



California Crop Weather

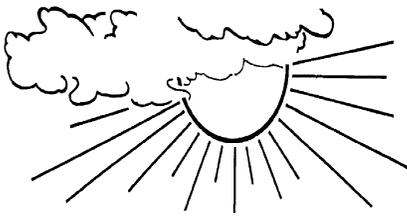
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WEATHER



A weak ridge of high pressure was beginning to build over California in the wake of the weekend's storm system. This resulted in a dry and mild weather regime for the first part of the week for most of the Golden State. Temperatures across Northern California were at or a little above normal, while temperatures in Southern California ranged well above normal, with some reports of highs in the lower 80s by Thursday. By that time, a low pressure system was beginning to push a cold front into Northern California, and by Friday cooler temperatures and showers had spread across the northern half of the State. The low pressure center then shifted to a position off the central California coast, and then swung inland, across Southern California on Sunday. This resulted in shower activity all across the State, but with the focus of the heaviest activity on the South.

FIELD CROPS

Rice harvest was virtually complete. Nearly the entire **cotton** crop has been harvested; producers were monitoring their crop for a possible second picking. Harvesting **corn** for grain and cutting **sorghum** for silage continued. **Fall** ground preparation continued where fall crops had been harvested. Winter **wheat** crop continued to be planted and over half of the crop had emerged. Winter wheat crop conditions remained mostly good to excellent.

FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest continued to wind down in the San Joaquin Valley. Wine Grape harvest was over in all but a few areas. Asian **pear** and Fuyu and Hachiya **persimmon** harvests continued. Pineapple **quinces**, **figs**, **kiwifruit**, and **apples** were harvested. Early **pomegranate** harvest continued. The **olive** harvest was nearly complete in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Satsuma **mandarin** harvest continued. **Tangerine** harvest began to pick up. Navel **orange** harvest began; varieties with good maturity were picked, de-greened and packed. Valencia orange harvest was finished.

NUT CROPS

The harvest of **walnuts** and **almonds** was mostly complete. Finished walnut groves were being irrigated. Almond stockpiles were hulled. **Pistachio** harvest was ongoing. Post-harvest clean-up and pruning began.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots**, **potatoes**, and organic vegetables were being harvested while some **cabbage** fields were ready for harvest. In Tulare County, the commercial **tomato** harvest was winding down while winter vegetables continued to be planted. Fresno County reported **sweet corn**, **broccoli**, head and leaf **lettuce**, carrots, bell **peppers**, fresh market tomatoes, **cucumbers**, and other fall vegetables were being harvested. In Merced County, fresh market tomato harvest was winding down. In San Joaquin County, bell pepper harvest was winding down while field prep was taking place for next year.

LIVESTOCK

Range conditions continue to be characterized as good to poor. Some grass germination was observed in the lower elevation pastures. Cattle were on the valley floor in preparation for winter. Calving season continued. Sheep and cattle grazed retired farmland and alfalfa fields. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Bees have been moved to winter locations.

This report is available the first workday of the week after 1:00 PDT at
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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/20/11

| STATIONS | TEMPERATURE | | | | GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE | | PRECIPITATION | | | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|------|-----|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--|
| | Average Week Ending 11/20/11. | Departure from Normal | High | Low | This Season | Normal | Rain Days 1/ | This Season | | Normal | | |
| | | | | | January 1 - 11/20/11 | January 1 - 11/20 | July 1 - 11/20/11 | Week Ending 11/20/11 | July 1 - 11/20/11 | July 1 - 11/20 | July 1 - June 30 | |
| | -- Degrees Fahrenheit -- | | | | -- Number -- | | -- Days -- | | -- Inches -- | | | |
| North Coast | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eureka_WFO | 49 | -2 | 58 | 39 | 21 | 73 | 27 | 0.96 | 6.77 | 7.40 | 38.10 | |
| Ukiah | 49 | -2 | 67 | 35 | 1,588 | 1,479 | 17 | 0.86 | 5.24 | 6.35 | 38.90 | |
| Santa_Rosa_AG | 52 | -3 | 70 | 32 | 774 | 1,143 | 12 | 0.51 | 3.42 | 5.24 | 31.01 | |
| Napa_AP | 51 | -3 | 67 | 34 | 1,094 | 1,222 | 14 | 0.53 | 2.62 | 4.38 | 26.46 | |
| Central Coast | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| San_Francisco_A | 54 | -1 | 63 | 43 | 540 | 567 | 14 | 0.49 | 2.61 | 2.93 | 20.11 | |
| San_Jose_AP | 53 | -3 | 67 | 39 | 1,340 | 1,613 | 12 | 0.32 | 1.46 | 2.36 | 15.08 | |
| Salinas_AP | 53 | -2 | 65 | 41 | 595 | 629 | 16 | 0.55 | 3.17 | 1.87 | 12.91 | |
| Monterey_AP | 52 | -4 | 59 | 43 | 227 | 327 | 21 | 0.48 | 3.44 | 3.09 | 20.35 | |
| King_City_Ag | 52 | -3 | 69 | 37 | 1,135 | 1,312 | 8 | 0.31 | 1.38 | 1.60 | 12.30 | |
| Paso_Robles_AP | 52 | -1 | 71 | 35 | 1,698 | 1,692 | 9 | 0.73 | 2.44 | 1.64 | 13.08 | |
| Sacramento Valley | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Redding | 49 | -3 | 68 | 27 | 2,496 | 2,524 | 18 | 0.48 | 4.11 | 5.56 | 33.52 | |
| Red_Bluff | 50 | -3 | 70 | 28 | 2,539 | 2,759 | 13 | 1.17 | 3.49 | 4.10 | 24.07 | |
| Willows_6W | 51 | 1 | 67 | 34 | 2,166 | 2,157 | 13 | 0.54 | 3.35 | 3.02 | 19.03 | |
| Oroville | 52 | 2 | 66 | 40 | 2,181 | 2,239 | 12 | 0.40 | 3.71 | 4.65 | 28.75 | |
| Marysville | 52 | -1 | 69 | 32 | 2,191 | 2,589 | 10 | 0.34 | 3.16 | 3.56 | 22.07 | |
| Sacramento_AP | 53 | 0 | 70 | 34 | 1,964 | 2,096 | 10 | 0.25 | 1.85 | 2.75 | 17.93 | |
| San Joaquin Valley | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stockton | 52 | -1 | 70 | 36 | 2,004 | 2,347 | 10 | 0.34 | 1.48 | 2.41 | 13.84 | |
| Modesto_AP | 54 | 2 | 70 | 40 | 2,359 | 2,487 | 8 | 0.24 | 1.70 | 2.10 | 13.12 | |
| Merced_Macready | 54 | 2 | 71 | 39 | 2,509 | 2,459 | 7 | 0.25 | 1.85 | 1.88 | 12.50 | |
| Madera_AP | 53 | 2 | 69 | 38 | 2,239 | 2,579 | 6 | 0.40 | 1.37 | 1.80 | 11.94 | |
| Fresno_AP | 54 | 3 | 69 | 41 | 3,001 | 2,809 | 5 | 0.30 | 1.57 | 1.63 | 11.23 | |
| Lemoore_NAS | 52 | 0 | 69 | 35 | 2,409 | 2,522 | 9 | 0.27 | 1.43 | 1.18 | 7.89 | |
| Visalia_AP | 53 | 0 | 66 | 39 | 2,560 | 2,570 | 5 | 0.29 | 1.37 | 1.70 | 11.03 | |
| Bakersfield | 53 | -1 | 69 | 37 | 3,136 | 3,196 | 8 | 0.22 | 1.31 | 0.92 | 6.49 | |
| Cascade Sierra | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alturas_AP | 35 | -3 | 56 | 0 | 494 | 451 | 13 | 0.31 | 1.40 | 3.03 | 12.13 | |
| Mount_Shasta_AP | 39 | 0 | 58 | 19 | 767 | 510 | 20 | 0.29 | 3.03 | 7.18 | 39.16 | |
| Blue_Canyon | 40 | -3 | 53 | 28 | 1,002 | 692 | 16 | 1.08 | 8.22 | 11.92 | 66.36 | |
| Yosemite_Valley | 42 | -2 | 59 | 32 | 1,442 | 1,278 | 10 | 0.12 | 5.87 | 6.93 | 37.73 | |
| South Coast | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Santa_Maria_AP | 53 | -2 | 72 | 38 | 609 | 633 | 9 | 0.75 | 2.24 | 1.58 | 14.01 | |
| Santa_Barbara_A | 53 | -5 | 66 | 41 | 629 | 1,210 | 8 | 1.88 | 3.71 | 1.87 | 16.93 | |
| Oxnard_NWS | 56 | -4 | 70 | 46 | 977 | 1,101 | 8 | 1.19 | 3.06 | 1.63 | 15.62 | |
| Riverside_AP | 58 | -2 | 77 | 46 | 2,780 | 2,853 | 11 | 0.09 | 1.78 | 1.19 | 10.22 | |
| Los_Angeles_AP | 58 | -4 | 67 | 48 | 1,315 | 1,776 | 9 | 0.97 | 2.24 | 1.47 | 13.15 | |
| San_Diego_AP | 60 | -2 | 66 | 53 | 1,682 | 2,077 | 12 | 0.04 | 2.74 | 1.44 | 10.77 | |
| Southeast Interior | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bishop_AP | 43 | -1 | 69 | 20 | 1,633 | 1,770 | 6 | 0.01 | 1.00 | 1.02 | 5.02 | |
| Daggett_AP | 57 | 3 | 74 | 38 | 4,034 | 3,890 | 9 | 0.00 | 0.74 | 1.42 | 4.17 | |
| Lancaster_ATC | 52 | 3 | 73 | 30 | 2,613 | 2,510 | 7 | 0.26 | 0.94 | 1.04 | 7.40 | |
| Thermal | 59 | -2 | 80 | 42 | 5,037 | 5,167 | 8 | 0.00 | 0.92 | 1.22 | 3.53 | |
| Blythe_AP | 62 | 3 | 79 | 46 | 5,725 | 5,384 | 7 | 0.00 | 2.02 | 1.80 | 4.02 | |
| Imperial_CA | 64 | 2 | 81 | 49 | 5,404 | 5,196 | 5 | 0.00 | 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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