



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER



A broad, high pressure ridge dominated the western states through all of last week. California experienced primarily clear skies, warmer than average daytime temperatures, cooler than average nights, and drier than average weather during the week. A pair of compact low pressure systems remained

offshore of the Pacific Coast and led to some localized increased winds and waves on the coast. The weather pattern shifted dramatically late in the weekend with the arrival of a low pressure system that originated in the Gulf of Alaska. This system brought strong wind gusts throughout the State and wet snow to the Sierra Nevada.

## FIELD CROPS

Nearly all of the **rice** was harvested by week's end. Reporters noted **cotton** harvest was ongoing as a fifth of the crop was harvested during the week. **Alfalfa** growers continued to cut, windrow, rake and bale with good drying conditions across the State. Reporters comment that producers were between their 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> cutting of the year. Black-eyed **peas** harvest continued. Silage **Sudan** and **corn** harvest were ongoing. **Milo** was maturing adequately. Northern California was finishing up the harvest of **potatoes**. Winter **wheat** field planting continued and some early planted wheat had emerged. Some areas commented that they are preparing their ground in anticipation of precipitation to begin planting.

## FRUIT CROPS

Late wine **grape** harvest continued. Some raisin grapes were still drying on the ground. Table grape harvest continued. Asian **pear** harvest was ongoing. **Apples** continued to be harvested, including the Fuji, Granny Smith and Pink Lady varieties. **Kiwi** harvest continued. **Peach**, **nectarine**, and **plum** harvests were complete, except for some late variety plums. **Olive** harvest was ongoing for both oil and table varieties. Fuyu **Persimmon** harvest was in full swing. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. Satsuma **mandarin** harvest continued in Tulare County. Navel **Orange** harvest began. **Lemon** harvest continued in the Imperial and San Joaquin Valleys. Oroblanco **grapefruit** harvest continued. Quarantines were ongoing in Tulare County for Asian Citrus Psyllid.

## NUT CROPS

**Almond** harvest was nearly complete. Finished orchards were irrigated, fertilized and pruned. **Pistachio** and **walnut** harvests were slowing.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported fall vegetables such as **pumpkins**, **pomegranates**, and **persimmons** were sold at farmer's markets. Winter **carrots** were harvested in Fresno County as later fields were irrigated and treated with fungicides. **Onion** fields were prepared and pre-irrigated. Processing **tomato** harvest was in the final stage. **Bell** and **chile** pepper, fresh market tomato, and **sweet potato** harvest continued in Merced County. San Mateo County reported **Brussels sprout** harvest was in full swing.

## LIVESTOCK

Range and non-irrigated pasture continued to be in fair to very poor condition. Cattle continued to be moved from higher range in anticipation of winter. Sheep and cattle grazed on idle fields, dry land grain and alfalfa fields. Livestock supplemental feeding of hay and grain was ongoing. Calving season began in coastal regions.

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**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/27/13**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 10/27/13	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 10/27/13	January 1 - 10/27/13	July 1 - 10/27/13	Week Ending 10/27/13	July 1 - 10/27/13	July 1 - 10/27/13	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1--	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	48	-6	57	44	120	73	15	0.00	2.90	3.25	38.10
Ukiah	61	+3	88	37	1,745	1,477	4	0.00	0.59	2.45	38.90
Santa Rosa AG	60	-2	78	42	1,577	1,126	1	0.00	0.48	2.07	31.01
Napa State Hosp	59	-2	80	41	1,474	1,208	1	0.00	0.67	1.66	26.46
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco A	56	-4	70	47	713	556	1	0.00	0.23	1.11	20.11
San Jose AP	59	-4	75	46	1,386	1,590	1	0.00	0.66	1.06	15.08
Salinas AP	56	-4	73	45	686	613	2	0.00	0.08	0.79	12.91
Monterey AP	53	-7	62	45	389	314	5	0.00	0.07	1.31	20.35
King City Ag	59	-3	84	40	1,372	1,295	0	0.00	0.00	0.74	12.30
Paso Robles AP	62	+3	87	38	2,059	1,686	1	0.00	0.02	0.84	13.08
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	62	+3	91	39	2,932	2,516	5	0.00	1.40	2.51	33.52
Red Bluff	64	+2	88	42	3,046	2,740	4	0.00	0.52	2.00	24.07
Willow s 6W	62	+2	83	43	2,480	2,140	3	0.00	0.71	1.25	19.03
Oroville AP	63	+3	83	45	2,520	2,226	2	0.00	0.79	1.94	28.75
Marysville	62	0	86	42	2,544	2,564	2	0.00	0.75	1.52	22.07
Sacramento AP	62	0	85	44	2,280	2,072	4	0.00	0.59	1.16	17.93
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	62	-1	82	43	2,328	2,326	2	0.00	0.28	1.09	13.84
Modesto AP	63	0	82	44	2,712	2,461	2	0.00	0.13	0.98	13.12
Merced Macready	62	+1	83	42	2,763	2,439	1	0.00	0.10	0.82	12.50
Madera AP	63	+2	84	44	2,639	2,563	3	0.00	0.28	0.88	11.94
Fresno AP	68	+7	87	51	3,717	2,790	1	0.00	0.01	0.81	11.23
Lemoore NAS	65	+4	89	44	3,191	2,503	1	0.00	0.01	0.70	7.89
Visalia AP	64	+3	84	45	2,923	2,549	1	0.00	0.01	0.81	11.03
Bakersfield AP	67	+4	86	51	3,616	3,160	0	0.00	0.00	0.49	6.49
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas AP	48	+3	77	19	653	451	12	0.00	0.81	1.93	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	54	+7	78	31	978	510	11	0.00	1.87	3.43	39.16
Blue Canyon	62	+12	71	54	1,153	692	3	0.00	0.11	5.27	66.36
Yosemite Valley	60	+7	80	39	1,880	1,278	3	0.00	0.98	3.46	37.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria AP	59	-2	70	48	836	617	2	0.00	0.02	0.74	14.01
Santa Barbara A	60	-3	70	47	1,012	1,168	2	0.00	0.10	0.97	16.93
Oxnard NWS	61	-2	70	47	1,252	1,041	1	0.00	0.01	0.73	15.62
Riverside AP	66	-1	90	50	3,074	2,770	4	0.00	0.42	0.70	10.22
Los Angeles AP	63	-3	69	56	1,702	1,680	3	0.00	0.05	0.71	13.15
San Diego AP	65	-2	71	55	1,765	1,975	4	0.00	0.12	0.68	10.77
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop AP	56	+4	79	32	2,083	1,770	6	0.00	0.76	0.74	5.02
Daggett AP	69	+5	88	49	4,463	3,844	8	0.00	0.96	1.34	4.17
Lancaster ATC	61	+3	85	36	3,127	2,506	2	0.00	0.04	0.70	7.40
Thermal	71	+1	95	48	5,274	5,041	6	0.00	1.54	1.09	3.53
Blythe AP	73	+3	93	52	5,663	5,256	14	0.00	1.79	1.71	4.02
Imperial CA	73	+2	93	54	5,470	5,043	10	0.00	1.16	1.05	2.96

1/ Total number of days w ith 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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