



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

The passage of a weak frontal system brought showers over northern California on Tuesday. A weak high pressure system moved through the Pacific Northwest, which brought about dry and warm weather for the remainder of the week.

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

## FIELD CROPS

**Rice** was being planted in Sacramento County, though strong winds slowed planting. **Sunflowers** for oil were progressing well in Imperial County. **Alfalfa** fields continued to mature and were harvested. **Wheat** and **oats** for hay, were cut, dried, and baled.

## FRUIT CROPS

Vineyards continued to leaf out. Leaf removal was ongoing in some vineyards. Stone fruit bloom was drawing to a close. Immature fruit on early stone fruit varieties were thinned. New orchards were being planted. **Cherries** were harvested. **Pomegranates, persimmons, olives** and **kiwis** were blooming. Valencia **oranges** were harvested. Seedless **tangerine** groves remained netted for the bloom. Some citrus trees were being planted.

## NUT CROPS

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

## VEGETABLE CROPS

**Lettuce** and **strawberries** were harvested in Monterey County, and farmers began their second planting. **Leeks** and **peas** were harvested in San Mateo County, and **brussel sprouts** were fumigated. **Onions** for dehydration were harvested in Imperial County. Greenhouse vegetables continued to be harvested.

## LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture continued to dry out. Sheep grazed on retired crop land. Bees were active in citrus and olive groves.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 05/13/2018**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 05/13/2018	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- 05/13/2018	January 1- 05/13/2018	July 1- 05/13/2018	Week Ending 05/13/2018	July 1- 05/13/2018	July 1- 05/13/2018	July 1- June 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	55	2	62	44	6	0	108	0.14	36.45	38.66	40.33
Ukiah	64	3	84	44	114	57	74	0.00	24.46	36.45	37.35
Santa Rosa	62	2	84	45	64	37	63	0.00	24.87	35.48	36.28
Napa State Hospital	65	3	83	48	126	87	41	0.00	19.30	26.97	27.71
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	61	2	76	52	86	38	53	0.00	14.34	20.32	20.65
San Jose	64	1	79	51	173	124	47	0.00	9.18	14.68	14.90
Salinas	59	0	71	49	72	40	39	0.00	7.12	12.57	12.83
Monterey	57	1	69	48	42	0	51	0.00	15.04	15.86	16.12
King City Ag	64	2	88	44	114	118	47	0.00	7.78	11.88	12.06
Paso Robles	66	4	91	48	120	79	36	0.08	9.29	15.04	15.20
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	71	6	87	54	292	160	60	0.00	19.96	32.86	34.62
Red Bluff	72	6	89	53	333	167	48	0.00	13.60	23.39	24.49
Willows 6W	72	6	92	52	226	180	26	0.00	6.89	22.55	23.53
Oroville	72	6	89	53	283	162	48	0.00	16.26	30.65	31.52
Marysville	70	4	88	49	209	135	47	0.00	14.91	21.88	22.75
Sacramento	69	4	86	48	178	111	47	0.00	14.02	20.70	21.18
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	71	6	91	51	276	130	44	0.00	9.44	13.71	14.06
Modesto	71	3	89	54	280	236	38	0.00	8.44	12.67	13.11
Merced Macready	70	4	90	53	224	133	35	0.00	6.58	12.15	12.50
Madera	70	4	90	49	270	157	31	0.00	7.31	11.66	12.02
Fresno	75	6	90	57	440	253	31	0.00	7.22	11.08	11.50
Lemoore NAS	72	5	91	52	334	190	22	0.00	3.96	7.73	7.91
Visalia	70	3	89	53	232	216	34	0.00	6.27	10.63	10.93
Bakersfield	75	6	90	61	578	285	24	0.00	4.52	6.31	6.47
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	55	5	80	34	0	0	83	0.00	11.18	12.50	14.17
Mount Shasta	58	5	81	39	14	5	69	0.00	19.10	40.72	43.21
Blue Canyon	56	3	71	43	10	15	79	0.00	57.89	61.62	64.62
Yosemite Valley	61	5	80	43	36	21	67	0.00	34.47	35.27	36.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	56	-1	78	48	106	29	30	0.00	6.55	13.79	13.95
Santa Barbara	61	-1	70	52	158	154	30	0.00	9.79	19.20	19.43
Oxnard NWS	63	2	73	49	178	144	25	0.00	6.44	15.16	15.33
Riverside	66	-1	88	53	516	315	26	0.04	4.74	12.26	12.40
Los Angeles	62	0	70	56	266	172	23	0.05	3.93	12.64	12.82
San Diego	64	1	80	52	424	181	19	0.00	2.35	11.02	11.16
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	68	6	94	40	168	62	8	0.03	0.74	4.86	5.17
Daggett	78	5	103	57	622	400	17	0.00	1.62	3.97	4.06
Lancaster ATC	69	2	97	52	270	179	19	0.00	2.95	7.29	7.38
Thermal	85	8	107	64	1254	734	4	0.00	1.76	3.16	3.20
Blythe	86	7	105	61	1100	802	8	0.00	0.87	3.80	3.83
Imperial CA	82	5	105	61	1108	734	8	0.00	0.70	3.35	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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