



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

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

## FIELD CROPS

In Tulare, Fresno, and Kings Counties, **alfalfa** continued to be cut and baled. **Sorghum** was nearing harvest. **Corn** was being harvested. **Cotton** was in full bloom and bolls were filling. **Safflower** was harvested. **Blackeye peas** were being cut and windrowed. Early season **rice** was being harvested in the Valley.

## FRUIT CROPS

**Nectarine, peach, pear, plum, pluot, prune, fig, pomegranate,** and **Asian pear** harvest continued. Post-harvest pruning and mechanical topping was ongoing. Dried pruning debris was shredded. After harvest, some older stone fruit orchards were pushed out and burned to clear for replanting. **Kiwis** and **persimmons** were maturing well. **Olive** harvest was underway. Table and wine **grape** harvest continued. Irrigation and mechanical vineyard maintenance was ongoing. A limited amount of Valencia **oranges** were harvested. Gassing of Valencia continued to counter re-greening. Ruby Red **grapefruit** and **limes** were harvested. Citrus groves were pruned, hedged, and skirted. Some groves were whitewashed for sunburn prevention.

## NUT CROPS

Orchards continue to be irrigated. **Walnuts** were developing well. Orchard floor cleaning continued in preparation of harvest. **Almond** harvest was well underway and **pistachio** harvest continued.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported certified producers grew **cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplant,** and **jalapenos** for local farmers' markets and roadside stands. Increased temperatures benefited **squash** growers. **Pumpkins** bloomed. Processed tomato harvest continued in the valley. Harvesting of organic cherry tomato continued in the Capay valley.

## LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture remained in fair to poor condition. Supplemental feeding was ongoing. Some cattle grazed in higher elevation pasture.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 09/15/2019**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 09/15/2019	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- 09/15/2019	January 1- 09/15/2019	July 1- 09/15/2019	Week Ending 09/15/2019	Oct 1- 09/15/2019	Oct 1- 09/15/2019	Oct 1- Sept 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	61	4	75	50	162	0	108	0.68	42.65	39.98	40.53
Ukiah	72	3	98	51	1769	1333	86	0.00	43.72	37.10	37.61
Santa Rosa	70	3	98	48	1092	819	80	0.00	48.07	36.03	36.51
Napa State Hospital	68	3	95	47	851	628	68	0.00	26.52	20.13	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	69	4	94	58	772	445	75	0.00	23.34	20.53	20.79
San Jose	72	2	96	57	1350	1267	75	0.00	16.43	14.72	15.02
Salinas	69	4	97	53	735	396	70	0.00	13.82	12.70	12.91
Monterey	68	6	87	57	470	130	85	0.00	22.48	15.97	16.23
Paso Robles	72	2	103	48	1656	1420	60	0.00	14.90	12.61	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	75	0	99	56	2701	2316	88	0.00	44.40	34.26	34.80
Red Bluff	75	0	98	56	2627	2300	81	0.00	30.41	24.18	24.63
Willows	73	-1	97	53	2352	2017	58	0.00	30.80	23.26	23.67
Oroville	75	1	97	57	2446	2137	82	0.00	33.33	31.14	31.72
Marysville	74	2	97	55	2172	1923	70	0.00	28.99	22.40	22.88
Sacramento	73	1	96	55	2019	1787	66	0.00	26.45	20.99	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	76	3	101	57	2318	1864	66	0.00	18.39	13.86	14.14
Modesto	75	0	99	54	2391	2243	63	0.00	13.37	12.92	13.19
Merced Macready	74	1	100	55	2260	1969	59	0.00	13.28	12.32	12.59
Madera	74	0	100	55	2508	2075	58	0.00	11.43	11.86	12.10
Fresno	78	1	102	60	3011	2629	60	0.00	11.87	11.38	11.57
Lemoore	75	1	101	52	2526	2100	55	0.00	8.40	7.77	7.95
Visalia	75	0	100	54	2528	2299	54	0.00	10.76	10.82	10.99
Bakersfield	78	0	100	59	3151	2723	57	0.00	7.85	6.42	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	58	1	87	33	610	401	95	0.00	14.29	13.88	14.22
Mount Shasta	62	1	86	41	872	582	91	0.00	44.98	42.83	43.48
Blue Canyon	63	-2	78	47	887	763	108	0.00	80.49	63.91	65.00
Yosemite Valley	68	0	92	45	1161	1171	77	0.00	37.48	36.30	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	69	6	96	52	681	329	65	0.00	15.69	13.86	14.05
Santa Barbara	67	2	83	54	699	566	53	0.00	21.92	17.56	17.89
Oxnard	69	4	84	59	834	604	47	0.00	14.73	14.48	14.71
Riverside	79	2	104	60	2325	2218	43	0.01	13.13	12.24	12.50
Los Angeles	74	5	84	67	1327	1046	41	0.00	16.99	12.66	12.92
San Diego	72	1	84	65	1488	1284	55	0.00	12.85	10.23	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	67	-2	94	37	1678	1665	33	0.00	8.74	5.06	5.21
Daggett	81	-1	103	61	3559	3431	26	0.00	4.09	3.96	4.08
Lancaster	74	-1	99	47	2418	2411	36	0.00	7.35	7.29	7.43
Thermal	86	1	109	61	4929	4114	21	0.00	4.12	3.08	3.22
Blythe	88	0	106	70	4738	4608	16	0.00	2.60	3.63	3.85
Imperial	86	-2	107	68	4515	4358	18	0.00	1.75	3.26	3.46

1/ Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

2/ Normal periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

3/ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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