



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

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

## 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 and was winding down. **Rice** harvest continued at a normal pace, and is expected to be completed around the end of the month. **Corn** and **sunflower** harvests continued. Alfalfa cutting continued in Fresno County, however drying was slowed due to heavy smoke.

## FRUIT CROPS

Post-harvest pruning and mechanical topping of stone fruit orchards were ongoing. **Persimmons**, **kiwifruit**, and **pomegranates** continued to develop. Various table and wine **grape** varieties were harvested. Fires have severely affected the taste of numerous wine grape varieties. **Nectarine**, **peach**, **plum**, **apricot**, **lemon**, **lime**, and Valencia **orange** harvests were steady. **Olive** and **Asian pear** harvests continued.

## NUT CROPS

**Almond** harvest slowed due to slow drying from heavy smoke. **Walnut** and **pistachio** harvests gained momentum.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Fresno County, **Carrots** germinated and were growing slowly; fungicides and herbicides were applied to the crop. Red **bell pepper** harvest continued. Other late peppers continued to develop. Ground preparation was underway for next year's crops. **Eggplants**, peppers, **sweet corn**, and **tomatoes** continued to mature in Tulare County. Processing tomato harvest slowed. **Brassica** and **lettuce** continued to be harvested in Monterey County. Sacramento, Solano and Yolo counties reported fall crops such as **pumpkins** and **squash** were harvested.

## LIVESTOCK

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

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/04/2020**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 10/04/2020	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- 10/04/2020	January 1- 10/04/2020	October 1- 10/04/2020	Week Ending 10/04/2020	Oct 1- 10/04/2020	Oct 1- 10/04/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	59	3	87	49	104	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.13	40.53
Ukiah	76	11	102	50	2123	1463	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	37.61
Santa Rosa	71	7	104	48	1395	924	0	0.00	0.00	0.09	36.51
Napa State Hospital	72	10	103	51	1279	693	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	70	6	96	55	951	534	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	20.79
San Jose	77	10	101	59	1821	1429	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	15.02
Salinas	70	7	97	52	1004	475	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.91
Monterey	72	12	75	70	948	148	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	16.23
Paso Robles	79	13	106	52	2087	1570	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	79	9	106	56	3187	2547	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	34.80
Red Bluff	81	10	105	58	3246	2542	0	0.00	0.00	0.08	24.63
Willows	79	8	104	54	2937	2254	0	0.00	0.00	0.08	23.67
Oroville	78	9	99	60	3187	2346	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	31.72
Marysville	77	9	102	56	2715	210	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	22.88
Sacramento	77	9	100	58	2571	1973	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	79	10	100	60	2873	2068	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	14.14
Modesto	78	7	98	57	2941	2482	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	13.19
Merced Macready	78	10	100	58	2840	2163	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	12.59
Madera	77	8	102	56	2727	2284	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	12.10
Fresno	81	9	102	66	3553	2899	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	11.57
Lemoore	79	10	103	57	3019	2309	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	7.95
Visalia	78	8	97	60	3119	2533	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	10.99
Bakersfield	82	9	103	64	3634	3010	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	60	8	91	30	743	401	0	0.00	0.00	0.07	14.22
Mount Shasta	66	9	90	39	1146	585	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	43.48
Blue Canyon	73	13	86	57	1369	800	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	65.00
Yosemite Valley	73	11	91	52	1983	1258	0	0.00	0.00	0.14	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	72	10	102	53	887	392	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	14.05
Santa Barbara	72	9	95	55	1030	654	0	0.00	0.00	0.06	17.89
Oxnard	70	6	89	59	926	699	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	14.71
Riverside	84	12	108	61	3064	2494	0	0.00	0.00	0.01	12.50
Los Angeles	75	7	92	63	1789	1209	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	12.92
San Diego	77	8	97	63	2121	1474	0	0.00	0.00	0.05	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	70	8	96	43	2398	1758	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	5.21
Daggett	82	8	101	62	4292	3758	0	0.00	0.00	0.02	4.08
Lancaster	75	7	101	50	2956	2616	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	7.43
Thermal	85	7	113	59	5296	4516	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	3.22
Blythe	86	5	108	64	5588	5058	0	0.00	0.00	0.03	3.85
Imperial	87	7	108	68	5252	4796	0	0.00	0.00	0.04	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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