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California Crop Weather



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WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the high 40s to high 70s in the mountain region, low 60s to mid 80s along the coast, low 60s to low 90s in the valley, and low 70s to high 90s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from low 20s to mid 40s in the mountain region, mid 30s to low 50s along the coast, mid 30s to mid 60s in the desert, and low 40s to low 70s in the valley.

FIELD CROPS

In the Sacramento Valley, winter **wheat** progressed well. Small grains were cut, **alfalfa** was cut and baled, and **safflower** progressed well in Kings County. Dry farmed grain continued to be cut in San Luis Obispo County. In Tulare County, wheat and alfalfa continued to mature. Silage crops were being cut. **Corn** and **cotton** continued to be planted.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit thinning was ongoing as immature fruit developed. **Cherry** harvest began. Reflective sheeting was put out in cherry orchards to aid in fruit color development. Nutrient sprays and pesticide, herbicide and fungicide applications began in orchards and vineyards. Mechanical vineyard maintenance began with vine training. **Grape** leaves were thinned to promote airflow and light penetration. Late navel **orange** and **grapefruit** harvests were wrapping up for the season. **Valencia** and **lemon** harvesting continued. Citrus groves were thinned, topped and skirted. Some citrus groves were removed. **Olives** were blooming in Tulare County.

NUT CROPS

Almonds were sizing well. Walnut and pistachio were blooming.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Imperial County, grape vines became full for production. **Blueberries** continued to be harvested in Tulare County. In the Sacramento Valley, **asparagus** harvest continued. **Tomatoes** for processing continued to be planted.

LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were in good to excellent condition. Some bees were moved out of state.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER - WEEK ENDING 05/05/2019											
					GROWING	GROWING DEGREE					
STATIONS	TEMPERATURE			HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/				
	Average Week Ending 05/05/2019	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- 05/05/2019	January 1- 05/05/2019	July 1- 05/05/2019	Week Ending 05/05/2019	Oct 1- 05/05/2019	Oct 1- 05/05/2019	Oct 1- Sept 30
	Degrees Fahrenheit				Number		Days 3/	Inches of Precipitation			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	49	-3	61	40	2	0	92	0.00	39.18	37.09	40.53
Ukiah	62	3	84	40	101	1	79	0.00	40.30	35.35	37.61
Santa Rosa	58	0	77	38	51	0	73	0.00	43.67	34.59	36.51
Napa State Hospital	56	-1	74	39	29	0	62	0.00	23.74	19.22	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	58	0	71	49	36	0	69	0.00	21.34	19.98	20.79
San Jose	62	0	76	49	94	28	66	0.00	14.98	14.31	15.02
Salinas	58	0	72	44	46	0	61	0.00	12.33	12.27	12.91
Monterey	57	1	70	45	17	0	74	0.00	20.00	15.43	16.23
Paso Robles	60	-1	86	41	77	7	52	0.01	14.11	12.24	12.87
Sacramento Valley			-								-
Redding	66	3	85	43	181	30	76	0.00	39.34	31.49	34.80
Red Bluff	66	2	85	45	181	44	70	0.00	27.33	22.31	24.63
Willows	67	3	85	48	206	53	47	0.00	27.91	21.66	23.67
Oroville	66	2	84	51	177	50	70	0.00	30.20	29.48	31.72
M arysville	63	0	83	44	136	38	61	0.00	25.71	20.93	22.88
Sacramento	64	2	83	47	130	28	61	0.00	23.91	20.95	21.35
San Joaquin Valley	04	2	03	41	150	20	01	0.00	23.91	20.03	2 1.33
Stockton	65	2	86	46	169	40	59	0.00	15.80	13.27	14.14
Modesto	65	-1	86	48	193	108	55	0.00	12.08	12.21	13.19
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Fresno	68	1	90 87	52	305	114	51	0.00	9.49	10.77	11.57
Lemoore	67	3	89	48	221	64	47	0.00	6.33	7.44	7.95
Visalia	67	2	85	49	217	87	47	0.00	9.56	10.36	10.99
Bakersfield	69	2	88	55	337	130	48	0.06	6.02	6.14	6.51
Cascade Sierra	4-7		7-	0.4		•		2.22		40.04	44.00
Alturas	47	-1	75 79	21	0	0	75 76	0.03	12.04	10.94	14.22
Mount Shasta	53	2	78	28	13	0	76 70	0.00	38.77	38.75	43.48
Blue Canyon	51	1	63	38	16	0	79 57	0.01	66.93	59.10	65.00
Yosemite Valley	57	3	75	40	19	0	57	0.00	32.03	33.65	36.97
South Coast	00			40		•	50	0.04	44 ===	40.50	44.05
Santa Maria	60	3	77	46	54	0	56	0.24	14.77	13.50	14.05
Santa Barbara	59	0	68	47	53	0	47	0.01	20.04	17.04	17.89
Oxnard	60	1	68	51	62	0	40	0.01	13.44	14.19	14.71
Riverside	64	-2	80	51	235	137	37	0.01	12.66	11.72	12.50
Los Angeles	62	0	68	54	166	31	36	0.04	16.20	12.29	12.92
San Diego	64	1	69	58	251	88	44	0.09	12.02	9.99	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	59	0	83	35	39	1	25	0.00	7.80	4.34	5.21
Daggett	69	-1	90	50	360	218	19	0.03	3.54	3.03	4.08
Lancaster	62	-2	84	42	120	51	30	0.01	6.70	6.92	7.43
Thermal	81	6	99	64	948	545	18	0.00	3.28	2.58	3.22
Blythe	75	-1	97	55	740	608	16	0.00	2.60	2.59	3.85
Imperial	75	0	96	54	711	562	17	0.00	1.74	2.43	3.46

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

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 $^{2/\ \}mbox{No\,rmal}$ periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

^{3/} Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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