



California Crop Weather

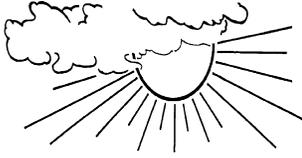
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WEATHER



An unseasonably strong low pressure system spread clouds and precipitation into California during the first part of the week. Coming from the northern Pacific, this system began spreading moderate to heavy rain across the north coast on Monday. This system spread across Northern California, bringing moderate to heavy rainfall there on Tuesday, then spread into Southern California where heavy rains were reported by Wednesday.

Light showers persisted across the north into Thursday, while the southern counties dried out. High pressure began to build over the State by late Thursday, resulting in clearing skies. Dry and mild weather continued through the rest of the week under the high pressure ridge. Temperatures through the week remained below normal for much of the State, with some warming developing by the end of the week.

FIELD CROPS

Harvest of crops was slowed due to precipitation. **Cotton** defoliant was being applied. Harvest was reported as underway, though there was some concern that rain knocked cotton out of the bolls to the ground. **Rice** harvest continued. Cotton and rice crop conditions remained mostly good to excellent. **Black-eye** beans were harvested and laid out to dry. **Corn** silage harvest was nearing the end, while **sorghum** for silage had just begun. **Wheat** ground preparation and fall planting of wheat continued.

FRUIT CROPS

Peach, nectarine, and plum harvests were nearly complete. Pruning and late season fertilizer applications began in orchards. The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley with the main varieties harvested, including Red Globe, Summer Royal, Crimson, Flame Seedless, Christmas Rose and Autumn King. Harvest of wine grapes continued. Raisin grape harvest was progressing smoothly in the San Joaquin Valley. Some late raisin crop got caught on the ground with this week's rain. Wine grape growers in Napa were also concerned about the recent rains, as many grapes were still in the field. Pineapple **quinces, figs, and apples** were harvested. **Kiwi** harvest began. **Pomegranates** showed nice color, but maturity hadn't been reached for harvest in most orchards. The **olive** harvest began in Tulare County. **Pear** harvest slowed. Citrus grove maintenance continued with irrigation and treatment of citrus pests. **Lemons** and Star Ruby **grapefruit** were picked. Navel **orange** growers were expecting a late start to the harvest season due to poor internal maturity. Growers in Tulare County were expecting harvest to begin near the end of the month.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest remained strong. Growers reported above normal volumes due to heavy crop set. Harvesting of **walnuts** was in full swing in many parts of the State. **Pistachio** harvest accelerated.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots** being harvested. Late summer vegetables, including **tomatoes, cucumbers, and eggplants**, were harvested for local farmers markets in Tulare County. Fresno County reported dehydrator **onions** were being harvested while fresh onion and **garlic** harvest was winding down. **Sweet corn** was growing well and being harvested and fields were also being treated for worms. Harvest of carrots, **bell peppers**, fresh market tomatoes and cucumbers continued. Fall **broccoli** fields continued to be planted. Fall **lettuce** was growing nicely and beds were being weeded. Large **watermelon** harvest was drawing down while baby watermelon harvest had concluded. **Cantaloupe** and **honeydew** melon harvest was winding down. Summer vegetables, such as **beets, bittermelon, chards, choys, eggplant, herbs, kales, lemon grass, chili peppers, tomatillos, squash and zucchini**, were harvested. Farmers were applying herbicides and fungicides to crops. In Merced County, cantaloupe, honeydew, tomato, bell pepper and watermelon harvest continued while **radicchio** planting continued. San Joaquin County reported harvesting of processing and fresh market tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers, squash and **pumpkins**. Watermelon harvest was winding down. Field work and ground preparation continued. Fresh melon harvest continued as processing tomato harvest was concluding in Sutter County. Siskiyou County reported continued harvest of dehydrator onions.

LIVESTOCK

Range conditions were reported to be in good to poor condition. Cool season grasses were still growing in the northern part of the State. Some cattle on higher elevation summer pasture were being gathered for movement to lower range. Sheep and cattle continued to graze crop stubble and idle fields. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Some hives were moved to winter locations in Sutter County, while in Fresno County bees were still pollinating late melon and squash fields. Cool weather stimulated milk production.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/9/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 10/9/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 10/9/11	January 1 - 10/9	July 1 - 10/9/11	Week Ending 10/9/11	July 1 - 10/9/11	July 1 - 10/9	July 1 - June 30
North Coast	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
Eureka_WFO	55	-2	64	47	16	73	15	3.02	3.61	1.80	38.10
Ukiah	58	-7	78	44	1,494	1,436	6	2.66	2.68	1.17	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	59	-7	76	43	684	1,064	5	1.77	1.78	0.95	31.01
Napa_AP	59	-7	76	43	988	1,148	4	1.24	1.24	0.78	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	60	-3	70	50	438	517	5	1.12	1.13	0.46	20.11
San_Jose_AP	61	-6	76	47	1,200	1,517	4	0.67	0.67	0.53	15.08
Salinas_AP	61	-3	74	47	462	570	6	1.33	1.38	0.40	12.91
Monterey_AP	59	-3	70	48	159	280	11	2.06	2.15	0.66	20.35
King_City_Ag	60	-6	79	42	1,015	1,236	3	0.45	0.45	0.40	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	59	-7	80	42	1,563	1,638	4	0.74	0.75	0.52	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	59	-9	81	46	2,362	2,443	9	2.37	2.65	1.15	33.52
Red_Bluff	60	-10	78	46	2,388	2,645	7	1.23	1.35	1.19	24.07
Willows_6W	59	-10	76	43	2,005	2,052	4	1.30	1.30	0.66	19.03
Oroville	60	-7	76	44	2,060	2,150	5	1.07	1.09	0.95	28.75
Marysville	60	-10	78	42	2,050	2,463	4	1.05	1.08	0.76	22.07
Sacramento_AP	60	-8	78	43	1,816	1,980	4	0.65	0.66	0.63	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	60	-8	78	44	1,869	2,238	3	0.72	0.72	0.60	13.84
Modesto_AP	61	-8	78	47	2,196	2,363	2	1.00	1.00	0.53	13.12
Merced_Macready	62	-7	79	43	2,333	2,350	2	1.01	1.01	0.37	12.50
Madera_AP	61	-8	76	46	2,096	2,480	2	0.47	0.47	0.43	11.94
Fresno_AP	63	-6	81	49	2,794	2,698	1	0.90	0.90	0.42	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	61	-8	81	41	2,253	2,413	3	0.43	0.43	0.41	7.89
Visalia_AP	62	-8	81	46	2,402	2,455	1	0.58	0.58	0.41	11.03
Bakersfield	63	-9	81	46	2,935	3,036	3	0.55	0.55	0.31	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	46	-6	68	23	494	451	4	0.04	0.22	1.51	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	47	-8	69	33	767	510	11	1.57	2.11	2.08	39.16
Blue_Canyon	46	-13	60	32	955	692	5	3.49	3.60	2.91	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	51	-11	71	33	1,407	1,264	5	2.41	4.39	2.07	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	61	-3	76	48	491	574	4	0.74	0.83	0.48	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	61	-4	74	45	573	1,100	3	0.84	0.85	0.65	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	62	-3	77	48	861	968	3	0.90	0.93	0.52	15.62
Riverside_AP	64	-8	85	47	2,518	2,626	4	0.46	0.84	0.52	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	63	-6	74	52	1,173	1,559	3	0.63	0.64	0.51	13.15
San_Diego_AP	65	-5	79	56	1,525	1,844	5	0.44	0.57	0.42	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	56	-5	85	34	1,605	1,756	4	0.74	0.94	0.66	5.02
Daggett_AP	66	-6	90	46	3,761	3,705	7	0.06	0.53	1.26	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	60	-7	84	36	2,484	2,443	3	0.19	0.42	0.52	7.40
Thermal	74	-5	95	49	4,685	4,813	6	0.00	0.69	1.06	3.53
Blythe_AP	74	-5	100	51	5,300	5,023	4	0.00	1.73	1.57	4.02
Imperial_CA	72	-8	98	52	4,973	4,790	3	0.00	0.21	0.87	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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