



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

A drier pattern persisted during the prior week. Most stations reported little to no precipitation across the State. Some precipitation was reported along the northern coast. Some snow-melt occurred in the afternoon hours along the northeast mountain region.

Temperature highs were in the 60s to 70s in the mountains, 70s to 90s along the coast, and 80s to 90s in the valley and the desert. Temperature lows were in the 10s to 40s in the mountains, 30s to 40s along the coast, in the valley, and the desert.

FIELD CROPS

Alfalfa fields continued to be irrigated, cut, and baled. **Sorghum** fields were being harvested. **Corn** silage continued to be harvested. **Cotton** was being harvested for lint and seed. **Black-eyed** beans continued to be harvested.

FRUIT CROPS

Late season **peaches**, **nectarines**, and **plums** continued to be harvested. Some old stone fruit orchards were being pushed out. Soil amendments were being applied to some stone fruit orchards. Wine and table **grape** harvest continued in the San Joaquin Valley. Napa and Sonoma County wild fires were impacting some field activities and the smoke could taint unharvested grapes. Thompson seedless grapes were being rolled and picked up. **Pear** and **pomegranate** harvesting continued. **Persimmons** were coloring. Most citrus packing houses continued to get ready for the new navel **orange** season. Citrus orchards were being skirted and trimmed for the coming season. Some orange groves were being pushed out to make way for new plantings. Finger **limes** were harvested. The **olive** crop continued to be harvested.

NUT CROPS

The **almond** harvest continued to slow down across the state. **Walnut** and **Pistachio** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Fresno County, **jalapenos** continued to be harvested. **Carrots** were recovering from heat damage. Soil was prepared for planting organic **garlic** and **onions**. In Tulare County, certified producers were picking **tomatoes**, **sweet corn**, **okra**, **cucumbers**, **squash**, and **peppers**. Commercial plantings of yellow squash, **eggplant**, bell peppers, green chili peppers, and **cucumbers** were harvested and shipped domestically. Fall vegetables were planted and developing well. **Pumpkins** were prepared for harvest. In Tulare County, certified producers were picking tomatoes, sweet corn, okra, cucumbers, squash, and peppers. Commercial plantings of yellow fall vegetables were developing well and some early varieties were almost ready for harvest. **Strawberries** continued to grow. Pumpkin patches look very mature and should be ready for picking soon.

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. Sheep were being moved to Imperial Valley. Northern California wildfires burned rangeland and forced evacuations of large animals.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/16/2017

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 10/16/2017	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 - 10/16/2017	January 1 - 10/16/2017	July 1 - 10/16/2017	Week Ending 10/16/2017	July 1 - 10/16/2017	July 1 - 10/16/2017	July 1 - June 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	51	-4	73	37	81	134	14	0.01	1.14	1.79	40.33
Ukiah	57	-4	86	34	1435	1088	2	0.00	0.03	1.02	37.35
Santa Rosa	60	-2	86	37	975	735	2	0.00	0.03	1.02	36.28
Napa State Hospital	64	0	85	46	1097	792	1	0.00	0.08	0.83	27.71
Central Coast											
San Francisco	63	0	79	50	746	374	1	0.00	0.22	0.50	20.65
San Jose	64	-1	84	45	1278	1007	1	0.00	0.04	0.52	14.90
Salinas	60	-2	85	39	559	413	1	0.00	0.04	0.41	12.83
Monterey	59	0	83	43	434	228	2	0.00	0.03	0.54	16.12
King City Ag	64	2	97	34	1063	851	3	0.00	0.07	0.39	12.06
Paso Robles	61	-1	90	34	1521	1188	3	0.00	0.13	0.51	15.20
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	65	0	85	45	2285	1696	2	0.00	0.71	1.57	34.62
Red Bluff	65	-2	84	45	2208	1791	2	0.00	0.10	1.13	24.49
Willows 6W	66	-2	83	49	2003	1394	0	0.00	0.00	1.00	23.53
Oroville	64	-2	83	42	2060	1439	0	0.00	0.00	1.18	31.52
Marysville	63	-2	83	39	1859	1581	0	0.00	0.00	0.97	22.75
Sacramento	63	-1	81	41	1668	1341	0	0.00	0.00	0.61	21.17
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	63	-2	86	41	1844	1489	1	0.00	0.01	0.56	14.06
Modesto	63	-4	85	41	2036	1521	0	0.00	0.00	0.52	13.11
Merced Macready	60	-5	85	38	1859	1569	2	0.00	0.02	0.52	12.50
Madera	60	-6	85	38	1966	1641	1	0.00	0.08	0.50	12.02
Fresno	64	-3	84	46	2933	1778	2	0.00	0.20	1.24	12.52
Lemoore NAS	66	1	91	43	2208	1568	0	0.00	0.00	0.40	7.91
Visalia	65	-2	83	48	2008	1605	2	0.00	0.10	0.37	10.93
Bakersfield	67	-2	91	48	2540	1973	3	0.00	0.52	0.21	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	40	-8	66	14	846	389	10	0.00	1.66	1.57	14.17
Mount Shasta	47	-6	70	24	1476	428	4	0.00	0.09	1.57	15.12
Blue Canyon	53	-3	73	41	1051	596	6	0.00	1.24	2.68	64.62
Yosemite Valley	55	-3	78	33	1039	1017	13	0.00	3.70	1.81	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	64	3	87	46	662	439	3	0.00	0.47	0.37	13.95
Santa Barbara	67	2	88	54	662	439	3	0.00	0.51	0.47	19.43
Oxnard NWS	66	2	96	49	784	759	3	0.00	0.07	0.50	15.33
Riverside	71	2	93	54	960	650	4	0.00	0.51	0.48	12.40
Los Angeles	68	2	84	60	2018	1757	2	0.00	0.08	0.50	12.82
San Diego	69	3	86	53	1230	992	2	0.00	0.02	0.49	11.16
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	53	-6	76	26	1472	1224	1	0.00	0.02	0.61	5.17
Daggett	65	-5	86	42	1472	1224	5	0.00	0.22	1.02	4.06
Lancaster ATC	59	-5	83	33	2666	2351	3	0.00	0.10	0.49	7.38
Thermal	73	-1	96	47	2052	1667	2	0.00	0.32	0.59	3.02
Blythe	75	-1	95	56	3173	2764	5	0.00	0.70	1.31	3.83
Imperial CA	74	-2	96	53	3339	2967	6	0.00	0.67	1.09	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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