



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

High pressure centered on the Great Basin region dominated the week's weather for most of California. High pressure prevented any rainfall for the vast majority of the State. A few coastal southern locations reported light precipitation early in the week. A pacific system grazed the extreme Northwest corner of the State late in the week, with rain totals mostly under one-third of an inch. Temperatures gradually warmed throughout the week, with highs near 60 degrees common early in the week. Highs near 80 degrees were common over the weekend. Lows were primarily below 50 degrees statewide, except for the Sierras, which saw lows near 20 degrees each night. Mountain snowcaps eroded through the course of the week as a result of warming temperatures and no additional snowfall.

## FIELD CROPS

Over four-fifths of the **cotton** crop was harvested as farmers resumed harvest following recent rains. Winter **wheat** was in various stages of development throughout the State with half of the crop planted and over one-third emerged by week's end. Three-quarters of the crop conditions were rated good-to-excellent. **Alfalfa** was still cut and baled as farmers prepared for sheep to graze idle fields upon the completion of harvest. **Sorghum**, **Sudan** grass and **corn** were harvested for silage.

## FRUIT CROPS

Table **grape** harvest was nearly complete; Crimson Seedless and Red Globe were the main varieties still harvested. **Kiwifruit**, **pomegranate**, and **persimmon** harvests slowed. Stone fruit orchards were pruned and fertilized. **Olive** harvest was ongoing. **Apple** harvest continued; Granny Smith and Pink Lady were the primary varieties currently harvested. Navel **oranges** were maturing well as harvest increased. **Lemon**, **mandarin**, and **grapefruit** harvests were ongoing. Citrus orchards were sprayed with herbicides, pesticides, and foliar nutrients.

## NUT CROPS

Late variety **walnut** harvest was slowing and post-harvest irrigation was underway. Harvested nut orchards were pruned, irrigated, and fertilized.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

The fresh **tomato** harvest continued and the processing tomato harvest finished. The head **lettuce** season finished in Monterey County and production of other lettuces slowed considerably. **Onion** beds were prepared in Fresno County. Fields were prepared for organic kale and mustard seed. Jalapeño **pepper**, **asparagus**, **blueberries**, **carrots**, **broccoli**, **cauliflower**, **Brussels sprouts**, **squash**, **zucchini**, **eggplant**, **cucumbers** and **parsley** harvest was ongoing. Late season bell peppers continued to size. Winter vegetable field preparation and planting continued.

## LIVESTOCK

Fall lambing continued. Severe drought conditions continued to affect rangeland pastures throughout the State. Feed costs for cattle ranchers remained high. Due to the lack of quality feed, supplemental feeding was ongoing for range cattle. Cattle and sheep continued to graze on idle fields or in alfalfa and small grain fields. Beehives were placed in bee yards to give access to blooming plants in-between pollination duties.

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**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 11/9/14**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION			
	Average Week Ending 11/9/14	Departure from Normal	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season	Normal Year
					January 1 - 11/9/14	January 1 - 11/9/14	July 1 - 11/9/14	Week Ending 11/9/14	July 1 - 11/9/14	July 1 - 11/9/14	July 1 - June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days /1 --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	57	+5	66	46	129	73	18	0.22	7.29	5.22	38.10
Ukiah	60	+7	81	41	2,161	1,479	11	0.00	2.28	4.30	38.90
Santa Rosa AP	60	+4	83	40	1,342	1,143	7	0.00	1.33	3.60	31.01
Napa State Hosp	61	+5	79	42	1,732	1,222	10	0.00	1.52	2.96	26.46
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco A	63	+7	76	50	1,361	567	5	0.00	0.73	1.99	20.11
San Jose AP	60	+3	77	43	1,631	1,611	4	0.00	1.00	1.70	15.08
Salinas AP	64	+7	83	46	1,008	628	6	0.00	1.69	1.32	12.91
Monterey AP	59	+3	77	45	703	327	10	0.00	2.67	2.17	20.35
King City Ag	61	+4	84	40	1,708	1,312	3	0.00	0.20	1.16	12.30
Paso Robles AP	61	+6	86	40	2,305	1,692	1	0.00	1.05	1.21	13.08
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	61	+7	82	43	3,168	2,524	15	0.00	5.57	4.04	33.52
Red Bluff	61	+6	79	45	3,292	2,759	16	0.00	5.75	3.02	24.07
Willow s 6W	61	+6	80	42	2,925	2,157	7	0.00	1.79	2.10	19.03
Oroville AP	61	+6	76	44	3,079	2,239	9	0.00	2.13	3.25	28.75
Marysville	59	+3	78	41	2,757	2,589	7	0.00	1.18	2.50	22.07
Sacramento AP	60	+4	79	40	2,585	2,096	7	0.00	1.00	1.92	17.93
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	60	+5	80	38	2,669	2,347	4	0.00	1.14	1.74	13.84
Modesto AP	59	+3	77	40	2,912	2,487	3	0.00	1.01	1.55	13.12
Merced Macready	60	+4	78	42	3,173	2,459	2	0.00	0.88	1.33	12.50
Madera AP	59	+4	76	43	3,068	2,579	2	0.00	0.66	1.36	11.94
Fresno AP	62	+7	82	47	4,084	2,809	2	0.00	0.83	1.20	11.23
Lemoore NAS	58	+3	79	39	3,385	2,522	1	0.00	0.83	0.96	7.89
Visalia AP	59	+3	81	43	3,169	2,570	2	0.00	1.06	1.26	11.03
Bakersfield AP	62	+5	84	47	4,129	3,195	2	0.00	0.66	0.70	6.49
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas AP	48	+8	72	28	840	451	21	0.00	2.90	2.47	12.13
Mount Shasta AP	51	+9	71	33	1,146	510	18	0.00	7.89	5.24	39.16
Blue Canyon	58	+13	72	37	1,308	692	14	0.00	6.38	8.48	66.36
Yosemite Valley	54	+7	77	33	2,193	1,278	8	0.00	1.55	5.15	37.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria AP	63	+7	86	44	1,543	633	1	0.00	1.27	1.13	14.01
Santa Barbara A	63	+4	84	44	1,473	1,197	3	0.00	1.36	1.38	16.93
Oxnard NWS	67	+8	90	48	1,736	1,079	3	0.00	0.76	1.12	15.62
Riverside AP	69	+8	92	46	3,611	2,827	7	0.00	0.66	0.93	10.22
Los Angeles AP	68	+6	88	51	2,360	1,740	4	0.00	0.63	1.05	13.15
San Diego AP	69	+6	91	54	2,794	2,040	5	0.00	0.41	1.04	10.77
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop AP	54	+6	79	26	2,218	1,770	2	0.00	0.16	0.87	5.02
Daggett AP	62	+4	84	39	4,636	3,886	2	0.00	0.03	1.34	4.17
Lancaster ATC	54	+2	83	29	3,011	2,510	3	0.00	0.33	0.83	7.40
Thermal	67	+4	90	43	5,674	5,129	5	0.00	0.45	1.11	3.53
Blythe AP	69	+5	89	51	6,078	5,346	10	0.00	0.67	1.71	4.02
Imperial CA	69	+3	90	48	5,933	5,148	5	0.00	1.60	1.16	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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