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WEATHER

Dry, hazy, and stagnant conditions prevailed for most of early part of the week. By midweek, a series of upper level troughs brought cooler and wetter conditions to most of the state. The higher elevations saw a mixture of rain and snow, making for difficult holiday travel conditions. Some areas reported 6 to 15 inches of snowfall along the Sierras. By the weekend, a quieter weather pattern in which dry conditions with some scattered showers over the higher elevations became established.

Temperature highs ranged from upper 50s to mid 60s in the Sierras, low 60s to low 70s in the mountains, mid 60s to mid 70s in the Central Valley, upper 60s to upper 70s along the coast, and upper 60s to low 80s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from upper single digits to low 30s in the Sierras, low 30s to low 50s along the coast, upper 20s to low 40s in the Central Valley, low 20s to mid 40s in the desert, and mid 20s to upper 30s in the mountains.

FIELD CROPS

Beans continued to be harvested in Sutter County. In Tulare **cotton** harvest concluded, **alfalfa** was cut and baled, and **barley** was planted. **Corn** and **sorghum** were harvested for silage in Fresno County.

FRUIT CROPS

Olives, lemons, Valencia oranges and Finger limes were harvested. Navel oranges were picked and tested for maturity. Pushed out citrus groves were prepared for planting. Table and wine grape harvest continued. Raisin grapes were harvested and laid out for sun drying, while dried raisins were picked up. Asian pears, pomegranates, and quince were harvested. Stone fruit harvest was done for the season. Some old stone fruit orchards were torn out for replacement with new trees. Persimmon and kiwi harvesting was ongoing.

NUT CROPS

Walnut harvest was complete and **pecan** harvest continued. Harvested orchards were cleaned and young trees were irrigated.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Fresno County, **carrots** progressed well and **broccoli** harvest continued. In Imperial County, carrots and **Brussels sprouts** were planted.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture remained in poor to fair condition. More precipitation is needed for fall grass germination. Cattle continued to be provided supplemental feed.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER - WEEK I							NDING 11/25/2018				
	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
STATIONS	Average Week Ending 11/25/2018	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- 11/25/2018	January 1- 11/25/2018	July 1- 11/25/2018	Week Ending 11/25/2018	July 1- 11/25/2018	July 1- 11/25/2018	July 1- June 30
	Degrees Fahrenheit				Number		Days 3/	Inches of Precipitation			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	51	1	63	36	36	0	18	2.97	4.10	7.77	40.33
Ukiah	52	3	71	29	2029	1529	8	2.24	3.60	6.16	37.35
Santa Rosa	53	2	67	29	1116	987	7	2.80	4.14	6.26	36.28
Napa State Hospital	55	3	68	35	1322	1316	5	2.81	3.03	4.63	27.71
Central Coast											
San Francisco	56	1	63	44	672	648	4	1.59	1.75	3.05	20.65
San Jose	57	1	67	41	1646	1585	5	0.76	0.79	2.56	14.90
Salinas	57	3	70	37	470	577	6	1.16	1.84	1.90	12.83
Monterey	57	3	67	44	290	206	6	0.65	0.83	2.74	16.12
King City Ag	50	-3	70	33	1890	1348	4	0.97	1.09	1.69	12.06
Paso Robles	55	4	73	31	1724	1490	15	0.50	1.42	2.00	15.20
Sacramento Valley	00			0.				0.00		2.00	10.120
	FO	3	75	29	3280	2702	8	2.56	3.11	6.52	34.62
Redding	52										
Red Bluff	53	3	73	33	3363	2707	7	1.44	1.93	4.28	24.49
Willows 6W	48	-4	68	29	2566	2447	6	0.74	1.47	4.14	23.53
Oroville	53	2	65	33	3020	2477	6	1.56	1.97	6.36	31.52
Marysville	52	2	67	31	2622	2209	4	1.81	1.95	4.74	22.75
Sacramento	53	3	66	33	2314	2045	4	1.48	3.18	3.58	21.18
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	55	4	67	33	2750	2170	4	1.23	2.51	2.51	14.06
Modesto	54	2	67	33	2919	2645	4	0.80	0.81	2.06	13.11
M erced M acready	54	5	69	31	2728	2252	2	0.06	0.06	2.14	12.50
M adera	57	7	75	35	3092	2394	1	0.58	0.58	2.17	12.02
Fresno	56	5	73	39	3812	3079	5	0.50	0.60	1.70	11.50
Lemoore NAS	54	4	70	35	3216	2439	3	0.51	0.70	1.16	7.91
Visalia	54	3	70	38	2823	2700	3	0.38	0.38	1.80	10.93
Bakersfield	58	5	75	40	4158	3234	4	0.34	0.34	0.94	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	38	4	60	8	607	467	11	0.40	1.80	3.74	14.17
Mount Shasta	41	3	64	24	991	702	13	1.64	2.95	7.74	43.21
Blue Canyon	44	2	58	32	1190	995	8	7.18	8.51	12.10	64.62
Yosemite Valley	46	4	63	28	1386	1344	13	2.94	4.36	6.93	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	59	5	75	45	868	518	4	0.22	0.57	1.88	13.95
Santa Barbara	62	3	76	50	1693	1238	5	0.63	1.50	2.55	19.43
Oxnard NWS	60	1	74	47	1455	1134	3	0.49	0.58	2.21	15.33
Riverside	60	1	78	45	3359	2833	6	0.08	1.20	1.50	12.40
Los Angeles	62	3	75	53	2094	1487	4	0.56	1.14	1.73	12.82
San Diego	63	5	77	49	2794	1754	5	0.05	0.77	1.68	11.16
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	45	2	73	21	2426	1806	6	0.01	1.99	1.21	5.17
Daggett	55	3	72	34	4802	4017	4	0.00	0.22	1.37	4.06
Lancaster ATC	50	2	66	27	3160	2734	2	0.05	0.07	1.21	7.38
Thermal	63	5	84	41	6418	4925	4	0.00	0.96	0.98	3.20
Blythe	61	2	77	43	6278	5512	10	0.00	1.73	1.56	3.83
Imperial CA	63	3	79	46	6176	5240	2	0.00	0.79	1.39	3.44

^{1/} Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

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^{2/} Normal periods 1970-2000 used in Departure From Normal calculations.

 $^{3/\,\}mbox{Total}$ number of days with precipitation events this season.