



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

A warming trend took place across the state this week in response to a retreating upper-level trough, however, cold temperatures were still reported in most areas. Dry conditions prevailed across the state with no reported precipitation. Warm afternoon temperatures led to further melt of the limited snowpack in the mountains, with patchy snow still seen on the peak of Mt. Shasta and the Stanislaus National Forest.

Temperature highs were in the 40s to 60s in the mountains, 50s to 60s along the coast, 70s to 80s in the Valley, and 70s to 90s in the desert. Temperature lows were in the 10s to 40s in the mountains, 40s to 50s along the coast, and 40s to 60s in the desert and the valley.

FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa fields continued to be irrigated, cut, and baled. **Sorghum** fields were harvested. **Cotton** bolls continued to develop, and fields were prepared for harvest. **Black-eyed beans** continued to be harvested. **Rice** harvest progressed well, aided by warm temperatures. **Corn** for silage was harvested.

FRUIT CROPS

Peaches, **nectarines**, and **plums** continued to be picked and shipped to both domestic and foreign markets. Soil amendments were being applied to some stone fruit orchards. Finished raisin trays were rolled up for pickup. Wine and table **grape** harvest continued. Over the weekend high dry winds fanned 17 fires across the northern part of the state. Lingering smoke as well as direct fire damage could impact the wine grapes not yet harvested. Several winery buildings were burned in Sonoma County. The majority of the Napa and Sonoma County wine grapes have been harvest. **Asian pear**, **fig**, and **pomegranate** harvesting continued. **Kiwifruit** harvest was ramping up for the season. **Persimmons** were changing color. Most citrus packing houses prepared for the new navel **orange** season. Citrus orchards were skirted and trimmed for the coming season. Some orange groves were pushed out to make way for new plantings. **Olives** were harvested and the crop was reported by some to be heavy.

NUT CROPS

The **almond** harvest continued to wrap up across the state. **Walnut** and **Pistachio** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

The **brussel sprout** harvest was in full swing in San Mateo county. There was increased field activity for **lettuce** and **broccoli** in Monterey, though late planting may delay harvest. Fall vegetables developed well in Tulare, with some early varieties nearly ready for harvest. **Tomatoes**, **sweet corn**, **okra**, **cucumbers**, **squash**, and **peppers** were picked by certified producers. **Pumpkin** patches matured and were prepared for harvest.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated and foothill rangeland was reported to be in poor to very poor condition. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued. Cattle were moved down from high elevation range. Northern Sierra foothill wildfires burned rangeland and forced evacuations of large animals across the north part of the state.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/08/2017

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 10/08/2017	Departure from Normal 2/	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year 2/	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season 2/	Normal Year 2/
					January 1 - 10/08/2017	January 1 - 10/08/2017	July 1 - 10/08/2017	Week Ending 10/08/2017	July 1 - 10/08/2017	July 1 - 10/08/2017	July 1 - June 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	53	-3	65	41	81	62	13	0.00	1.13	1.37	40.33
Ukiah	61	-3	90	38	1434	1087	2	0.00	0.03	0.67	37.35
Santa Rosa	64	1	91	38	972	734	2	0.00	0.03	0.65	36.28
Napa State Hospital	66	0	87	44	1084	791	1	0.00	0.08	0.58	27.71
Central Coast											
San Francisco	65	2	84	50	724	373	1	0.00	0.22	0.33	20.65
San Jose	67	0	89	49	1253	1006	1	0.00	0.04	0.37	14.90
Salinas	62	0	88	43	550	412	1	0.00	0.04	0.30	12.83
Monterey	60	0	87	45	422	227	2	0.00	0.03	0.38	16.12
King City Ag	65	1	101	37	1063	850	3	0.00	0.07	0.27	12.06
Paso Robles	62	-2	96	37	1507	1187	3	0.00	0.13	0.39	15.20
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	66	-2	94	41	2252	1695	2	0.00	0.71	1.18	34.62
Red Bluff	67	-2	94	44	2176	1790	2	0.00	0.10	0.91	24.49
Willows 6W	67	-3	91	44	1955	1393	0	0.00	0.00	0.76	23.53
Oroville	66	-2	88	47	2036	1438	0	0.00	0.00	0.94	31.52
Marysville	64	-3	87	41	1841	1580	0	0.00	0.00	0.74	22.75
Sacramento	64	-3	87	40	1648	1340	0	0.00	0.00	0.47	21.17
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	66	-1	90	44	1823	1488	1	0.00	0.01	0.42	14.06
Modesto	67	-2	88	47	2014	1520	0	0.00	0.00	0.39	13.11
Merced Macready	64	-4	87	43	1849	1568	2	0.00	0.02	0.39	12.50
Madera	64	-4	87	45	1956	1640	1	0.00	0.08	0.36	12.02
Fresno	66	-5	88	49	2244	1777	2	0.00	0.20	1.24	12.52
Lemoore NAS	69	1	95	47	2169	1567	0	0.00	0.00	0.31	7.91
Visalia	64	-6	81	49	1974	1604	2	0.00	0.10	0.27	10.93
Bakersfield	68	-4	89	50	2498	1972	3	0.00	0.52	0.16	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	45	-5	76	21	846	388	10	0.00	1.66	1.37	14.17
Mount Shasta	51	-3	78	32	978	426	4	0.00	0.09	1.57	15.12
Blue Canyon	55	-3	74	40	1051	595	6	0.00	1.24	1.98	64.62
Yosemite Valley	56	-5	82	36	1038	1016	13	0.00	3.70	1.44	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	63	1	91	43	635	438	3	0.00	0.47	0.27	13.95
Santa Barbara	68	2	87	52	735	758	3	0.00	0.51	0.32	19.43
Oxnard NWS	67	2	88	51	918	649	3	0.00	0.07	0.40	15.33
Riverside	72	1	97	53	1950	1756	4	0.00	0.51	0.43	12.40
Los Angeles	70	2	87	58	1180	991	2	0.00	0.08	0.40	12.82
San Diego	72	4	98	55	1324	1145	2	0.00	0.02	0.40	11.16
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	56	-4	89	28	1472	1223	1	0.00	0.02	0.55	5.17
Daggett	70	-3	95	48	2634	2350	5	0.00	0.22	0.98	4.06
Lancaster ATC	64	-3	91	36	2047	1666	3	0.00	0.10	0.41	7.38
Thermal	77	-2	100	52	3008	2763	0	0.00	0.67	0.59	3.02
Blythe	78	-1	98	57	3246	2966	5	0.00	0.70	1.27	3.83
Imperial CA	78	0	99	59	3138	2859	6	0.00	0.67	1.00	3.44

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

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

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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