



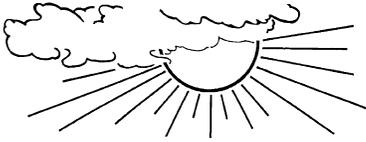
# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

At the start of the week, a storm system delivered widespread showers across Northern California, with some isolated light showers even reaching Southern California. As this storm system exited the State, a dry off-shore wind developed over Southern California, which persisted for several days. In the North, Tuesday and Wednesday were relatively dry and cold, with widespread freezing temperatures occurring in the morning hours. By Thursday, the next in a series of vigorous Pacific storms pushed through the State. Northern California saw significant precipitation fall in these storms, which affected that part of the State for the rest of the week. The precipitation finally reached Southern California by Sunday and brought light showers to that region.

## FIELD CROPS

Small **grains** crops looked excellent to good, due to continued moisture. Some southern **rice** fields were being planted with winter crops.

## FRUIT CROPS

Pruning continued in vineyards and stone fruit orchards. Discing, shredding brush and trellis work were also ongoing. Late variety table **grapes** continued to be harvested, including Crimson Seedless variety. **Persimmon** harvest continued. **Pomegranate** and **kiwi** harvests slowed. **Apple** and **pear** harvests were nearly complete. Navel **oranges** continued to be harvested. **Lemon** and **lime** harvests continued. Hybrid **grapefruit** was picked and packed. **Mandarin** harvest continued.

## NUT CROPS

Pruning and other activities were wrapping up in **almond**, **pistachio** and **walnut** orchards.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Tulare County, planted winter vegetable crops continue to grow normally. Fresno County reported harvesting of **carrots**, fall **broccoli**, **cabbage** and head **lettuce**. Harvest was finished for **eggplant**, **garlic**, **onion**, **squash** and processing **tomatoes**. Field fumigation was ongoing for next year's onion, **melon** and tomato fields. Winter vegetables, such as **beets**, **chard**, **choys**, **daikon**, **kales**, **turnips** and mustard **greens**, were growing nicely.

## LIVESTOCK

Recent moisture helped as pasture continued to recover from dry conditions. Dairy facilities are being prepared for winter.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 12/23/12**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 12/23/12.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year	
					January 1 - 12/23/12	January 1 - 12/23/12	July 1 - 12/23/12	Week Ending 12/23/12	July 1 - 12/23/12	July 1 - 12/23/12	July 1 - 6/30/2013	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>												
Eureka_WFO	46	-2	55	31	33	73	55	4.72	15.81	14.48	38.10	
Ukiah	46	+1	58	26	1,797	1,479	32	5.57	20.61	12.82	38.90	
Santa_Rosa_AG	48	0	60	28	929	1,143	27	3.35	16.63	10.18	31.01	
Napa_State_Hosp	48	+2	59	28	1,336	1,222	28	3.55	13.61	8.65	26.46	
<b>Central Coast</b>												
San_Francisco_A	52	+3	60	36	487	567	27	2.14	9.33	5.95	20.11	
San_Jose_AP	50	+2	59	32	1,305	1,613	27	1.59	6.10	4.44	15.08	
Salinas_AP	49	-2	61	32	648	629	25	0.71	5.16	3.72	12.91	
Monterey_AP	51	+1	64	34	190	327	32	0.82	6.66	5.96	20.35	
King_City_Ag	48	-2	62	28	1,211	1,312	20	0.15	2.89	3.33	12.30	
Paso_Robles_AP	46	0	60	23	2,011	1,692	19	0.98	2.33	3.31	13.08	
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>												
Redding	42	-4	58	25	2,856	2,524	28	4.51	17.74	10.42	33.52	
Red_Bluff	45	-1	59	28	2,955	2,759	25	2.59	12.02	7.75	24.07	
Willows_6W	46	+2	57	27	2,496	2,157	29	3.53	14.18	5.86	19.03	
Oroville_AP	46	+2	57	28	2,605	2,239	23	3.53	12.99	9.16	28.75	
Marysville	47	+2	60	27	2,537	2,589	24	2.72	14.02	7.09	22.07	
Sacramento_AP	48	+3	60	30	2,228	2,096	22	2.42	9.54	5.34	17.93	
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>												
Stockton	47	+4	55	31	2,299	2,347	24	1.54	6.63	4.38	13.84	
Modesto_AP	47	+3	58	29	2,693	2,487	27	1.27	5.13	3.85	13.12	
Merced_Macready	47	+3	61	28	2,928	2,459	21	0.95	4.13	3.58	12.50	
Madera_AP	47	+3	63	27	2,685	2,579	18	0.67	3.53	3.30	11.94	
Fresno_AP	49	+6	66	32	3,678	2,809	16	0.61	2.81	3.00	11.23	
Lemoore_NAS	47	+3	67	23	2,871	2,522	18	0.30	1.21	2.05	7.89	
Visalia_AP	48	+5	64	28	2,923	2,570	15	0.68	1.70	3.20	11.03	
Bakersfield	49	+4	67	28	3,657	3,196	14	0.17	0.70	1.67	6.49	
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>												
Alturas_AP	30	0	44	5	613	451	28	0.60	3.67	4.47	12.13	
Mount_Shasta_AP	31	-4	44	14	973	510	28	5.50	18.74	13.00	39.16	
Blue_Canyon	31	-9	39	20	1,374	692	36	4.53	33.29	21.67	66.36	
Yosemite_Valley	34	-4	45	23	2,084	1,278	19	0.20	10.05	12.16	37.73	
<b>South Coast</b>												
Santa_Maria_AP	50	-2	63	29	648	633	18	0.75	2.44	3.44	14.01	
Santa_Barbara_A	50	-3	63	31	840	1,210	20	0.47	4.34	4.05	16.93	
Oxnard_NWS	53	-3	65	37	1,342	1,124	18	0.23	2.34	3.72	15.62	
Riverside_AP	52	-3	65	35	3,434	2,867	11	0.05	1.39	2.27	10.22	
Los_Angeles_AP	56	-2	68	44	1,821	1,841	17	0.28	1.49	3.21	13.15	
San_Diego_AP	55	-2	70	42	1,988	2,142	15	0.08	2.85	2.78	10.77	
<b>Southeast Interior</b>												
Bishop_AP	29	-8	55	5	1,963	1,770	10	0.00	0.54	1.69	5.02	
Daggett_AP	43	-4	63	23	4,652	3,890	9	0.14	0.81	1.83	4.17	
Lancaster_ATC	41	-2	59	10	3,228	2,510	4	0.00	0.13	1.97	7.40	
Thermal	48	-6	68	22	5,630	5,183	9	0.00	2.15	1.54	3.53	
Blythe_AP	50	-3	66	33	5,994	5,399	16	0.00	3.58	2.26	4.02	
Imperial_CA	52	-4	68	32	5,843	5,230	7	0.00	1.45	1.55	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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