



California Crop Weather

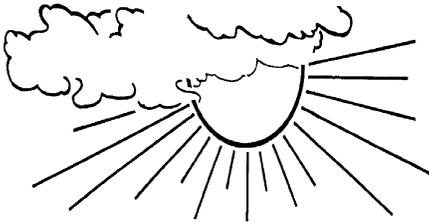
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WEATHER



The week of October 24 began with near-normal temperatures and dry conditions for the State. A colder, upper-level trough had passed through the area Monday night and Tuesday, bringing gusty and dry northerly winds across California in its wake on Tuesday into Wednesday. This trough also brought Tuesday and Wednesday daytime temperatures slightly below normal for most of the State before warming near normal again on Thursday. Offshore winds continued the remainder of the week with very dry conditions, and temperatures trended near-normal from building high pressure. Temperatures became slightly above normal over the weekend as the State remained dominated by the high pressure.

FIELD CROPS

Another week of favorable weather conditions allowed producers to make excellent harvest progress. **Cotton** harvest continued at a quick pace throughout the week as over half of the crop had been harvested by Sunday. Virtually all cotton bolls were opened. About a quarter of the **rice** crop was harvested during the week and about three-fourths of the total crop was harvested. Producers remained busy baling rice straw. Of the remaining crops in the field, cotton conditions remained mostly good to excellent, while rice crop conditions declined slightly and were rated mostly fair to good. Cutting of **corn** for grain and **sorghum** for silage continued. **Alfalfa** producers continued with their final crop of the year, while some producers continued cutting their **Sudan** grass. Fall ground preparation continued where fall crops had been harvested. Over half of the winter **wheat** crop had been planted and nearly a third had emerged. 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 and tree removals and pruning were underway. The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley due to the late maturity. Raisin grape harvest in the San Joaquin Valley was nearly complete. 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**, **persimmons** and **apples** were harvested. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. The **olive** harvest moved ahead. Citrus grove maintenance continued with irrigation and treatment of citrus pests. **Lemons** and Star Ruby **grapefruit** were picked. Satsuma **mandarin** harvest continued. Navel **orange** harvest began. Valencia oranges were still being exported from Tulare County.

NUT CROPS

Harvesting of **walnuts** and **pistachios** continued. Some pistachio orchards were being shaken for the second time. New pistachios were being planted. **Almond** harvest continued with growers reporting above normal volumes because of a heavy crop set.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Carrots were being harvested in Kern County. In Tulare County, commercial **tomatoes** and **peppers** continued to be harvested, while certified producers were planting fall and winter vegetables. Fresno County reported **broccoli**, **lettuce**, winter **onions** and **garlic** were being planted. In Merced County, bell pepper, **cantaloupe** and **watermelon** harvests were complete, while tomato harvest continued and **radicchio** harvest began. In San Joaquin County, fresh market tomatoes and bell peppers were being harvested. Siskiyou County reported continued harvest of dehydrator onions.

LIVESTOCK

Range conditions were rated good to poor. Cattle and sheep were moved to valley floor pasture due to better supply. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Sheep continued to graze crop stubble and idle fields. Cool weather promoted dairy production. Bees were moved to winter locations in Sutter County.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/30/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 10/30/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 10/30/11	January 1 - 10/30	July 1 - 10/30/11	Week Ending 10/30/11	July 1 - 10/30/11	July 1 - 10/30	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
North Coast											
Eureka_WFO	51	-3	62	39	21	73	18	0.01	4.67	3.62	38.10
Ukiah	58	2	82	36	1,582	1,479	8	0.00	3.57	2.80	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	59	-2	82	37	768	1,132	6	0.00	2.08	2.36	31.01
Napa_AP	59	-1	79	39	1,085	1,214	6	0.00	1.33	1.91	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	61	2	74	47	532	559	7	0.00	1.19	1.28	20.11
San_Jose_AP	62	2	78	46	1,329	1,596	6	0.00	0.77	1.18	15.08
Salinas_AP	62	3	81	44	586	618	10	0.00	1.44	0.89	12.91
Monterey_AP	58	-2	69	45	225	317	15	0.00	2.24	1.48	20.35
King_City_Ag	61	0	87	36	1,128	1,301	3	0.00	0.45	0.83	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	59	1	87	34	1,695	1,689	4	0.00	0.75	0.91	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	62	4	82	36	2,486	2,522	11	0.00	3.33	2.82	33.52
Red_Bluff	63	3	84	38	2,529	2,749	9	0.00	1.91	2.20	24.07
Willows_6W	63	3	84	39	2,158	2,149	6	0.00	1.99	1.41	19.03
Oroville	61	3	81	43	2,172	2,233	7	0.00	2.35	2.19	28.75
Marysville	61	0	81	39	2,184	2,573	6	0.00	2.04	1.71	22.07
Sacramento_AP	62	2	80	40	1,955	2,081	6	0.00	1.34	1.31	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	61	0	81	40	1,996	2,335	4	0.00	0.73	1.21	13.84
Modesto_AP	63	2	83	44	2,351	2,470	2	0.00	1.00	1.09	13.12
Merced_Macready	63	3	87	44	2,501	2,447	2	0.00	1.01	0.93	12.50
Madera_AP	61	2	84	42	2,236	2,570	2	0.00	0.47	0.97	11.94
Fresno_AP	64	4	84	48	2,991	2,798	1	0.00	0.90	0.90	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	61	2	84	37	2,406	2,511	3	0.00	0.43	0.76	7.89
Visalia_AP	61	1	82	41	2,558	2,558	1	0.00	0.58	0.90	11.03
Bakersfield	63	0	84	43	3,116	3,172	3	0.00	0.55	0.52	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	42	-3	70	13	494	451	6	0.00	0.69	2.02	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	48	2	69	25	767	510	12	0.00	2.54	3.78	39.16
Blue_Canyon	55	5	67	39	1,002	692	9	0.14	5.35	5.88	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	54	2	74	34	1,442	1,278	6	0.00	4.45	3.79	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	61	3	85	42	605	623	4	0.00	0.83	0.81	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	60	-2	77	43	628	1,177	4	0.00	0.86	1.05	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	63	1	79	47	961	1,050	5	0.00	0.95	0.79	15.62
Riverside_AP	66	0	92	45	2,742	2,786	6	0.07	0.91	0.73	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	63	-3	77	52	1,283	1,695	3	0.00	0.64	0.77	13.15
San_Diego_AP	64	-2	76	54	1,648	1,993	6	0.02	0.59	0.74	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	52	0	80	24	1,633	1,770	4	0.00	0.94	0.77	5.02
Daggett_AP	64	1	90	38	4,008	3,857	7	0.00	0.53	1.34	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	57	-1	84	27	2,604	2,510	3	0.00	0.42	0.73	7.40
Thermal	70	2	93	41	5,009	5,067	6	0.00	0.69	1.10	3.53
Blythe_AP	72	3	93	51	5,666	5,282	4	0.00	1.73	1.71	4.02
Imperial_CA	71	1	95	46	5,332	5,073	3	0.00	0.21	1.08	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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