



California Crop Weather

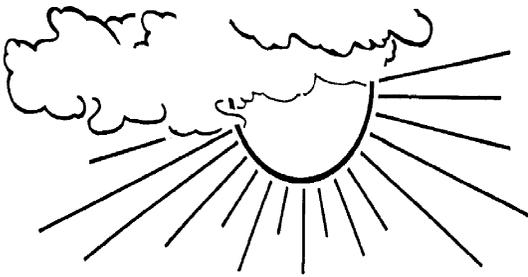
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WEATHER



At the start of the week, a weak, Pacific frontal system brushed Northern California and spread some showers across the northern coast and far northern mountains. The rest of the State remained dry. High pressure moved in behind the front on Tuesday, resulting in a slight warming trend for much of the State, and dry conditions, except for a few residual, light showers along the far northern coast. Wednesday saw another cold front sweep across Northern California. This system brought measurable precipitation to the Central Valley, as well as to the coast and mountains. Strong, high pressure then developed in the wake of this last system, and an offshore wind flow brought drying conditions, especially to Southern California. Very mild temperatures were reported across the State for the end of the week.

FIELD CROPS

Dry-land grains growth and development have been improved by recent rains. However, crops were being irrigated since more precipitation was needed to sustain growth. Some dry-land **oat** fields were disked due to lack of growth caused by water shortage. Ground preparation, cultivation, fertilization, weed spraying, and pre-plant herbicide application continued in winter **wheat**, **rye**, **alfalfa**, and oat fields.

FRUIT CROPS

Peach, **prune**, and other stone fruit orchards were irrigated, pruned, and planted. Growers were applying late dormant sprays. Some stone fruit trees were starting to bloom. **Grape** and **kiwi** vineyards continued to be pruned. Kiwifruit, **persimmons** and **Asian pears** continued to be exported. Navel **orange** and **tangerine** harvests continued. Frost damage remained a concern. The export of **pummelos**, **grapefruit**, **Cara Caras**, and **lemons** was ongoing.

NUT CROPS

Irrigation, orchard removal, planting, and pruning continued in **walnut** and **pistachio** orchards, and wrapped up in **almond** orchards. Growers also applied some fertilizers, herbicides, and dormant sprays. Buds were starting to swell, suggesting bloom was imminent.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Fresno County reported **carrots**, **spinach**, **broccoli** and **lettuce** were harvested, while **garlic** and **onions** were being irrigated and fertilized. Merced County reported **radicchio** and broccoli harvests continued. In Stanislaus County, broccoli continued to be harvested, and **parsley**, **asparagus** and spinach were growing very well.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated rangeland remained in poor condition due to the dearth of precipitation. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued. Sheep and cattle grazed on retired farmland and alfalfa fields. Bees continued to be staged in preparation for the almond bloom.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 2/5/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 2/5/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 2/5/12	January 1 - 2/5	July 1 - 2/5/12	Week Ending 2/5/12	July 1 - 2/5/12	July 1 - 2/5	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	49	2	60	36	0	0	51	0.42	18.62	22.81	38.10	
Ukiah	49	2	68	30	0	0	32	0.06	11.38	23.58	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	51	0	72	33	0	0	21	0.04	10.58	18.65	31.01	
Napa_AP	52	2	67	36	0	0	26	0.05	8.03	15.90	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	52	2	66	42	0	0	23	0.01	5.07	11.92	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	53	2	68	38	1	0	21	0.00	2.44	8.53	15.08	
Salinas_AP	54	2	73	37	1	0	22	0.00	4.84	7.27	12.91	
Monterey_AP	54	2	71	40	0	0	28	0.00	5.06	11.59	20.35	
King_City_Ag	53	2	72	32	0	0	16	0.00	2.35	6.56	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	51	2	70	29	0	0	14	0.00	4.05	7.12	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	50	3	67	30	0	0	31	0.07	12.19	19.17	33.52	
Red_Bluff	51	3	68	33	0	0	25	0.04	9.53	14.23	24.07	
Willows_6W	50	3	68	33	0	0	24	0.00	8.96	11.10	19.03	
Oroville	49	2	66	33	0	0	27	0.01	8.78	16.66	28.75	
Marysville	50	2	67	31	0	0	20	0.01	7.31	12.90	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	52	3	67	33	0	0	17	0.00	4.79	10.49	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	50	1	67	32	0	0	19	0.00	3.15	8.00	13.84	
Modesto_AP	50	-1	67	34	0	0	16	0.00	2.84	7.30	13.12	
Merced_Macready	50	2	69	32	0	0	16	0.01	2.68	6.86	12.50	
Madera_AP	50	2	68	32	0	0	10	0.00	2.33	6.27	11.94	
Fresno_AP	52	4	69	37	0	0	9	0.01	2.95	5.90	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	49	1	69	29	0	0	14	0.01	1.97	4.10	7.89	
Visalia_AP	50	2	68	34	0	0	8	0.00	2.47	5.97	11.03	
Bakersfield	55	5	74	37	0	0	11	0.00	1.75	3.26	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	33	0	52	11	0	0	25	0.06	2.38	6.28	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	38	2	55	21	0	0	36	0.26	10.81	22.59	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	43	5	50	32	0	0	30	0.18	17.55	37.59	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	43	4	58	27	0	0	14	0.00	10.92	21.32	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	55	3	73	35	5	0	14	0.00	4.29	7.10	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	53	-3	71	37	11	0	14	0.00	5.60	8.96	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	58	3	73	41	80	0	12	0.00	5.11	8.40	15.62	
Riverside_AP	57	2	74	40	81	2	18	0.00	3.17	5.37	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	59	1	74	47	65	36	15	0.00	4.14	7.24	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	58	0	73	47	34	43	20	0.00	4.97	5.81	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	39	-2	62	16	0	0	9	0.00	2.50	2.88	5.02	
Daggett_AP	51	0	71	31	1	0	13	0.00	1.00	2.79	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	45	-1	69	18	0	0	12	0.00	1.45	4.12	7.40	
Thermal	54	-4	78	28	14	13	11	0.00	1.02	2.48	3.53	
Blythe_AP	57	0	75	36	15	5	13	0.00	2.64	2.93	4.02	
Imperial_CA	56	-3	75	37	13	25	11	0.00	0.58	2.30	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.

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