



California Crop Weather

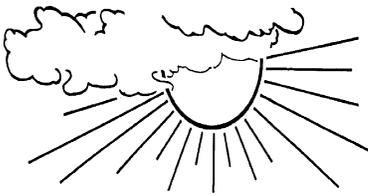
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WEATHER



A high pressure ridge dominated the West coast weather pattern for much of the week, resulting in dry and warm conditions for Northern California and for the southern interior, while the southern coastal regions enjoyed an onshore flow which kept temperatures relatively mild. This pattern held for most of the week, and temperatures across the Central Valley warmed to the highest levels of the year so far, with daytime highs reaching the 100 degree mark.

The high pressure shifted slightly to the east by the end of the week, and interior temperatures decreased slightly, but remained above normal. No significant precipitation was reported during the week.

FIELD CROPS

Temperatures rose again this week, which helped the **wheat** crop continue to dry down in the north. Wheat harvest was ongoing in the San Joaquin Valley. In the northern part of the State, the up and down weather was taking a toll on crops. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, raked and baled. Alfalfa not being harvested was treated for alfalfa weevil. Grain hay was being cut and baled; the **oat** hay crop was looking heavy. **Barley** for seed harvest began. **Cotton** was progressing well in the heat and was being irrigated. **Corn** continues to show good development progress. Planting of **rice** fields was nearly complete. **Sunflower** seed crops continued to emerge. **Mint** was being treated for weeds; a lot of acreage has been affected by winter kill.

FRUIT CROPS

Plum, prune, peach, apricot and **nectarine** fruit continued to progress and develop. Harvest of most stone fruits was expected to begin in the next couple weeks. **Cherry** harvest was in full swing. **Apple** and **pear** bloom was over; fruit was developing. **Kiwis** were flowering; bees were in kiwi vineyards for bloom. Clusters have formed on **grape** vines; fruit size continued to increase. Grapes in the San Joaquin Valley continued to be sprayed for powdery mildew; growers were getting ready for sizing sprays. **Pomegranates** and **olives** were blooming. **Blueberries, blackberries** and **strawberries** were being picked and packed. The harvest of Valencia oranges and **lemons** continued.

NUT CROPS

The **almond** crop was progressing well; there were some reports of limbs breaking due to the heavy crop. **Walnuts** were being sprayed for codling moth. **Pistachio** nuts were approximately two weeks from shell hardening. Pistachios were being sprayed for mealy bug and alternaria.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Stanislaus County reported dehydrator **onions** suffered some damage from early season frost and wind driven erosion, complicating weed control efforts. Damage to the onion's waxy protective layer makes the use of weed controls more difficult, as growers need to prevent the materials from contacting the tissue. Onions were reported around three to four inches. Processing **tomato, cantaloupe, honeydew** and **watermelon** crops were growing well. Onions, **garlic** and **squash** were harvested. Processing tomatoes in Fresno County were doing well, with the first color being reported in early fields. Processing onions were being fertilized and irrigated. **Bell peppers** with crown set up to four inches looked good. Zucchini squash was being harvested in Tulare County.

LIVESTOCK

With the drying out of grasses, rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate. Foothill and higher elevation range were in good to fair condition, while non-irrigated pasture in the Central Valley was reported to range from fair to very poor. Some valley floor pastures continue to be irrigated. Supplemental feeding increased as range quality declined. Sheep continued to graze on retired farmland and idle fields. Bees were active in kiwi and seed onions.

Coming soon – NASS's annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

This report is available the first workday of the week after 1:00 PDT at www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/California/Publications/index.asp

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 6/03/12

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		PRECIPITATION					
	Average Week Ending 6/03/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Season	Normal	Rain Days 1/	This Season		Normal		
					January 1 - 6/03/12	January 1 - 6/03	July 1 - 6/03/12	Week Ending 6/03/12	July 1 - 6/03/12	July 1 - 6/03	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days --		-- Inches --			
North Coast												
Eureka_WFO	55	-1	62	44	0	0	114	0.06	38.38	37.58	38.10	
Ukiah	68	5	98	43	224	129	69	0.00	24.65	38.70	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	63	-2	87	44	130	160	50	0.00	22.24	30.88	31.01	
Napa_State_Hosp	66	2	90	46	240	170	53	0.00	21.04	26.35	26.46	
Central Coast												
San_Francisco_A	60	0	78	50	59	73	48	0.00	13.40	20.04	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	65	-2	86	49	241	271	44	0.00	6.97	15.02	15.08	
Salinas_AP	60	-2	70	49	71	83	49	0.00	10.19	12.86	12.91	
Monterey_AP	57	-2	67	47	8	21	54	0.00	11.09	20.19	20.35	
King_City_Ag	65	0	89	44	178	198	35	0.00	6.25	12.27	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	71	5	101	43	296	185	31	0.00	8.43	13.08	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	76	6	102	48	436	320	66	0.00	22.80	32.99	33.52	
Red_Bluff	76	5	104	48	472	404	50	0.00	20.42	23.72	24.07	
Willows_6W	73	4	97	49	407	311	56	0.00	19.68	18.82	19.03	
Oroville	75	5	98	50	410	333	59	0.00	18.73	28.52	28.75	
Marysville	74	2	99	49	435	469	51	0.00	15.38	21.88	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	72	5	99	50	378	320	41	0.00	12.19	17.77	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	71	2	98	50	388	381	44	0.00	8.08	13.79	13.84	
Modesto_AP	74	4	100	51	469	461	40	0.00	8.65	13.03	13.12	
Merced_Macready	76	5	102	52	509	393	37	0.00	7.11	12.45	12.50	
Madera_AP	73	3	101	48	426	427	30	0.00	7.67	11.87	11.94	
Fresno_AP	79	7	104	56	641	472	28	0.00	8.15	11.04	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	74	3	102	50	489	436	33	0.00	4.53	7.87	7.89	
Visalia_AP	76	5	100	54	505	441	22	0.00	7.25	10.93	11.03	
Bakersfield	77	4	101	55	656	572	26	0.00	4.93	6.41	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas_AP	59	4	89	31	29	0	66	0.01	6.87	11.49	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	64	8	88	36	90	5	82	0.02	27.78	38.36	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	64	8	79	45	112	7	74	0.00	45.27	65.70	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	70	9	95	41	223	69	39	0.00	23.61	37.09	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa_Maria_AP	59	-1	71	48	50	61	35	0.00	9.57	14.00	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	60	-3	74	48	55	209	28	0.00	10.17	16.92	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	62	1	75	50	220	203	26	0.00	9.73	15.61	15.62	
Riverside_AP	73	3	93	55	671	499	29	0.00	5.23	10.16	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	65	2	74	59	278	383	29	0.00	7.52	13.11	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	64	-3	69	59	258	488	39	0.00	8.03	10.72	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop_AP	71	4	99	38	281	214	14	0.00	3.07	4.85	5.02	
Daggett_AP	83	6	108	57	1,004	742	18	0.00	1.21	4.06	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	79	9	103	49	556	361	25	0.00	3.46	7.39	7.40	
Thermal	86	4	115	57	1,341	1,313	15	0.00	1.38	3.51	3.53	
Blythe_AP	87	4	114	60	1,502	1,273	17	0.00	2.98	4.01	4.02	
Imperial_CA	86	4	114	58	1,324	1,214	13	0.00	0.81	2.96	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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