



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

There were isolated showers throughout the week across the interior mountains in northern California due to the passing of a weak system. The rest of California experienced cloudy and mild temperatures for most of the week. Temperatures gradually rose to near seasonal norms Friday through early Sunday, before temperatures began to drop to below seasonal norms late Sunday.

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

## FIELD CROPS

Farmers finished ground work for **rice**. In Sutter County, **sunflowers** and **safflower** emerged. Garbanzo **beans** were planted, and some have already emerged. Sunflowers for oil were progressing well in Imperial County. **Alfalfa** fields continued to mature and were harvested. Winter **wheat** and **oats** were cut, dried, and baled.

## FRUIT CROPS

**Berries** and **grapes** were developing. Vineyard leaf removal was ongoing. Stone fruit orchards were irrigated and fertilized. Immature fruit on stone fruit varieties were thinned. New orchards were being planted. **Cherries** were harvested. **Pomegranates** were blooming and forming fruit. **Kiwis** were blooming. The **olive** bloom was winding down. **Valencia oranges** were harvested. Seedless **tangerine** groves remained netted for the bloom. Some citrus trees were being planted and older trees were trimmed and skirted.

## 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

**Tomatoes** continue to be planted in Sutter County and **onions** were in bloom. **Beans** and **Brussel Sprouts** were planted in San Mateo County. **Onions** for dehydration were harvested in Imperial County. **Strawberries** were harvested in Monterey County.

## LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was in fair to excellent condition. Sierra foothill and northern county range benefited from the week's late season precipitation. Sheep grazed on retired crop land. Bees were active in kiwi for pollination and in citrus for honey production. Some bees were staged near melon and vegetable fields.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 05/20/2018**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 05/20/2018	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- 05/20/2018	January 1- 05/20/2018	July 1- 05/20/2018	Week Ending 05/20/2018	July 1- 05/20/2018	July 1- 05/20/2018	July 1- June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	54	0	58	50	6	0	114	0.17	36.62	39.04	40.33
Ukiah	60	-2	85	48	137	84	74	0.00	24.46	36.72	37.35
Santa Rosa	58	-3	75	45	70	53	63	0.00	24.87	35.77	36.28
Napa State Hospital	60	-3	75	47	130	115	41	0.00	19.30	27.22	27.71
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	59	-1	66	55	90	50	53	0.00	14.34	20.42	20.65
San Jose	61	-4	70	52	186	156	47	0.00	9.18	14.75	14.90
Salinas	58	-1	68	52	74	47	39	0.00	7.12	12.65	12.83
Monterey	56	0	65	49	42	0	51	0.00	15.04	15.95	16.12
King City Ag	63	0	80	45	158	146	47	0.00	7.78	11.95	12.06
Paso Robles	60	-4	81	41	132	109	36	0.00	9.29	15.11	15.20
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	70	3	90	56	372	219	60	0.00	19.96	33.28	34.62
Red Bluff	72	4	91	56	422	227	50	0.02	13.62	23.66	24.49
Willows 6W	67	-1	87	49	275	238	26	0.00	6.89	22.79	23.53
Oroville	69	2	85	53	354	218	48	0.00	16.26	30.85	31.52
Marysville	67	0	84	51	268	187	47	0.00	14.91	22.12	22.75
Sacramento	64	-2	83	51	224	158	49	0.10	14.12	20.83	21.18
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	66	-1	86	50	328	180	44	0.00	9.44	13.83	14.06
Modesto	67	-3	83	52	339	302	38	0.00	8.44	12.82	13.11
Merced Macready	68	1	83	52	289	185	35	0.00	6.58	12.27	12.50
Madera	69	1	84	51	339	211	31	0.00	7.31	11.77	12.02
Fresno	72	1	85	55	526	327	31	0.00	7.22	11.17	11.50
Lemoore NAS	71	2	86	54	417	250	22	0.00	3.96	7.80	7.91
Visalia	67	-2	84	52	284	281	34	0.00	6.27	10.70	10.93
Bakersfield	74	3	88	59	682	362	24	0.00	4.52	6.35	6.47
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	56	4	74	36	0	0	87	0.42	11.60	12.81	14.17
Mount Shasta	58	3	78	43	18	12	74	2.32	21.42	41.23	43.21
Blue Canyon	52	-2	64	39	10	26	82	0.70	58.59	62.43	64.62
Yosemite Valley	57	-1	77	38	40	35	69	0.11	34.58	35.62	36.73
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	57	-1	68	47	106	36	30	0.00	6.55	13.85	13.95
Santa Barbara	62	0	74	50	168	175	30	0.00	9.79	19.27	19.43
Oxnard NWS	61	-1	71	48	162	158	25	0.00	6.44	15.23	15.33
Riverside	63	-5	79	52	554	371	26	0.00	4.74	12.29	12.40
Los Angeles	62	-1	69	56	283	193	24	0.05	3.98	12.69	12.82
San Diego	63	0	72	53	454	209	19	0.00	2.35	11.05	11.16
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	66	2	84	42	205	97	10	0.18	0.92	4.90	5.17
Daggett	76	2	90	56	741	502	17	0.00	1.62	3.98	4.06
Lancaster ATC	67	-2	83	52	326	243	19	0.00	2.95	7.31	7.38
Thermal	84	5	102	67	1430	865	4	0.00	1.76	3.17	3.20
Blythe	84	3	101	59	1262	946	8	0.00	0.87	3.81	3.83
Imperial CA	79	0	97	62	1253	866	8	0.00	0.70	3.37	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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