.98	1.72	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	66	4	86	51	482	551	1	0.00	0.09	0.41	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	65	-2	79	51	560	1,063	1	0.00	0.01	0.58	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	66	2	78	55	844	933	2	0.00	0.03	0.47	15.62	
Riverside_AP	76	3	0	59	2,484	2,548	2	0.00	0.38	0.46	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	67	-3	77	59	1,150	1,501	1	0.01	0.01	0.45	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	69	-2	79	62	1,487	1,779	2	0.00	0.13	0.35	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	68	6	93	44	1,596	1,734	3	0.00	0.20	0.60	5.02	
Daggett_AP	82	8	2	61	3,713	3,621	5	0.00	0.47	1.19	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	75	8	97	51	2,471	2,398	2	0.00	0.23	0.45	7.40	
Thermal	83	3	3	62	4,586	4,690	6	0.00	0.69	0.99	3.53	
Blythe_AP	87	7	5	68	5,200	4,896	4	0.00	1.73	1.50	4.02	
Imperial_CA	85	4	4	64	4,885	4,657	3	0.01	0.21	0.76	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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