



California Crop Weather

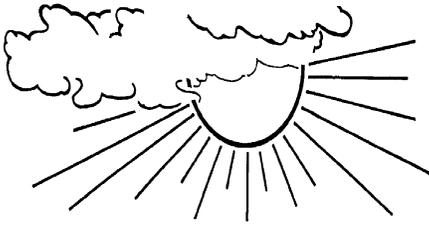
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WEATHER



California's weather underwent a significant change this week. Starting with mild temperatures statewide, the weather became more like winter with chilly temperatures, widespread showers, and even a foot or more of snow in the Northern Sierra by the end of the week. The week began with some scattered light showers across Northern California, as a minor weather disturbance brushed the State. Southern California was unaffected by this system. By Thursday, a cold front driven by a low pressure trough moved into the area. This brought precipitation to the entire State by Thursday. A broad trough of low pressure brought very cool temperatures and lowered snow levels significantly. Over a foot of snow fell over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The cool, wet conditions persisted through Sunday morning, when the low pressure finally began to shift east.

FIELD CROPS

Nearly two-thirds of the **cotton** crop had been harvested by Sunday. Producers continued to make progress with the harvest as some had advanced to their second picking. **Rice** continued to be harvested. Producers remained busy baling rice straw. 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 **Sudan** grass. Large **lima** bean harvest was winding down. **Fall** ground preparation continued. Over two-thirds of winter **wheat** crop had been planted and nearly half had emerged. Winter wheat crop conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. The sweet potato harvest was winding down in Merced County.

FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley due to the late maturity, although it was finally beginning to wind down. Raisin grape harvest in the San Joaquin Valley was nearly complete. Wine Grape harvest was coming to a close. Asian **pears** continued to be harvested. Fuyu and Hachiya **persimmon** harvests continued. Pineapple **quinces**, **figs**, **kiwifruit**, and **apples** were harvested. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. The **olive** harvest was nearly complete in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. **Lemons** and Star Ruby **grapefruit** were picked. Satsuma **mandarin** harvest continued. **Tangerine** harvest began to pick up. Navel **orange** harvest began, with good maturity reported.

NUT CROPS

Harvesting of **walnuts** and **almonds** continued. Walnuts in the southern San Joaquin Valley were being shaken for a second time. **Pistachio** harvest was beginning to slow. Post-harvest clean-up and pruning began.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots**, fall **potatoes**, and organic vegetables were being harvested. In Tulare County, commercial **tomatoes** and **peppers** continued to be harvested, while **spinach** and other winter vegetables were being planted. Fresno County reported **broccoli**, **lettuce**, winter **onions** and **garlic** were being planted. In Merced County, tomato and **radicchio** harvests continued. In San Joaquin County, fresh market tomatoes and bell peppers were being harvested. Dehydrator onions continued to be harvested in Siskiyou County.

LIVESTOCK

Range conditions were reported to be in good to poor condition. Cattle and sheep continue to be moved to valley floor pasture. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Bees were moved to winter locations.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/6/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 11/6/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 11/6/11	January 1 - 11/6	July 1 - 11/6/11	Week Ending 11/6/11	July 1 - 11/6/11	July 1 - 11/6	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	49	-4	70	36	21	73	22	1.14	5.81	4.69	38.10	
Ukiah	51	-5	82	31	1,588	1,479	12	0.76	4.33	3.80	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	53	-5	82	35	774	1,142	8	0.69	2.77	3.19	31.01	
Napa_AP	54	-4	79	36	1,094	1,222	8	0.61	1.94	2.61	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	57	-1	74	46	540	566	10	0.46	1.65	1.75	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	57	-2	78	40	1,340	1,608	8	0.33	1.10	1.53	15.08	
Salinas_AP	57	-2	81	43	595	625	12	1.00	2.44	1.17	12.91	
Monterey_AP	55	-3	76	45	227	324	17	0.39	2.63	1.94	20.35	
King_City_Ag	55	-4	83	34	1,135	1,310	5	0.21	0.66	1.04	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	54	-3	85	33	1,698	1,692	6	0.43	1.18	1.12	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	53	-3	80	34	2,496	2,524	15	0.30	3.63	3.65	33.52	
Red_Bluff	54	-4	82	35	2,539	2,759	12	0.41	2.32	2.75	24.07	
Willows_6W	55	-3	79	35	2,166	2,157	10	0.75	2.74	1.87	19.03	
Oroville	56	0	78	36	2,181	2,239	9	0.80	3.15	2.90	28.75	
Marysville	55	-4	80	34	2,191	2,589	8	0.65	2.69	2.24	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	55	-3	80	35	1,964	2,096	7	0.20	1.54	1.71	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	56	-3	80	36	2,004	2,347	6	0.32	1.05	1.56	13.84	
Modesto_AP	56	-3	80	37	2,359	2,485	4	0.31	1.31	1.40	13.12	
Merced_Macready	57	-1	81	36	2,509	2,459	4	0.43	1.44	1.21	12.50	
Madera_AP	55	-3	78	33	2,239	2,579	4	0.47	0.94	1.24	11.94	
Fresno_AP	57	-1	79	38	3,001	2,809	3	0.29	1.19	1.11	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	55	-3	81	32	2,409	2,522	5	0.28	0.71	0.90	7.89	
Visalia_AP	56	-3	79	36	2,560	2,570	3	0.28	0.86	1.14	11.03	
Bakersfield	57	-3	79	39	3,123	3,190	5	0.33	0.88	0.64	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	36	-6	61	10	494	451	9	0.39	1.08	2.32	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	41	-4	64	22	767	510	16	0.16	2.70	4.76	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	42	-5	64	25	1,002	692	12	1.52	6.87	7.62	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	46	-4	72	30	1,442	1,278	8	1.16	5.61	4.71	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	56	-3	79	37	608	630	6	0.23	1.06	1.02	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	56	-5	76	40	629	1,191	5	0.26	1.12	1.26	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	58	-4	79	41	968	1,071	6	0.29	1.24	1.00	15.62	
Riverside_AP	60	-4	87	40	2,770	2,817	8	0.42	1.33	0.87	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	59	-5	84	46	1,295	1,728	6	0.56	1.20	0.96	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	61	-4	81	51	1,662	2,028	9	0.71	1.30	0.95	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	42	-8	77	18	1,633	1,770	4	0.00	0.94	0.84	5.02	
Daggett_AP	58	-3	86	35	4,029	3,880	9	0.21	0.74	1.34	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	52	-3	84	24	2,613	2,510	5	0.12	0.54	0.80	7.40	
Thermal	60	-6	90	36	5,032	5,114	7	0.01	0.70	1.11	3.53	
Blythe_AP	63	-3	91	42	5,700	5,330	5	0.22	1.95	1.71	4.02	
Imperial_CA	65	-3	92	45	5,373	5,129	4	0.05	0.26	1.15	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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