



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

Warm and dry conditions prevailed across most regions of the state. Near midweek, a series of cold fronts from the Pacific Northwest brought temperatures along the most northern reaches of the state to rest at slightly below normal levels. As the cold fronts moved eastward, temperatures began rising to seasonal levels along the northern counties. Other areas of the state experienced a warm up heading into the weekend as high pressure built off the coast. By weekend's end, the high pressure began to weaken and a gradual cooling trend began to settle in.

Temperature highs ranged from the low 80s to low 90s in the mountains, low 80s to low 90s in the sierras, low 70s to low 100s along the coast, mid 90s to low 100s in the central valley, and high 90s to high 110s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the low 30s to low 60s in the sierras, mid 40s to low 50s in the mountains, low 40s to high 70s in the desert, low 50s to mid 60s along the coast, and low 50s to low 70s in the central valley.

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County **cotton** bloomed and bolls were set, **alfalfa** was cut and baled, and **corn** and **sorghum** were harvested for silage. In the Sacramento Valley, **rice** progressed well and was near harvest, alfalfa was cut and baled, and corn was harvested for silage. **Sunflower** harvest continued in Sutter County.

FRUIT CROPS

Grape vineyards were irrigated. Table grape harvest continued. Raisin grapes were harvested and laid out for sun drying. Some early wine grapes were harvested. **Peaches, nectarines, pears, plums,** and **pomegranates** were harvested. Stone fruit orchards were sprayed, irrigated and fertilized. Summer pruning and topping of harvested stone fruit orchards continued. Some old orchards were torn out for replacement with new trees. **Persimmon** fruit was showing some color. **Olives** were maturing well. **Lemons** and **limes** were harvested. Valencia **orange** harvest continued with light volumes. Citrus groves were skirted, hedge-rowed and irrigated. Navel orange fruit thinning was ongoing. Pushed out citrus groves were prepared for planting and some of were planted.

NUT CROPS

Almond, walnut and **pistachio** orchard irrigation continued. Orchard floors were prepared for harvest. Almond and pistachio harvesting was progressing. Some walnuts were harvested in Tulare County.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Brassica and **lettuce** continued to be harvested in Monterey County. **Cucumbers, peppers,** and **tomatoes** were still being harvested in Tulare County. In the Sacramento Valley, processing tomatoes continued to be harvested.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was mostly in poor condition. Cattle were provided supplemental feed to compensate for the deficient nutritional value of the rangeland forage. Sheep grazed on fallow fields.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 09/09/2018

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 09/09/2018	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- 09/09/2018	January 1- 09/09/2018	July 1- 09/09/2018	Week Ending 09/09/2018	July 1- 09/09/2018	July 1- 09/09/2018	July 1- June 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	56	-1	63	49	27	0	6	0.00	0.08	0.63	40.33
Ukiah	73	3	100	49	1779	1292	0	0.00	0.00	0.22	37.35
Santa Rosa	66	-1	94	45	914	786	0	0.00	0.00	0.15	36.28
Napa State Hospital	67	-2	87	51	1001	1027	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	27.71
Central Coast											
San Francisco	62	-3	73	52	518	458	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	20.65
San Jose	69	-1	84	54	1326	1238	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	14.90
Salinas	63	-2	73	53	348	395	1	0.00	0.01	0.04	12.83
Monterey	61	-1	71	52	212	137	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	16.12
King City Ag	76	6	99	54	1575	1046	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	12.06
Paso Robles	71	1	97	52	1430	1225	9	0.00	0.52	0.07	15.20
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	79	3	102	57	2790	2265	0	0.00	0.00	0.42	34.62
Red Bluff	79	3	101	57	2850	2235	0	0.00	0.00	0.34	24.49
Willows 6W	75	1	95	50	2177	1960	0	0.00	0.00	0.25	23.53
Oroville	78	3	99	57	2550	2066	0	0.00	0.00	0.29	31.52
Marysville	75	2	98	52	2228	1846	0	0.00	0.00	0.18	22.75
Sacramento	74	1	97	52	1967	1699	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	21.18
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	74	0	97	54	2306	1781	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	14.06
Modesto	76	1	97	58	2468	2158	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.11
Merced Macready	77	3	98	56	2346	1879	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	12.50
Madera	80	6	102	57	2562	1988	0	0.00	0.00	0.08	12.02
Fresno	84	5	100	65	3205	2536	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	11.50
Lemoore NAS	80	6	101	57	2758	2030	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	7.91
Visalia	80	4	96	60	2344	2228	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	10.93
Bakersfield	86	6	101	70	3506	2637	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	63	4	91	32	605	455	1	0.00	0.13	0.83	14.17
Mount Shasta	67	5	91	44	963	642	2	0.00	0.49	0.89	43.21
Blue Canyon	73	6	83	62	1094	831	0	0.00	0.00	0.50	64.62
Yosemite Valley	74	4	91	55	1277	1157	2	0.15	0.15	0.59	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	67	3	79	54	610	358	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	13.95
Santa Barbara	69	1	78	61	1216	896	1	0.00	0.01	0.09	19.43
Oxnard NWS	66	-2	74	63	1038	812	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	15.33
Riverside	79	1	103	62	2620	2180	1	0.00	0.02	0.18	12.40
Los Angeles	70	1	82	64	1486	1056	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	12.82
San Diego	75	3	92	61	2062	1298	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	11.16
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	74	3	99	48	2240	1627	4	0.06	1.58	0.32	5.17
Daggett	87	4	108	69	4024	3319	3	0.00	0.21	0.78	4.06
Lancaster ATC	81	4	103	60	2752	2342	1	0.00	0.02	0.22	7.38
Thermal	90	3	118	67	5222	3959	1	0.00	0.12	0.39	3.20
Blythe	93	3	113	76	5038	4425	7	0.00	0.86	0.92	3.83
Imperial CA	91	2	114	70	4950	4161	0	0.00	0.00	0.70	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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