



California Crop Weather

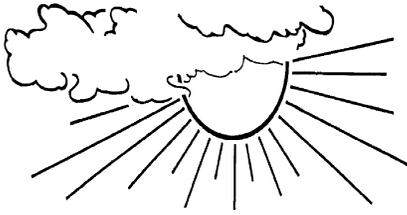
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WEATHER



At the start of the week, a low pressure system was passing to the east of California. Cool, wet conditions associated with this system lingered through Monday, with the heaviest rains being reported across the western slopes of the Northern Sierra, the North Coast, and the foothills and mountains of San Diego County. By Tuesday, high pressure began to rebuild over the West Coast, resulting in clearing skies, drying conditions, and a moderate warming trend. Temperatures for most of the week were slightly above normal. Another low pressure system arrived offshore during the week, and gradually slid southward towards Southern California. This low then shifted southeastward and pushed a cold front through the State on Friday, bringing widespread showers to the entire State on Veteran's Day. By Saturday, this low pressure system had largely exited Northern California, but continued to bring showers to the south through the rest of the weekend. Heavy rain was reported in San Diego County from this system.

FIELD CROPS

Rice harvesting was nearly complete. Producers remained busy baling rice straw. Over three-fourths of the **cotton** harvest crop had been harvested. Cotton harvest was in full-swing for growers in the southern end of the San Joaquin valley. Producers were monitoring their crop in advance of a possible second picking of the crop. Cutting of **corn** for grain and **sorghum** for silage continued. Fall ground preparation continued. Winter **wheat** fields continued to be planted and some were emerging. Winter wheat crop conditions were mostly good to excellent.

FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest was wrapping up in the San Joaquin Valley. Raisin grape harvest in the San Joaquin Valley was complete. Wine Grape harvest was coming to a close across the State. Asian **pear** and 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. Valencia orange harvest was in its final stages.

NUT CROPS

Harvesting of **walnuts** and **almonds** was winding down. Finished walnut groves were being irrigated. Almond pruning had begun. **Pistachio** harvest was complete in Merced County. Post harvest clean-up and pruning were starting.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots** and organic vegetables were being harvested. In Tulare County, commercial **tomato** and **pepper** harvests were winding down, while winter vegetables continued to be planted. Fresno County reported processing **onion**, **watermelon**, **cantaloupe** and **honeydew** harvests were complete. **Sweet corn**, **broccoli**, head and leaf **lettuce**, carrots, bell peppers, fresh market tomatoes, **cucumbers**, and other summer vegetables were being harvested. In Merced County, fresh market tomato harvest was winding down, while processing tomato harvest was complete. In San Joaquin County, bell pepper harvest was winding down while field prep was taking place for next year.

LIVESTOCK

The condition of range across the State continued to be reported from good to poor despite recent precipitation. Cattle and sheep continue to be moved to lower elevation winter pasture. Calving season continued. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Mild weather stimulated dairy production.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/13/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 11/13/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 11/13/11	January 1 - 11/13	July 1 - 11/13/11	Week Ending 11/13/11	July 1 - 11/13/11	July 1 - 11/13	July 1 - June 30
North Coast	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
Eureka_WFO	49	-3	64	35	21	73	22	0.00	5.81	5.97	38.10
Ukiah	50	-4	68	32	1,588	1,479	13	0.05	4.38	5.01	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	52	-4	71	34	774	1,143	10	0.14	2.91	4.18	31.01
Napa_AP	52	-4	66	35	1,094	1,222	11	0.15	2.09	3.46	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	54	-3	63	43	540	567	12	0.47	2.12	2.31	20.11
San_Jose_AP	54	-3	72	39	1,340	1,613	10	0.04	1.14	1.94	15.08
Salinas_AP	55	-3	72	38	595	629	14	0.18	2.62	1.52	12.91
Monterey_AP	53	-4	66	40	227	327	19	0.33	2.96	2.49	20.35
King_City_Ag	53	-4	73	32	1,135	1,312	7	0.41	1.07	1.32	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	51	-4	68	31	1,698	1,692	8	0.53	1.71	1.36	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	49	-4	68	30	2,496	2,524	15	0.00	3.63	4.58	33.52
Red_Bluff	51	-4	67	32	2,539	2,759	12	0.00	2.32	3.40	24.07
Willows_6W	51	-4	67	34	2,166	2,157	11	0.07	2.81	2.42	19.03
Oroville	51	-4	67	36	2,181	2,239	11	0.16	3.31	3.74	28.75
Marysville	51	-5	68	34	2,191	2,589	9	0.13	2.82	2.86	22.07
Sacramento_AP	52	-5	68	35	1,964	2,096	8	0.06	1.60	2.20	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	51	-5	70	32	2,004	2,347	8	0.09	1.14	1.98	13.84
Modesto_AP	53	-4	69	36	2,359	2,487	6	0.15	1.46	1.75	13.12
Merced_Macready	54	-2	72	34	2,509	2,459	6	0.16	1.60	1.53	12.50
Madera_AP	52	-3	70	34	2,239	2,579	5	0.03	0.97	1.52	11.94
Fresno_AP	55	0	72	39	3,001	2,809	4	0.08	1.27	1.35	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	52	-3	71	30	2,409	2,522	8	0.45	1.16	1.04	7.89
Visalia_AP	52	-3	72	34	2,560	2,570	4	0.22	1.08	1.42	11.03
Bakersfield	57	0	78	35	3,136	3,196	7	0.21	1.09	0.78	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	36	-3	58	17	494	451	10	0.01	1.09	2.67	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	41	-1	59	21	767	510	17	0.04	2.74	5.92	39.16
Blue_Canyon	43	-2	53	29	1,002	692	13	0.27	7.14	9.69	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	43	-4	57	29	1,442	1,278	9	0.14	5.75	5.78	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	55	-2	72	35	609	633	8	0.43	1.49	1.29	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	55	-4	70	35	629	1,203	7	0.71	1.83	1.54	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	59	-2	75	42	977	1,087	7	0.63	1.87	1.28	15.62
Riverside_AP	58	-4	75	40	2,775	2,839	10	0.36	1.69	1.01	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	61	-2	78	46	1,313	1,755	8	0.07	1.27	1.19	13.15
San_Diego_AP	61	-2	75	49	1,676	2,056	11	1.40	2.70	1.16	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	40	-7	65	13	1,633	1,770	5	0.05	0.99	0.91	5.02
Daggett_AP	51	-7	66	32	4,029	3,890	9	0.00	0.74	1.35	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	47	-5	67	21	2,613	2,510	6	0.14	0.68	0.90	7.40
Thermal	56	-7	76	34	5,033	5,146	8	0.22	0.92	1.15	3.53
Blythe_AP	59	-5	74	40	5,708	5,363	7	0.07	2.02	1.73	4.02
Imperial_CA	58	-7	75	38	5,376	5,169	5	0.02	0.28	1.16	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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