



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

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

FIELD CROPS

Fires continued to burn throughout the state resulting in poor air quality in some areas 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. Dry **beans** were being harvested. **Cotton** bolls continued to develop with fields setting bolls. Pest control treatments were applied as needed. In the Sacramento Valley, fall ground work continued with discing, chiseling, and land leveling. **Rice** harvest was uninterrupted helped by dry warm weather. **Corn** and **sunflower** harvests continued. Alfalfa harvest continued in Fresno County with normal drying conditions.

FRUIT CROPS

Post-harvest pruning and mechanical topping of stone fruit orchards were ongoing. **Persimmon**, **kiwifruit**, and **pomegranate** development remained steady. Table and wine **grape** varieties were harvested. Fires have severely affected the taste of numerous wine grape varieties. Raisin grape harvest continued and dried on vine growers cut their canes. **Nectarine**, **apricot**, **peach**, **plum**, **pluot**, **prune**, and **pear** harvests began coming to a close. **Olive** pruning continued. **Blueberry** development progressed.

NUT CROPS

Orchards were irrigated. **Almond** harvest neared completion, while **walnut** and **pistachio** harvests gained momentum.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Fresno County, harvest continued for **carrots**, **cucumbers**, **daikon**, **eggplant**, **parsley**, **peppers**, **squash** and **melons**. **Asparagus** grew well. **Onions** for processing continued to be harvested. **Garlic** harvest was complete. Harvest of fresh market and processing **tomatoes** continued; the fields were treated for thrips, powdery mildew, and hoppers. Growers prepared the ground for cool season crops such as **fennel**, **radicchio**, and **lettuce**. In Tulare County, summer vegetables continued to grow and the fields were prepped for harvest. Early planted melons were picked and shipped domestically. Eggplants, peppers, **sweet corn**, and tomatoes continued to mature and be harvested.

LIVESTOCK

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

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 09/27/2020

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 09/27/2020	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- 09/27/2020	January 1- 09/27/2020	October 1- 09/27/2020	Week Ending 09/27/2020	Oct 1- 09/27/2020	Oct 1- 09/27/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	62	6	79	50	90	0	104	0.57	30.52	40.45	40.53
Ukiah	71	4	100	50	2009	1426	64	0.00	14.25	37.56	37.61
Santa Rosa	71	6	101	48	1312	893	59	0.00	19.36	36.39	36.51
Napa State Hospital	70	7	100	47	1193	677	49	0.00	9.50	20.38	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	69	5	90	56	876	505	49	0.00	9.19	20.75	20.79
San Jose	71	3	93	56	1699	1376	47	0.00	7.24	14.93	15.02
Salinas	67	3	90	52	936	450	44	0.00	9.19	12.88	12.91
Monterey	77	16	68	57	877	145	67	0.00	18.69	16.18	16.23
Paso Robles	73	5	97	49	1952	1525	46	0.00	11.39	12.83	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	75	3	97	57	3048	2475	66	0.00	23.71	34.71	34.80
Red Bluff	76	3	98	57	3094	2465	47	0.00	11.44	24.55	24.63
Willows	75	3	98	54	2804	2176	34	0.00	8.15	23.60	23.67
Oroville	77	6	103	58	3055	2280	46	0.00	13.44	31.66	31.72
Marysville	74	4	97	52	2593	2051	49	0.00	10.03	22.76	22.88
Sacramento	75	5	96	53	2449	1916	42	0.00	10.08	21.28	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	76	5	94	58	2733	2004	42	0.00	8.36	14.09	14.14
Modesto	75	3	94	57	2812	2404	39	0.00	6.56	13.14	13.19
Merced Macready	74	4	94	52	2712	2103	38	0.00	9.56	12.56	12.59
Madera	74	3	95	50	2603	2219	35	0.00	6.02	12.07	12.10
Fresno	78	4	95	62	3399	2813	39	0.00	7.64	11.54	11.57
Lemoore	75	4	96	55	2882	2244	38	0.00	7.02	7.92	7.95
Visalia	74	2	91	59	2988	2458	31	0.00	8.69	10.96	10.99
Bakersfield	78	3	94	62	3478	2917	35	0.00	7.21	6.50	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	57	3	83	32	741	401	70	0.00	8.75	14.16	14.22
Mount Shasta	61	2	79	41	1103	585	74	0.00	21.81	43.39	43.48
Blue Canyon	66	4	80	55	1275	798	78	0.00	38.73	64.81	65.00
Yosemite Valley	66	2	88	47	1891	1239	43	0.00	16.16	36.87	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	66	3	85	52	801	371	46	0.00	10.68	14.02	14.05
Santa Barbara	64	0	79	51	936	626	35	0.00	11.58	17.84	17.89
Oxnard	66	1	76	54	847	667	34	0.00	11.68	14.68	14.71
Riverside	77	3	96	60	2890	2404	30	0.00	10.76	12.46	12.50
Los Angeles	70	2	81	61	1680	1153	36	0.00	13.15	12.88	12.92
San Diego	72	2	82	64	1995	1410	49	0.00	13.62	10.39	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	70	5	95	45	2328	1739	20	0.00	2.25	5.18	5.21
Daggett	82	5	102	63	4132	3654	20	0.00	5.89	4.06	4.08
Lancaster	76	5	97	55	2846	2556	30	0.00	10.67	7.41	7.43
Thermal	86	5	106	65	5125	4384	18	0.00	5.20	3.20	3.22
Blythe	88	4	107	70	5402	4911	21	0.00	5.04	3.81	3.85
Imperial	87	4	106	69	5061	4653	13	0.00	2.06	3.42	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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