



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

The northern Sierras experienced some scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, with some areas seeing a slight dusting of snow. The early week's cool and breezy conditions eventually made way to warmer temperatures by midweek. Temperatures for the week were around normal for the most part across California.

Temperature highs for the week ranged in the 60s to 70s in the mountains, 80s to 90s in the valley, 60s to 90s along the coast, and 90s to 100s in the desert. Temperature lows for the week ranged in the 20s to 30s in the mountains, in the 40s to 50s in the valley, 30s to 50s along the coast, and 30s to 50s in the desert region.

FIELD CROPS

Corn was planted as weather and soil conditions permitted in Tulare. Ground preparation continued for spring forage and row crops. **Alfalfa** fields continued to mature and were harvested. Winter **wheat** and **oats**, were cut, dried, and baled. **Rice** planting continued.

FRUIT CROPS

Vineyards continued to leaf-out and progress into the early stages of flowering. Leaf removal was ongoing in some vineyards. Stone fruit orchards continued to leaf, as the bloom draws to a close. Immature fruit on early stone fruit varieties were thinned. New orchards were being planted. **Cherries** were sizing well and some early varieties were harvested. **Pomegranates, persimmons, olives** and **kiwis** were blooming. Kiwi pollen was being collected to be used to pollenate other blocks. The harvest of late variety Navel **oranges** continued with some grading issues. Valencia oranges were harvested. Seedless **tangerine** groves remained netted for the bloom. **Grapefruit** harvest was wrapping up. Some citrus trees were being planted.

NUT CROPS

Walnut and **pistachio** bloom was ongoing. **Almonds** were developing well. Almond and walnuts were irrigated. Pesticides and fungicides were applied to some almond groves. Weed control continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower and **lettuce** continued to progress well in Monterey. **Strawberry** plantings progressed well in Tulare, and mature fruit was being picked. Greenhouse vegetables continued to be harvested. Fields were being prepared for summer vegetables.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was drying out in locations with south or west facing slopes. Sheep grazed on retired crop land. Bees were active in citrus and olive groves.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 05/06/2018

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 05/06/2018	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 - 05/06/2018	January 1 - 05/06/2018	July 1 - 05/06/2018	Week Ending 05/06/2018	July 1 - 05/06/2018	July 1 - 05/06/2018	July 1 - June 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	53	0	60	42	6	0	106	0.00	36.31	38.24	40.33
Ukiah	59	0	84	41	76	37	74	0.00	24.46	36.01	37.35
Santa Rosa	56	-2	76	42	33	23	63	0.00	24.87	35.09	36.28
Napa State Hospital	60	1	83	44	94	66	41	0.00	19.30	26.72	27.71
Central Coast											
San Francisco	57	-2	68	50	66	31	53	0.00	14.34	20.21	20.65
San Jose	59	-4	77	47	138	97	47	0.00	9.18	14.55	14.90
Salinas	56	-2	75	50	73	33	39	0.00	7.12	12.49	12.83
Monterey	55	-1	63	49	40	0	51	0.00	15.04	15.71	16.12
King City Ag	63	2	90	43	112	93	35	0.00	7.06	11.79	12.06
Paso Robles	59	-1	91	38	84	54	34	0.00	9.21	14.96	15.20
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	67	3	84	47	214	114	60	0.00	19.96	32.46	34.62
Red Bluff	66	2	84	48	239	119	48	0.00	13.60	23.09	24.49
Willows 6W	63	-1	84	45	148	134	26	0.00	6.89	22.30	23.53
Oroville	67	3	85	48	198	117	48	0.00	16.26	30.34	31.52
Marysville	63	0	84	45	136	94	47	0.00	14.91	21.58	22.75
Sacramento	62	0	84	42	112	74	47	0.00	14.02	20.46	21.18
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	65	1	89	47	192	90	44	0.00	9.44	13.59	14.06
Modesto	65	-1	87	50	198	180	38	0.00	8.44	12.52	13.11
Merced Macready	64	0	87	45	152	91	35	0.00	6.58	11.97	12.50
Madera	65	0	87	47	195	112	31	0.00	7.31	11.50	12.02
Fresno	68	1	89	50	332	189	31	0.00	7.22	10.98	11.50
Lemoore NAS	66	1	89	41	254	139	22	0.00	3.96	7.65	7.91
Visalia	64	-1	87	49	172	163	34	0.00	6.27	10.54	10.93
Bakersfield	70	2	91	53	470	219	24	0.00	4.52	6.26	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	51	3	75	29	0	0	83	0.15	11.18	12.20	14.17
Mount Shasta	54	2	76	35	4	0	69	0.00	19.10	40.22	43.21
Blue Canyon	51	1	67	35	8	8	79	0.51	57.89	60.65	64.62
Yosemite Valley	54	-1	77	35	22	10	67	0.11	34.47	34.86	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	55	-2	72	43	99	22	30	0.00	6.55	13.70	13.95
Santa Barbara	62	0	80	49	148	133	30	0.21	9.79	19.11	19.43
Oxnard NWS	60	0	77	50	150	130	25	0.00	6.44	15.07	15.33
Riverside	65	-2	96	50	462	264	24	0.11	4.70	12.14	12.40
Los Angeles	61	-1	75	54	246	151	22	0.02	3.88	12.58	12.82
San Diego	63	1	87	48	384	159	19	0.11	2.35	10.98	11.16
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	60	1	90	34	112	37	7	0.18	0.71	4.82	5.17
Daggett	68	-2	95	49	488	313	17	0.37	1.62	3.96	4.06
Lancaster ATC	63	-2	90	47	200	126	19	0.00	2.95	7.27	7.38
Thermal	77	2	109	59	1082	614	4	0.00	1.76	3.15	3.20
Blythe	75	-2	105	53	919	671	8	0.00	0.87	3.80	3.83
Imperial CA	73	-2	106	52	948	614	8	0.00	0.70	3.34	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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