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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week were above average for the most part across California. The Sierras experienced scattered showers and maintained above-average snow depth, while temperatures reached as high as 96 in the desert.

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

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, **wheat** and **alfalfa** continued to mature. Silage crops were being cut. Spring silage continued to be planted.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchards were in bloom. **Cherry** and early **plum** fruit were sizing well. **Pomegranates** were leafing. Late navel **orange** harvest and packing continued. Some citrus groves were being topped and skirted. Valencia oranges harvest was underway. **Lemons**, **tangelos**, **pomelo** and **grapefruit** were harvested. **Seedless tangerines** were being tented to prevent cross pollination.

NUT CROPS

Almond bloom was complete. **Walnuts** were beginning to bloom. **Pistachios** were planted. Orchard clean up from winter storms continued as orchard floors dried out from the wet winter.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Winter vegetables continue to be grown and harvested in Tulare County. In the Sacramento Valley, **asparagus** harvest resumed. Processing **tomato** continued to be planted.

LIVESTOCK

Warming temperatures promoted range development. Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were in good condition. Bees were active in stone fruit orchards.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER - W											
STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 04/07/2019	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- 04/07/2019	January 1- 04/07/2019	July 1- 04/07/2019	Week Ending 04/07/2019	Oct 1- 04/07/2019	Oct 1- 04/07/2019	Oct 1- Sept 30
	Degrees Fahrenheit				Number		Days 3/	Inches of Precipitation			
North Coast	orth Coast										
Eureka WFO	55	5	66	50	1	0	83	0.89	37.40	34.35	40.33
Ukiah	56	3	72	47	3	0	77	0.16	39.49	33.13	37.35
Santa Rosa	57	3	69	49	3	0	69	0.53	43.00	32.75	36.28
Napa State Hospital	57	3	69	48	4	0	60	0.13	23.58	18.27	20.39
Central Coast											
San Francisco	58	2	68	50	5	0	67	0.15	21.29	18.98	20.65
San Jose	60	2	74	50	9	0	64	0.12	14.91	13.42	14.90
Salinas	59	3	74	49	14	0	57	0.18	12.23	11.56	12.83
Monterey	58	5	67	50	4	0	70	0.12	19.77	14.44	16.12
Paso Robles	58	3	81	43	6	0	49	0.00	14.00	11.73	12.78
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	59	3	67	52	5	0	71	0.82	38.07	29.32	34.62
Red Bluff	59	2	71	54	7	0	66	0.16	26.57	20.87	24.49
Willows	60	2	74	50	6	0	42	0.13	26.61	20.34	23.53
Oroville	61	4	73	54	11	0	65	0.37	29.49	27.72	31.52
	59	3	73 72	52	4	0	57	0.76	25.49	19.38	22.75
Marysville											
Sacramento	59	3	72	51	3	0	58	0.22	23.74	18.79	21.18
San Joaquin Valley	0.4		70	50	40	0		0.40	45.00	40.47	44.00
Stockton	61	4	78	50	18	0	57	0.48	15.69	12.47	14.06
Modesto	61	1	78	48	15	1	54	0.12	12.05	11.39	13.11
M erced M acready	60	4	78	43	7	0	49	0.02	11.84	10.79	12.50
M adera	63	6	80	48	55	0	48	0.10	9.75	10.35	12.02
Fresno .	65	6	81	51	63	0	49	0.14	9.24	10.00	11.50
Lemoore	63	5	81	44	34	0	45	0.00	6.16	6.96	7.91
Visalia	63	4	79	46	27	0	43	0.20	8.26	9.63	10.93
Bakersfield	65	5	82	50	70	3	46	0.01	5.93	5.74	6.47
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	46	5	60	35	0	0	69	0.46	10.26	9.46	14.17
Mount Shasta	46	1	53	38	0	0	69	1.09	36.32	36.27	43.21
Blue Canyon	42	-1	52	35	0	0	73	1.07	63.67	54.82	64.62
Yosemite Valley	49	0	71	35	0	0	50	1.24	29.94	31.26	36.73
South Coast											
Santa Maria	60	5	78	48	23	0	54	0.00	14.47	12.76	13.95
Santa Barbara	60	4	76	47	12	0	43	0.00	19.94	16.28	17.76
Oxnard	61	5	77	52	39	0	39	0.00	13.43	13.44	14.60
Riverside	62	1	84	49	74	14	35	0.00	12.63	10.96	12.40
Los Angeles	63	4	81	57	90	0	34	0.00	16.15	11.76	12.82
San Diego	64	3	78	57	111	12	42	0.02	11.88	9.43	10.34
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	55	3	79	32	0	0	25	0.00	7.55	4.13	5.18
Daggett	65	3	83	47	65	23	18	0.00	3.50	2.91	4.06
Lancaster	59	3	81	37	6	0	28	0.00	6.65	6.68	7.38
Thermal	73	5	96	47	395	200	18	0.00	3.28	2.55	3.20
Blythe	73	5	92	51	295	226	15	0.00	2.50	2.53	3.83
Imperial	73	6	91	54	259	222	16	0.00	1.72	2.39	3.44

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

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^{2/} Normal periods 1980-2010 used in Departure From Normal calculations.

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