



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

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

FIELD CROPS

Fires continued to burn throughout the state resulting in poor air quality as smoke and haze permeated the air. In Tulare County, harvested fields were being disked and planted for silage or other forage crops. Silage **corn** was in various stages of maturity. **Alfalfa** was maturing and harvesting continued. **Cotton** bolls continued to develop. In the Sacramento Valley, fall ground work continued with discing, chiseling, and land leveling. Dry fertilizer were being applied to some fields. **Rice** harvest gained momentum, however the smoke has slowed down the ripening of the rice in some areas. Corn continued to be harvested. **Sunflower** harvest continued in some fields. Alfalfa harvest continued in Fresno County with normal drying conditions.

FRUIT CROPS

Nectarine, apricot, pomegranate, peach, plum, pluot, prune, and pear harvests were well underway. Late Navel and Valencia **orange** harvests were ongoing. Table and wine **grape** harvests slowed due to the unhealthy air quality caused by the recent fires. Raisin grapes in Fresno County were slow to dry due to limited sunlight from the smoky skies. **Kiwifruit** and **persimmons** were maturing well. **Olive** orchard pruning steadily developed. **Blueberry** growth was progressing nicely.

NUT CROPS

Orchards were irrigated. **Almonds, walnuts, and pistachios** were developing well. Almond harvest continued and pistachio harvest began.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Extreme heat and continued poor air quality due to smoke hindered fieldwork and limited sunlight. In Fresno County, **carrots** that were planted germinated, but did not continue to grow. Tomato ripening slowed. Dehydrator **onion** harvest finished with below average yields reported. **Bell peppers** were slow in turning red. In Colusa, Solano, Sacramento, and Yolo counties, processing **tomato** harvest continued. Dry fertilizer was applied to some fields.

LIVESTOCK

Irrigated pasture was in good to excellent condition. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was in fair to poor condition. Cattle and sheep grazed on retired cropland and harvested grain fields. Cattle supplemental feeding continued.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER -- WEEK ENDING 09/13/2020

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 09/13/2020	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- 09/13/2020	January 1- 09/13/2020	October 1- 09/13/2020	Week Ending 09/13/2020	Oct 1- 09/13/2020	Oct 1- 09/13/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	57	-1	76	48	44	0	98	0.00	29.80	40.15	40.53
Ukiah	71	1	111	48	1854	1315	64	0.00	14.25	37.32	37.61
Santa Rosa	68	1	111	47	1166	805	59	0.00	19.36	36.25	36.51
Napa State Hospital	68	3	106	47	1058	618	49	0.00	9.50	20.25	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	66	1	97	55	753	435	49	0.00	9.19	20.66	20.79
San Jose	70	0	104	57	1536	1247	47	0.00	7.24	14.83	15.02
Salinas	64	-1	94	52	837	386	44	0.00	9.19	12.77	12.91
Monterey	68	6	92	62	737	126	67	0.00	18.69	16.07	16.23
Paso Robles	72	1	112	47	1745	1400	47	0.00	11.47	12.68	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	78	3	112	53	2830	2286	66	0.00	23.71	34.40	34.80
Red Bluff	78	2	110	55	2875	2270	47	0.00	11.44	24.29	24.63
Willows	78	4	108	54	2619	1989	34	0.00	8.15	23.37	23.67
Oroville	77	3	101	59	2827	2109	46	0.00	13.44	31.29	31.72
Marysville	75	2	102	55	2402	1899	49	0.00	10.03	22.51	22.88
Sacramento	75	2	102	55	2245	1763	42	0.00	10.08	21.14	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	77	4	111	58	2509	1838	42	0.00	8.36	13.92	14.14
Modesto	77	2	107	59	2597	2213	39	0.00	6.56	12.98	13.19
Merced Macready	76	3	110	57	2507	1943	38	0.00	9.56	12.39	12.59
Madera	75	1	107	54	2411	2047	35	0.00	6.02	11.93	12.10
Fresno	80	2	106	62	3151	2595	39	0.00	7.64	11.44	11.57
Lemoore	76	2	108	53	2665	2072	38	0.00	7.02	7.80	7.95
Visalia	77	2	102	56	2765	2269	31	0.00	8.69	10.87	10.99
Bakersfield	81	3	102	60	3224	2687	35	0.00	7.21	6.45	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	63	5	95	30	735	401	70	0.00	8.75	13.89	14.22
Mount Shasta	67	5	98	42	1070	580	74	0.00	21.81	43.06	43.48
Blue Canyon	70	5	89	57	1186	753	78	0.00	38.73	64.22	65.00
Yosemite Valley	70	2	97	48	1815	1156	42	0.00	16.12	36.49	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	64	1	95	52	721	321	46	0.00	10.68	13.95	14.05
Santa Barbara	65	-1	80	53	860	554	35	0.00	11.58	17.68	17.89
Oxnard	65	0	77	55	783	592	35	0.00	11.69	14.58	14.71
Riverside	78	1	95	58	2617	2184	30	0.00	10.76	12.32	12.50
Los Angeles	69	0	83	61	1531	1026	36	0.00	13.15	12.75	12.92
San Diego	72	1	82	61	1804	1262	49	0.00	13.62	10.30	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	70	1	102	39	2177	1648	20	0.00	2.25	5.08	5.21
Daggett	79	-3	109	54	3796	3389	20	0.00	5.89	3.96	4.08
Lancaster	73	-3	109	47	2627	2381	30	0.00	10.67	7.33	7.43
Thermal	82	-4	106	55	4736	4065	18	0.00	5.20	3.08	3.22
Blythe	85	-4	113	63	4953	4554	21	0.00	5.04	3.62	3.85
Imperial	84	-4	113	60	4653	4306	13	0.00	2.06	3.28	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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