



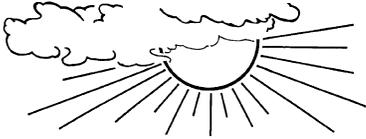
# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

At the beginning of the week, a low pressure center over the Gulf of Alaska moved a series of weather systems through the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. These systems brought showers to the northern half of the State through early Wednesday, with some heavy rainfall reported along the coast and across the northern portions of the Sacramento Valley. By Wednesday an upper level high pressure ridge had developed and brought drying conditions to the State. Offshore flow over Southern California brought dry and quite warm temperatures to the Southland. The stagnant conditions over the Central Valley led to the development of morning fog across that region, but the fog usually burned off by midday and afternoons were sunny and very mild. The offshore flow across Southern California weakened and temperatures there returned to more seasonable levels by Sunday.

## FIELD CROPS

Virtually, all of the **cotton** was harvested by week's end. After harvesting, producers began plowing down their fields for pink bollworm control. With the **alfalfa** season nearing an end, some producers put sheep on their fields to graze off the remaining forage. Some new fields were planted where field conditions were favorable. Over three-fourths of the winter **small grain** crop has been planted and over half of the crop has emerged. Recent rainfall put needed moisture into the ground aiding the developmental progress of small grains.

## FRUIT CROPS

Late variety table **grapes** continued to be harvested, including Autumn King, Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless and Red Globe varieties. The last of the wine grapes in San Joaquin County were being harvested. Vines continued to lose leaves and go dormant. Pruning of vines will start once more leaves are gone. The Hachiya **persimmon** harvest was complete in Yuba County; Fuyu persimmon harvest continued. **Pomegranate** and **kiwi** harvests continued. **Olive** harvest was complete. **Apples** and **pears** continued to be picked and packed. **Blueberries** were being planted. Navel **oranges** continued to be harvested; cooler weather has improved external maturity. **Lemon, limes** and **tangerine** harvests continued. Melogold **grapefruit** were picked and packed.

## NUT CROPS

A few orchards of late variety **walnuts** continued to be harvested in the Sacramento Valley. Trees were being pruned in harvested **almond, pistachio** and walnut orchards.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Kern County, **broccoli** and **cabbage** were being planted. Tulare County reported that the harvest of **tomatoes** and **peppers** was done. Cabbage, **cauliflower** and broccoli and other winter vegetables were being planted. In Fresno County, cabbage, **lettuce** and broccoli all had good stand. Fertilization and irrigation were ongoing. Harvest of broccoli was reported in San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. In Sutter County, winter vegetables and **onion** seed crops continued to be planted while field cultivation continued.

## LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture continued to recover in many areas in response to earlier rains. Range conditions were reported to be primarily fair in the northern half of the State, while fair to mostly poor to very poor in the south. Cattle and sheep continued to graze idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Sheep and livestock at higher elevations were moved down to winter range. Bee hives continue to be moved into the State in preparation for the almond bloom.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/25/12**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 11/25/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 11/25/12	January 1 - 11/25/12	July 1 - 11/25/12	Week Ending 11/25/12	July 1 - 11/25/12	July 1 - 11/25/12	July 1 - 6/30/2013
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka_WFO	56	+6	98	37	33	73	35	0.47	4.01	8.66	38.10
Ukiah	53	+4	69	34	1,797	1,479	16	1.55	5.03	7.54	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	58	+6	72	38	929	1,143	13	1.25	5.45	6.18	31.01
Napa_State_Hosp	55	+5	67	39	1,336	1,222	14	0.92	4.39	5.20	26.46
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San_Francisco_A	58	+6	67	47	482	567	14	0.49	2.38	3.46	20.11
San_Jose_AP	57	+4	69	40	1,295	1,613	13	0.20	1.45	2.72	15.08
Salinas_AP	61	+8	81	45	645	629	10	0.05	0.85	2.22	12.91
Monterey_AP	56	+3	69	41	187	327	16	0.04	1.91	3.62	20.35
King_City_Ag	56	+4	80	37	1,204	1,312	11	0.00	0.82	1.88	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	54	+4	78	34	2,008	1,692	6	0.00	0.28	1.88	13.08
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	54	+6	71	36	2,854	2,524	13	1.79	6.95	6.39	33.52
Red_Bluff	56	+6	71	38	2,955	2,759	11	0.87	3.47	4.75	24.07
Willows_6W	55	+6	66	38	2,496	2,157	14	0.94	3.60	3.55	19.03
Oroville_AP	55	+6	64	39	2,605	2,239	9	0.43	3.91	5.48	28.75
Marysville	56	+6	68	37	2,536	2,589	10	0.28	3.96	4.15	22.07
Sacramento_AP	56	+6	68	38	2,225	2,096	10	0.30	2.76	3.22	17.93
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	55	+5	70	36	2,299	2,347	11	0.11	1.23	2.78	13.84
Modesto_AP	56	+5	69	37	2,693	2,487	11	0.02	0.63	2.41	13.12
Merced_Macready	55	+5	69	41	2,928	2,459	9	0.00	1.18	2.18	12.50
Madera_AP	54	+5	70	39	2,684	2,579	6	0.00	0.89	2.07	11.94
Fresno_AP	57	+7	71	42	3,673	2,809	5	0.00	0.63	1.86	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	53	+3	72	34	2,867	2,522	7	0.00	0.28	1.30	7.89
Visalia_AP	54	+4	72	37	2,921	2,570	4	0.00	0.29	1.93	11.03
Bakersfield	57	+6	72	42	3,640	3,196	5	0.00	0.10	1.04	6.49
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas_AP	41	+7	59	18	613	451	14	0.07	1.18	3.32	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	45	+8	62	27	973	510	12	1.44	3.94	8.24	39.16
Blue_Canyon	48	+8	61	33	1,374	692	19	2.32	12.29	13.82	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	46	+5	58	32	2,084	1,278	8	0.21	2.46	7.91	37.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa_Maria_AP	59	+6	80	42	630	633	6	0.00	0.73	1.88	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	58	+3	74	45	828	1,210	8	0.00	0.91	2.17	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	58	0	73	46	1,328	1,113	6	0.00	0.63	1.94	15.62
Riverside_AP	63	+6	89	46	3,411	2,862	5	0.00	0.37	1.37	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	61	+1	70	52	1,796	1,792	7	0.00	0.47	1.72	13.15
San_Diego_AP	60	0	71	51	1,946	2,093	8	0.00	0.89	1.67	10.77
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop_AP	46	+4	69	24	1,963	1,770	6	0.00	0.25	1.13	5.02
Daggett_AP	59	+7	78	42	4,643	3,890	7	0.00	0.45	1.47	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	54	+7	79	30	3,226	2,510	2	0.00	0.04	1.16	7.40
Thermal	63	+6	87	41	5,579	5,179	7	0.00	2.01	1.28	3.53
Blythe_AP	64	+7	84	45	5,940	5,396	13	0.00	2.72	1.86	4.02
Imperial_CA	66	+6	86	47	5,766	5,212	4	0.00	1.03	1.22	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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