



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER



There were generally mild conditions across the State with near seasonal temperatures for much of the week. Dry conditions prevailed for the northern regions of the State except for a few showers and thunderstorms across the Northern Coastal counties into the Northern Mountains. This resulted in light

precipitation, generally less than a tenth of an inch for local areas. Monsoonal moisture impacted the southern part of the State producing a line of thunderstorms which resulted in periods of heavy rain for local areas. Local areas received around a half inch or more. Otherwise, precipitation amounts were light. San Diego County had some flash flooding due to the heavy downpours. Mild weather returned by the end of the week.

FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa was cut, dried, and baled. Second crop **silage sorghum** was making excellent progress. **Cotton** showed good growth, with fields in full bloom. The crop condition was 85% percent good or excellent. Growers wrapped up their last irrigations. **Black-eyed peas** were in various stages of development with some pods drying. **Silage corn** harvest continued. **Sudan grass** showed significant growth. Some fields that would normally be planted to a second crop were left fallow due to water issues.

FRUIT CROPS

Grape harvest continued at a rapid pace. Some **raisin** grapes were laid down on trays in Tulare and Madera counties. **Peaches, plums, nectarines, and plums** continued to be picked, packed and shipped to both local and foreign markets. Late variety plum harvest was underway. Stone fruit export continued. Fruit quality and size are excellent. Asian, Bartlett, and Bosc **pears** were harvested and packed for export. Valencia **orange** harvest remained active, with exports going to Mexico and Hong Kong, and the majority going to the domestic market. Citrus groves were skirted and pruned for insect control. Citrus re-greening was an ongoing problem. **Olives, figs, and kiwis** continued to mature normally. **Pomegranate** harvest continued in Tulare County. In San Mateo County, **apple** trees were in full fruiting stages.

NUT CROPS

Shaking for the Nonpareil **almond** continued in Tulare, Fresno, Kern, Sutter, and Yuba counties. Hull split is complete in some fields in Modesto, Kings, and Kern counties where harvest is now in full swing. In Sutter and Yuba counties, hull split continues. Growers are preparing for harvest. **Walnuts** are receiving husk fly sprays and a third codling moth spray in Fresno, Kings and Kern counties. Overall, walnuts maturation is 2 weeks ahead of schedule. In Kern and Kings counties, **pistachios** were experiencing some early pea splits, but no full-size nuts were splitting. There were scattered reports of spider mites on edges of orchards.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Tomato harvest continued across the State including San Joaquin, Merced, Tulare, and Kings counties. **Melons** were harvested in Merced and Tulare counties. **Cucumbers** were harvested in Tulare and were ready for pickling in San Mateo County. In Tulare County, roadside stands were open for summer vegetables including **green beans, squash, eggplant and sweet corn**. In San Mateo County, there was a small amount of fusarium in **pumpkins**.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture quality continued to deteriorate with conditions reported fair to poor with some very poor. Available water at the lower elevation continued to decline. Fire danger remained high throughout the State. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued as range quality declined. Bees continued to work alfalfa, melon, squash, and sunflower fields.

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CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 8/24/14

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION				
	Average Week Ending 8/24/14	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year	
					January 1 - 8/24/14	January 1 - 8/24/14	July 1 - 8/24/14	Week Ending 8/24/14	July 1 - 8/24/14	July 1 - 8/24/14	July 1 - June 30	
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1--	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast												
Eureka WFO	59	+2	66	52	36	45	2	0.00	0.03	0.40	38.10	
Ukiah	74	+2	95	55	1,517	1,044	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	38.90	
Santa Rosa AP	67	-2	83	55	857	743	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	31.01	
Napa State Hosp	69	+2	85	54	1,134	820	1	0.00	0.05	0.09	26.46	
Central Coast												
San Francisco A	67	+4	77	57	748	326	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	20.11	
San Jose AP	69	-2	81	58	1,092	1,103	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	15.08	
Salinas AP	66	+2	75	58	531	357	1	0.00	0.01	0.04	12.91	
Monterey AP	64	+3	72	56	397	141	2	0.04	0.05	0.13	20.35	
King City Ag	70	+2	91	54	1,120	878	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	12.30	
Paso Robles AP	71	-4	97	52	1,565	1,201	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	13.08	
Sacramento Valley												
Redding	79	+1	100	60	2,277	1,854	5	0.00	0.19	0.20	33.52	
Red Bluff	79	-1	99	61	2,376	1,986	4	0.00	0.29	0.17	24.07	
Willow s 6W	75	+1	97	55	2,068	1,526	0	0.00	0.00	0.08	19.03	
Oroville AP	77	+2	95	59	2,219	1,654	2	0.00	0.21	0.16	28.75	
Marysville	75	-3	94	55	1,985	1,876	1	0.00	0.01	0.08	22.07	
Sacramento AP	73	-3	91	56	1,749	1,461	1	0.00	0.01	0.05	17.93	
San Joaquin Valley												
Stockton	74	-3	92	56	1,837	1,671	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.84	
Modesto AP	75	-2	94	59	2,063	1,781	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.12	
Merced Macready	78	+2	97	60	2,237	1,766	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	12.50	
Madera AP	78	-1	99	60	2,180	1,885	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	11.94	
Fresno AP	83	+4	101	66	2,881	2,051	1	0.00	0.01	0.01	11.23	
Lemoore NAS	78	+2	99	61	2,439	1,833	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.89	
Visalia AP	78	+1	97	61	2,281	1,870	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	11.03	
Bakersfield AP	83	+2	101	66	2,939	2,294	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	6.49	
Cascade Sierra												
Alturas AP	66	+3	93	41	712	387	9	0.03	0.87	0.54	12.13	
Mount Shasta AP	68	+4	91	45	911	413	6	0.00	0.45	0.68	39.16	
Blue Canyon	68	+2	79	58	900	518	4	0.00	0.65	0.64	66.36	
Yosemite Valley	74	+3	95	54	1,612	944	3	0.00	0.21	0.65	37.73	
South Coast												
Santa Maria AP	69	+5	79	57	922	364	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	14.01	
Santa Barbara A	68	-2	78	56	893	757	2	0.01	0.02	0.07	16.93	
Oxnard NWS	69	+3	79	57	1,085	669	1	0.00	0.03	0.02	15.62	
Riverside AP	77	-3	99	62	2,380	1,907	4	0.12	0.17	0.13	10.22	
Los Angeles AP	72	+1	78	66	1,480	1,101	2	0.00	0.17	0.10	13.15	
San Diego AP	73	0	79	67	1,761	1,323	3	0.01	0.08	0.05	10.77	
Southeast Interior												
Bishop AP	73	-2	98	49	1,660	1,409	0	0.00	0.00	0.23	5.02	
Daggett AP	83	-3	99	66	3,320	2,840	2	0.00	0.03	0.77	4.17	
Lancaster ATC	78	-2	98	59	2,194	1,882	1	0.00	0.03	0.17	7.40	
Thermal	88	-3	105	65	4,034	3,718	3	0.00	0.32	0.43	3.53	
Blythe AP	88	-4	106	68	4,295	3,861	5	0.45	0.53	0.84	4.02	
Imperial CA	88	-4	108	68	4,130	3,631	4	1.46	1.53	0.30	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.

Normal periods 1970-2000 used in Departure From Normal calculations.

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