WEATHER

An upper level trough made its way across the state during work week. There were dry conditions as well as a cooling trend, in which temperatures dropped to below normal levels. By the weekend, temperatures began to rebound to near normal levels. The northern counties of the state experienced slightly cooler temperatures as a shortwave moved through over the weekend. A few showers were reported late Sunday in the vicinity of Crescent City.

Temperature highs ranged from the upper 60s to lower 90s in the mountains, lower 70s to upper 80s in the sierras, upper 80s to mid 90s in the Central Valley, low 70s to upper 100s along the coast, and mid 70s to low 110s in the desert. Low temperatures ranged from mid 20s to upper 40s in the Sierra, lower 30s to upper 40s in the mountains, upper 40s to upper 50s in the Central Valley, mid 40s to low 60s along the coast, and upper 40s to low 70s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

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

FRUIT CROPS

Grape vineyards were irrigated. Table grape harvest continued. Raisin grapes were harvested and laid out for sun drying. Wine grapes continued to be 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 removed for replacement with new trees. Persimmon fruit continued to progress well. Olives were maturing well. Lemons and limes were harvested. Valencia orange harvest continued with light volumes. Citrus groves were skirted, hedge-rowed, and irrigated. Naval orange fruit thinning was ongoing. Pushed out citrus groves were prepared for planting and some were planted.

NUT CROPS

Almond, walnut and pistachio orchard irrigation continued. Almond and pistachio harvesting was progressing. Some walnuts were harvested in Tulare County.

VEGETABLE CROPS

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

LIVESTOCK

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