



California Crop Weather

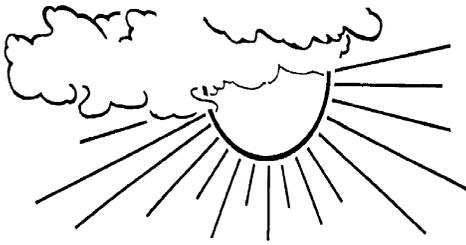
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WEATHER



Cool, showery weather lingered over portions of extreme Northern California at the start of the week as a low pressure trough exited the State. By Tuesday, weak high pressure had built over the State resulting in dry conditions statewide. An offshore flow pattern began to develop for Southern California, bringing unseasonably warm and dry conditions to the south, while Northern California had near normal temperatures, with areas of fog developing across the valleys. Another weather disturbance passed across the north on Thanksgiving Day, creating widespread showers across Northern and Central California. Southern California remained dry and warm. By Saturday, a high pressure ridge began to build over the State, providing paradoxically dry and foggy weather across the northern and central portions of the State, while the south continued to bask in warm sunshine through the weekend.

FIELD CROPS

Operators harvested nearly the entire **cotton** crop once, and moreover, some producers progressed on to the second picking of their crop. Fall ground preparation continued where fall crops had been harvested. Winter **wheat** continued to be planted. Rains helped the emergence of newly planted winter wheat as nearly two-thirds of the crop had emerged. Operators welcomed the forecasted warmer weather to prepare crops for winter conditions. Winter wheat crop conditions maintained their rating of mostly good to excellent.

FRUIT CROPS

The table **grape** harvest continued to wind down in the San Joaquin Valley with just a couple varieties still being harvested. Wine grape harvest was over in all but a few areas. Rain and frosts affected wine grapes in the Northern part of 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 complete in the southern San Joaquin Valley. Satsuma **mandarin** harvest continued. **Tangerine** harvest continued. **Pummelo** and Melogold **grapefruits** were packed for export. Navel **orange** harvest continued; harvest was sluggish due to delayed maturity. Valencia orange harvest was finished.

NUT CROPS

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

VEGETABLE CROPS

Kern County reported **carrots** and **cabbage** were being harvested. In Tulare County, winter vegetables continued to be planted. Fresno County reported **broccoli**, **lettuce**, **garlic** and **onions** were growing at a good rate. In Sutter County, onions and **garbanzos** had been planted.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range conditions continued to be characterized as good to poor. Grass germination was observed in the lower elevation pastures. Calving season continued. Sheep and cattle grazed retired farmland and alfalfa fields. Supplemental feeding of livestock increased. Bees have been moved to winter locations.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/27/11

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 11/27/11.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal	
					January 1 - 11/27/11	January 1 - 11/27	July 1 - 11/27/11	Week Ending 11/27/11	July 1 - 11/27/11	July 1 - 11/27	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --		
North Coast											
Eureka_WFO	50	1	59	39	21	73	31	1.80	8.57	8.89	38.10
Ukiah	51	3	64	36	1,588	1,479	21	1.02	6.26	7.75	38.90
Santa_Rosa_AG	51	-2	60	38	774	1,143	14	0.73	4.15	6.33	31.01
Napa_AP	50	-1	61	37	1,094	1,222	16	0.29	2.91	5.33	26.46
Central Coast											
San_Francisco_A	53	0	60	46	540	567	15	0.13	2.74	3.56	20.11
San_Jose_AP	53	0	65	40	1,340	1,613	13	0.01	1.47	2.78	15.08
Salinas_AP	54	2	71	40	595	629	17	0.05	3.22	2.29	12.91
Monterey_AP	53	-2	72	40	227	327	22	0.11	3.55	3.72	20.35
King_City_Ag	53	1	76	36	1,135	1,312	10	0.03	1.41	1.94	12.30
Paso_Robles_AP	51	2	74	36	1,698	1,692	10	0.05	2.49	1.92	13.08
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	49	1	63	35	2,496	2,524	21	1.84	5.95	6.54	33.52
Red_Bluff	51	2	63	36	2,539	2,759	15	1.54	5.03	4.87	24.07
Willows_6W	50	2	58	38	2,166	2,157	15	0.63	5.01	3.65	19.03
Oroville	51	2	60	40	2,181	2,239	15	0.31	4.02	5.63	28.75
Marysville	50	-2	62	37	2,191	2,589	12	0.12	3.28	4.27	22.07
Sacramento_AP	50	-2	61	38	1,964	2,096	11	0.23	2.08	3.31	17.93
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	49	-2	60	39	2,004	2,347	11	0.01	1.49	2.84	13.84
Modesto_AP	50	-2	63	37	2,359	2,487	10	0.03	1.73	2.46	13.12
Merced_Macready	49	-3	64	34	2,509	2,459	8	0.02	1.87	2.23	12.50
Madera_AP	50	0	63	33	2,239	2,579	6	0.00	1.37	2.12	11.94
Fresno_AP	52	3	67	38	3,001	2,809	5	0.00	1.57	1.91	11.23
Lemoore_NAS	49	0	66	36	2,409	2,522	10	0.02	1.45	1.32	7.89
Visalia_AP	49	-2	64	34	2,560	2,570	5	0.00	1.37	1.98	11.03
Bakersfield	52	1	69	37	3,136	3,196	8	0.00	1.31	1.06	6.49
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas_AP	39	6	62	17	494	451	14	0.01	1.41	3.38	12.13
Mount_Shasta_AP	40	3	56	29	767	510	24	1.89	4.92	8.44	39.16
Blue_Canyon	43	4	63	29	1,002	692	18	0.25	8.47	14.15	66.36
Yosemite_Valley	43	2	63	29	1,442	1,278	10	0.00	5.87	8.09	37.73
South Coast											
Santa_Maria_AP	55	2	78	38	610	633	10	0.08	2.32	1.93	14.01
Santa_Barbara_A	54	-3	78	39	629	1,210	9	0.07	3.78	2.22	16.93
Oxnard_NWS	58	1	82	43	993	1,115	8	0.00	3.06	2.00	15.62
Riverside_AP	58	0	83	40	2,790	2,863	12	0.41	2.19	1.40	10.22
Los_Angeles_AP	58	-3	81	45	1,324	1,794	10	0.01	2.25	1.77	13.15
San_Diego_AP	60	-1	82	48	1,691	2,095	13	0.97	3.71	1.72	10.77
Southeast Interior											
Bishop_AP	40	-3	63	19	1,633	1,770	7	0.09	1.09	1.16	5.02
Daggett_AP	51	-2	70	35	4,034	3,890	10	0.07	0.81	1.49	4.17
Lancaster_ATC	48	2	69	27	2,613	2,510	8	0.05	0.99	1.18	7.40
Thermal	59	1	86	37	5,044	5,181	9	0.03	0.95	1.29	3.53
Blythe_AP	62	4	79	44	5,741	5,398	7	0.00	2.02	1.87	4.02
Imperial_CA	60	1	82	42	5,411	5,214	6	0.06	0.34	1.23	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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