



California Crop Weather

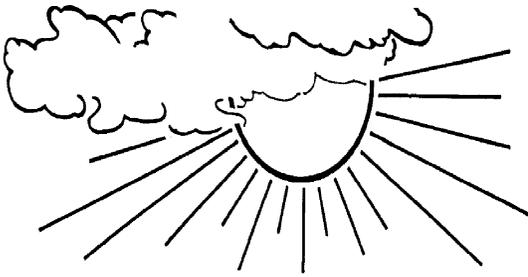
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WEATHER



The week began on a wet note, as a low pressure trough pushed a cold front through California. Moderate to heavy showers fell all across the State from north to south. Showers persisted across the northern third of the State through early Wednesday, while high pressure building from the south brought Southern California dry and warm conditions. High pressure continued to strengthen, and by Thursday, had brought dry and mild conditions to all of the State, except for the far north coast. By Friday, dry and mild conditions were the rule all across California. On Sunday, some high clouds spread across the north, but temperatures remained very mild for the season, while high temperatures in the south were very warm for the time of year.

FIELD CROPS

Dry-land grains growth and development have been improved by recent rains. Winter **wheat** and **oats** were reported to be in excellent shape due to warm temperatures following precipitation. In the Valley, however, more rains continued to be needed to sustain small grains and **alfalfa** growth. Oats were sprayed for weeds in Stanislaus County

FRUIT CROPS

Pre-emergent spraying, irrigation, and pruning continued. Growers also applied some fertilizers and herbicides. **Peach**, **kiwi** and **prune** orchards were irrigated, pruned, and planted. **Grape** vineyards continued to be dug and pruned. Navel **orange** and **tangerine** harvests continued, as internal maturity continued to improve. **Pummelo** harvest continued. **Strawberry** fields were progressing well.

NUT CROPS

Pre-emergent spraying, irrigation, orchard removal, planting, and pruning continued. Growers also applied some fertilizers, herbicides and soil amendments. **Walnut** orchards were being pruned.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots** were being harvested and planted. Fresno County reported **broccoli** and **lettuce** being harvested and boxed. In Stanislaus County, broccoli continued to grow.

LIVESTOCK

Recent rains have helped spur rangeland growth, but more rains are needed to improve current conditions. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Sheep and cattle grazed on retired farmland and alfalfa fields. Out-of-state bees continued to arrive for the almond bloom; many of the bees are being placed directly in orchards and not in holding areas.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 1/29/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 1/29/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 1/29/12	January 1 - 1/29	July 1 - 1/29/12	Week Ending 1/29/12	July 1 - 1/29/12	July 1 - 1/29	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	49	1	59	33	0	0	48	1.59	18.20	21.47	38.10	
Ukiah	52	5	65	30	0	0	31	1.70	11.32	21.72	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	52	3	73	29	0	0	20	2.29	10.54	17.09	31.01	
Napa_AP	54	5	70	33	0	0	25	1.74	7.98	14.57	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	54	4	65	40	0	0	22	0.71	5.06	10.87	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	55	4	67	37	1	0	21	0.14	2.44	7.79	15.08	
Salinas_AP	56	5	73	39	1	0	22	0.55	4.84	6.64	12.91	
Monterey_AP	55	3	75	37	0	0	28	0.23	5.06	10.61	20.35	
King_City_Ag	53	3	71	34	0	0	16	0.55	2.35	5.93	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	52	4	72	32	0	0	14	0.78	4.05	6.42	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	51	5	68	32	0	0	30	1.24	12.12	17.71	33.52	
Red_Bluff	51	4	68	35	0	0	24	1.37	9.49	13.16	24.07	
Willows_6W	50	4	64	32	0	0	24	1.44	8.98	10.17	19.03	
Oroville	49	3	62	32	0	0	26	1.32	8.77	15.33	28.75	
Marysville	51	4	67	31	0	0	19	1.33	7.30	11.92	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	51	4	65	32	0	0	17	0.91	4.79	9.57	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	50	4	66	32	0	0	19	0.49	3.15	7.37	13.84	
Modesto_AP	50	2	65	33	0	0	16	0.17	2.84	6.67	13.12	
Merced_Macready	50	3	65	34	0	0	15	0.28	2.67	6.23	12.50	
Madera_AP	50	4	64	35	0	0	10	0.27	2.33	5.73	11.94	
Fresno_AP	52	6	67	38	0	0	8	0.46	2.94	5.37	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	52	5	65	32	0	0	13	0.16	1.96	3.75	7.89	
Visalia_AP	51	5	64	36	0	0	8	0.44	2.47	5.48	11.03	
Bakersfield	54	6	70	40	0	0	11	0.34	1.75	2.98	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	35	4	55	12	0	0	24	0.38	2.32	5.98	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	37	2	53	22	0	0	35	0.94	10.55	20.91	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	43	5	61	32	0	0	29	2.31	17.37	34.67	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	42	4	59	29	0	0	14	1.67	10.92	19.58	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	57	6	76	38	5	0	14	0.86	4.29	6.36	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	58	5	85	38	11	0	14	0.37	5.60	7.95	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	63	7	80	44	72	0	12	0.71	5.11	7.44	15.62	
Riverside_AP	62	7	82	44	78	0	18	0.25	3.17	4.75	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	61	4	80	46	61	29	15	0.56	4.14	6.47	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	60	3	77	49	31	34	20	0.27	4.97	5.28	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	42	4	67	20	0	0	9	0.60	2.50	2.66	5.02	
Daggett_AP	52	3	75	31	1	0	13	0.10	1.00	2.61	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	47	3	71	18	0	0	12	0.10	1.45	3.73	7.40	
Thermal	59	4	83	34	14	2	11	0.00	1.02	2.28	3.53	
Blythe_AP	60	5	76	37	15	0	13	0.00	2.64	2.80	4.02	
Imperial_CA	59	3	79	39	13	11	11	0.00	0.58	2.18	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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