



California Crop Weather

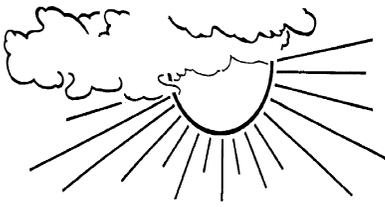
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WEATHER



High pressure influenced California for the beginning of the week, keeping dry and slightly warmer-than-normal conditions for Monday into Tuesday. A weak upper-level low pressure system passed through Tuesday night into Wednesday, promoting a 5-10 degree dip in temperatures, slightly breezy conditions, and the presence of stratus clouds over the Central Valley. Fog was a factor for low-lying areas Wednesday and Thursday. A warming trend began after Wednesday, and very little precipitation was observed throughout the entire week. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday showed slightly above normal temperatures again due to the re-building of high pressure into California.

FIELD CROPS

Favorable weather conditions allowed producers to make excellent harvest progress throughout the week. Over half of the **rice** crop was harvested. **Cotton** defoliation was in various stages. Harvest continued as nearly a third of the crop has been harvested. Both cotton and rice crop conditions maintained their mostly good to excellent rating. **Black-eye** bean harvest was nearly complete. Cutting of **corn** for grain and **sorghum** for silage continued. **Alfalfa** producers were cutting their final crop of the year while some producers were able to get a second cutting off their **Sudan** grass. **Fall** ground preparation continued where fall crops had been harvested. Over a quarter of winter **wheat** crop had been planted and some had begun to emerge. Winter wheat crop conditions were mostly good to excellent.

FRUIT CROPS

Peach, **nectarine**, and **plum** harvests were complete except for a few late varieties. Orchard removal and pruning was underway. The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley with Red Globe, Autumn Royal, Crimson Seedless, and Autumn King, the main varieties harvested. Raisin grape harvest, including Thompson Seedless, continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Wine Grape harvest continued. On the North Coast, white wine grape harvest was complete, while red wine grape harvest was still in progress. Pineapple **quinces**, **figs**, **kiwifruit**, Asian **pears** and **apples** were harvested. Early Wonderful **pomegranate** harvest began. The **olive** harvest continued. Citrus grove maintenance continued with irrigation and treatment of citrus pests. **Lemons** and Star Ruby **grapefruit** were picked. Satsuma **mandarins** were picked in Kern County. Navel **orange** harvest had not yet started. Valencia oranges were still being exported in Tulare County.

NUT CROPS

Harvesting of **walnuts** and **pistachios** was in full swing. Some pistachio orchards were shaken for the second time. New pistachios were being planted. **Almond** harvest continued. Growers reported above normal volumes because of a heavy crop set.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **lettuce**, **chard**, **spinach**, and **carrots** were being harvested. In Tulare County, late summer vegetables were finished and growers were getting their fields ready for the fall and winter crop. Fresno County reported **broccoli**, **cantaloupe**, and **lettuce** were in different stages of harvest. Carrot fields were irrigated and fungicides were applied. Broccoli for seed was planted. In Merced County, cantaloupe harvest was winding down and **honeydew** harvest was complete. **Tomato**, bell pepper, and watermelon harvests continued. In San Joaquin County, fresh market and processing tomatoes, bell **peppers**, **cucumbers**, **squash** and **pumpkins** were being harvested. Siskiyou County reported continued harvest of dehydrator **onions**.

LIVESTOCK

Range and pasture were reported to be good to poor condition. Cattle and sheep on higher elevation summer range were being moved to winter pasture. Sheep continued to graze crop stubble and idle fields. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Cool weather promoted dairy production.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/23/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 10/23/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 10/23/11	January 1 - 10/23	July 1 - 10/23/11	Week Ending 10/23/11	July 1 - 10/23/11	July 1 - 10/23	July 1 - June 30
North Coast	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
Eureka_WFO	58	4	67	49	21	73	17	0.00	4.66	2.82	38.10
Ukiah	65	6	87	45	1,578	1,473	8	0.00	3.57	2.05	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	65	4	88	44	766	1,116	6	0.00	2.08	1.73	31.01
Napa_AP	66	5	86	49	1,082	1,199	6	0.00	1.33	1.39	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	64	4	82	53	524	549	7	0.00	1.19	0.91	20.11
San_Jose_AP	67	4	87	52	1,311	1,578	6	0.00	0.77	0.90	15.08
Salinas_AP	65	5	92	51	567	605	10	0.02	1.44	0.67	12.91
Monterey_AP	62	3	87	50	225	308	15	0.03	2.24	1.11	20.35
King_City_Ag	66	5	94	44	1,119	1,286	3	0.00	0.45	0.65	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	68	8	93	46	1,689	1,679	4	0.00	0.75	0.76	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	67	6	87	47	2,465	2,506	11	0.00	3.33	2.14	33.52
Red_Bluff	68	5	89	48	2,506	2,726	9	0.00	1.91	1.77	24.07
Willows_6W	69	7	89	47	2,132	2,127	6	0.00	1.99	1.07	19.03
Oroville	67	6	84	52	2,157	2,214	7	0.00	2.35	1.65	28.75
Marysville	68	4	87	50	2,169	2,548	6	0.00	2.04	1.30	22.07
Sacramento_AP	68	5	87	50	1,937	2,057	6	0.00	1.34	1.00	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	68	5	88	49	1,986	2,313	4	0.00	0.73	0.95	13.84
Modesto_AP	69	5	87	51	2,328	2,445	2	0.00	1.00	0.86	13.12
Merced_Macready	70	7	90	51	2,481	2,426	2	0.00	1.01	0.70	12.50
Madera_AP	68	6	87	50	2,223	2,551	2	0.00	0.47	0.76	11.94
Fresno_AP	71	8	88	56	2,961	2,776	1	0.00	0.90	0.70	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	69	6	90	48	2,392	2,490	3	0.00	0.43	0.62	7.89
Visalia_AP	70	6	88	54	2,544	2,534	1	0.00	0.58	0.69	11.03
Bakersfield	71	5	89	56	3,094	3,141	3	0.00	0.55	0.45	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	50	4	77	25	494	451	6	0.00	0.69	1.81	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	56	8	77	37	767	510	12	0.00	2.54	3.03	39.16
Blue_Canyon	63	11	75	53	1,001	692	7	0.00	5.21	4.57	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	62	7	79	43	1,440	1,278	6	0.00	4.45	3.07	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	63	4	87	50	590	609	4	0.00	0.83	0.66	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	60	-3	72	52	622	1,156	4	0.01	0.86	0.89	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	61	-3	73	52	939	1,027	5	0.02	0.95	0.66	15.62
Riverside_AP	71	4	96	53	2,701	2,745	4	0.00	0.84	0.66	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	62	-5	72	56	1,261	1,656	3	0.00	0.64	0.65	13.15
San_Diego_AP	64	-4	70	58	1,616	1,951	5	0.00	0.57	0.60	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	60	6	84	33	1,633	1,770	4	0.00	0.94	0.70	5.02
Daggett_AP	74	8	92	56	3,971	3,822	7	0.00	0.53	1.34	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	67	7	90	41	2,595	2,498	3	0.00	0.42	0.66	7.40
Thermal	78	7	103	53	4,936	5,001	6	0.00	0.69	1.09	3.53
Blythe_AP	81	9	101	60	5,583	5,215	4	0.00	1.73	1.71	4.02
Imperial_CA	80	7	102	59	5,254	4,997	3	0.00	0.21	1.01	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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