



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

Temperatures were once again hotter than normal this week, 70s-80s in the mountains with highs in the 70s to 90s along the coast from north to south, 80s-90s in the valley with even a few 100+ readings, and 100s-110s in the desert. Early in the week, even some mountain locations were over 90 degrees. Nighttime lows were still quite warm for all locations except in the mountains, where temperatures dipped into the 30s-50s every night. Coastal locations reported lows in the 50s-70s from north to south, with 60s-70s in the valley, and 70s-80s in the deserts. Temperatures were slightly cooler by the weekend as a broad-scale trough began to dig into the western United States, dropping temperatures some 5 degrees.

Some locations received some light rainfall. The San Diego area received light showers on Tuesday totaling less than a tenth of an inch as a result of monsoon moisture feeding up from the Gulf of California. Locations in the northern valley and the northern mountains along a line from roughly Eureka to Redding and northward, received rain as a result of an upper-level low swinging into the Pacific Northwest. Rain totals up to half an inch fell Friday and Saturday, with the heaviest amounts in the mountains just to the north of Redding. Locations elsewhere in the State remained dry for at least the third week in a row.

## FIELD CROPS

**Corn** continued to be cut for silage. **Sorghum** silage was making good progress, with some fields harvested. Grain sorghum/milo was progressing well. **Alfalfa** fields were irrigated, cut, and baled. **Rice** conditions were 70 percent good-to-excellent. **Cotton** continued showing good growth but slightly behind schedule with less than 15 percent of the crop estimated bolls opening by weeks end and conditions were 90 percent good-to-excellent. Black-eye beans were in various stages of development.

## FRUIT CROPS

**Peaches, plums, and nectarines** continued to be packed and exported. In Tulare County the **pomegranate** and **plum** harvests continued. Many prune and peach orchards were mechanically topped. The warm nights slowed the coloring of red **grapes**. In Napa County, growers were harvesting wine grapes earlier this year. No European grapevine moths have been found in traps. In Madera County, some wine grapes were harvested. Flame Seedless and Thompson seedless grape harvests were almost completed. Harvesting of Emperor Grapes continued. Asian and European **pears** continued to be harvested and exported. Valencia **oranges** were picked and packed. Navel oranges continued to mature. **Olives** continued to mature normally. Citrus nursery stock continued to be sold and planted.

## NUT CROPS

**Pistachio** harvest continued in Tulare County, but began this week in Madera County. This year's **almond** harvest was in full swing, though in several counties almond harvests was near completion. **Pecans**, pistachios, and almonds were packed and shipped. **Walnuts** were irrigated and orchard floors were prepared for harvest.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Monterey County, warm nights produced rapid growth of **lettuces**, however quality issue reduced supplies. **Brassicas** and other commodities were unaffected. In San Mateo County, harvest continued for **Brussels sprouts**. **Pumpkins** were growing and **tomatoes** continued to fruit. In Fresno County, the harvest of organic processing tomatoes continued and some mold problems reported due to delayed harvest. Winter **carrots** were up to stand and were fertilized. Dehydrator **onions** were harvested with good yields reported. Late **peppers** were weeded, fertilized, and cultivated. In Tulare County, **squash**, Bell and chili peppers, **eggplant**, tomatoes, **sweet corn**, and **cucumbers** were harvested. **Honeydew melons** were harvested and packed.

## LIVESTOCK

Grasslands in San Mateo County were reported as parched. In Tulare County, foothill rangeland water and forage were very poor at the lower elevations. Supplemental feeding continued. Feed costs for cattle producers remained high.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 8/30/2015**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 8/30/2015	Departure from Normal 2/	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year 2/	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season 2/	Normal Year 2/
					January 1 - 8/30/2015	January 1 - 8/30/2015	July 1 - 8/30/2015	Week Ending 8/30/2015	July 1 - 8/30/2015	July 1 - 8/30/2015	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		- Days /3 -	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	63	5	74	53	121	51	7	0.38	0.54	0.52	38.10
Ukiah	74	3	97	51	1551	1114	3	0.01	0.14	0.18	38.90
Santa Rosa AP	73	6	96	51	917	791	3	0.03	0.08	0.16	31.01
Napa State Hosp	73	6	97	54	1157	868	1	0	0.01	0.15	26.46
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco A	70	6	93	57	666	350	0	0	0	0.09	20.11
San Jose AP	73	3	95	59	1100	1165	1	0	0.02	0.12	15.08
Salinas AP	70	7	90	57	754	386	2	0	0.07	0.09	12.91
Monterey AP	67	6	83	55	526	155	4	0	0.12	0.19	20.35
King City Ag	75	7	107	53	1191	932	2	0	0.03	0.05	12.3
Paso Robles AP	80	7	105	55	1558	1279	2	0	2.09	0.06	13.08
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	81	4	101	57	2797	1956	1	0	0.04	0.26	33.52
Red Bluff	80	2	101	58	2543	2096	1	0	0.03	0.23	24.07
Willow s 6W	78	4	98	56	2110	1610	1	0	0.05	0.14	19.03
Oroville AP	80	6	100	59	2297	1741	2	0.09	0.1	0.22	28.75
Marysville	78	3	101	58	2057	1972	0	0	0	0.14	22.07
Sacramento AP	79	5	102	57	1901	1545	0	0	0	0.1	17.93
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	79	4	103	58	1958	1765	2	0	0.02	0.09	13.84
Modesto AP	82	7	105	62	2317	1877	0	0	0	0.1	13.12
Merced Macready	80	5	104	61	2054	1863	0	0	0	0.04	12.5
Madera AP	82	6	106	62	2290	1988	2	0	0.12	0.02	11.94
Fresno AP	84	7	105	66	2677	2161	2	0	0.43	0.01	11.23
Lemoore NAS	83	8	106	64	2422	1929	2	0	0.12	0.01	7.89
Visalia AP	84	9	105	65	2435	1970	3	0	0.2	0.02	11.03
Bakersfield AP	85	6	104	69	2926	2417	1	0	0.04	0.07	6.49
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas AP	66	4	91	37	731	410	12	0	1.44	0.65	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	68	5	89	41	945	438	7	0.02	1.52	0.8	39.16
Blue Canyon	70	5	82	53	934	556	3	0	0.08	0.77	66.36
Yosemite Valley	77	6	97	56	1595	1011	7	0	1.88	0.71	37.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria AP	72	8	94	58	909	394	2	0	0.14	0.07	14.01
Santa Barbara A	75	7	94	62	964	811	1	0	0.01	0.13	16.93
Oxnard NWS	74	8	92	60	1174	714	4	0	0.58	0.08	15.62
Riverside AP	85	7	105	66	2510	2021	5	0	1.95	0.19	10.22
Los Angeles AP	76	6	86	64	1342	1167	3	0	0.35	0.16	13.15
San Diego AP	78	6	90	70	1851	1400	5	0.01	1.71	0.11	10.77
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop AP	77	6	100	53	1732	1484	3	0	0.24	0.29	5.02
Daggett AP	92	8	109	74	3445	2987	7	0	0.64	0.83	4.17
Lancaster ATC	85	8	104	62	2231	1987	4	0	2.34	0.23	7.4
Thermal	94	6	114	70	4106	3891	3	0	0.88	0.54	3.53
Blythe AP	97	7	113	81	4512	4046	4	0	0.23	0.96	4.02
Imperial CA	97	8	115	82	4317	3811	3	0	0.26	0.37	2.96

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

2/ Normal periods 1970-2000 used in Departure From Normal calculations.

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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