



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

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

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare, Fresno, and Kings Counties, **alfalfa** was irrigated, cut, and baled. **Cotton** was in full bloom. **Corn** was being cut for silage. Harvesting of **safflower** continued. **Blackeye peas** continued to mature and were drying in fields. In Sacramento County, **sunflower** was drying down and harvesting was ongoing. **Rice** continued to mature.

FRUIT CROPS

Nectarine, peach, pear, plum, pluot, prune, fig, pomegranate and **Asian pear** harvest progressed. Post-harvest pruning and mechanical topping was ongoing. Dried pruning debris was shredded. After harvest, some older stone fruit orchards were pushed out and burned to clear for replanting. **Kiwifruit** and **persimmons** were maturing well. **Olive** harvest began in Tulare County. Table and wine **grape** harvest continued. Irrigation and mechanical vineyard maintenance was ongoing. A limited amount of Valencia **oranges** were harvested. Gassing of Valencia oranges continued to counter re-greening. Ruby Red **grapefruit** and finger **limes** were harvested. Citrus groves were pruned, hedged, and skirted. Some groves were whitewashed for sunburn prevention.

NUT CROPS

Orchards continued to be irrigated. **Walnuts** were developing well. Orchard floor cleaning continued in preparation of harvest. **Almond** harvest was well underway and **pistachio** harvest began.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Tulare County reported certified producers grew **cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, bell peppers, eggplant, and jalapenos** for local farmers' markets and roadside stands. Increased temperatures benefited **squash** growers. **Pumpkin** bloom was underway. In Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo counties, processed tomato harvest continued. Organic **cherry tomato** harvest continued.

LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture remained in fair to poor condition. Water was hauled to livestock in some dry locations. Supplemental feeding was ongoing. Some cattle grazed in higher elevation pasture. Recent North State fires burned some foothill rangeland.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 09/08/2019

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 09/08/2019	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- 09/08/2019	January 1- 09/08/2019	July 1- 09/08/2019	Week Ending 09/08/2019	Oct 1- 09/08/2019	Oct 1- 09/08/2019	Oct 1- Sept 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	62	4	70	52	150	0	107	0.00	41.97	39.86	40.53
Ukiah	72	2	97	52	1682	1265	86	0.00	43.72	36.97	37.61
Santa Rosa	69	2	90	49	1020	768	80	0.00	48.07	35.98	36.51
Napa State Hospital	66	0	82	49	793	588	68	0.00	26.52	20.10	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	66	1	74	58	704	410	75	0.00	23.34	20.50	20.79
San Jose	69	-1	85	57	1266	1196	75	0.00	16.43	14.69	15.02
Salinas	66	1	80	56	670	361	70	0.00	13.82	12.67	12.91
Monterey	66	4	76	58	412	116	85	0.00	22.48	15.94	16.23
Paso Robles	77	6	102	54	1567	1345	60	0.00	14.90	12.57	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	78	2	100	57	2589	2207	88	0.00	44.23	34.12	34.80
Red Bluff	78	2	99	56	2517	2190	81	0.00	30.41	24.07	24.63
Willows	76	1	96	54	2259	1914	58	0.00	30.80	23.17	23.67
Oroville	77	2	99	59	2342	2037	82	0.00	33.33	30.98	31.72
Marysville	75	1	98	55	2075	1835	70	0.00	28.99	22.33	22.88
Sacramento	75	2	97	55	1926	1698	66	0.00	26.45	20.94	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	78	4	99	56	2206	1769	66	0.00	18.39	13.80	14.14
Modesto	78	2	98	55	2286	2135	63	0.00	13.37	12.87	13.19
Merced Macready	79	5	101	53	2164	1876	59	0.00	13.28	12.25	12.59
Madera	80	5	102	55	2406	1976	58	0.00	11.43	11.80	12.10
Fresno	84	5	104	60	2879	2506	60	0.00	11.87	11.35	11.57
Lemoore	83	8	104	64	2425	2000	55	0.00	8.40	7.74	7.95
Visalia	81	5	99	55	2414	2191	54	0.00	10.76	10.79	10.99
Bakersfield	85	6	102	59	3019	2594	57	0.02	7.85	6.40	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	65	6	92	39	606	401	95	0.13	14.29	13.77	14.22
Mount Shasta	67	4	91	44	849	570	91	0.02	44.98	42.68	43.48
Blue Canyon	69	3	82	51	855	725	108	0.00	80.49	63.70	65.00
Yosemite Valley	75	6	95	53	1106	1113	77	0.00	37.48	36.16	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	68	4	88	53	618	301	65	0.00	15.69	13.83	14.05
Santa Barbara	71	5	87	54	644	524	53	0.00	21.92	17.52	17.89
Oxnard	71	5	79	58	769	562	47	0.00	14.73	14.45	14.71
Riverside	84	6	104	61	2192	2095	42	0.00	13.12	12.18	12.50
Los Angeles	77	7	93	65	1225	976	41	0.00	16.99	12.62	12.92
San Diego	77	5	86	67	1398	1203	55	0.01	12.85	10.20	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	75	4	98	53	1627	1600	33	0.01	8.74	5.02	5.21
Daggett	90	6	107	75	3419	3277	26	0.02	4.09	3.90	4.08
Lancaster	82	5	102	59	2319	2302	35	0.00	7.28	7.25	7.43
Thermal	97	10	115	70	4747	3934	21	0.39	4.12	3.02	3.22
Blythe	96	6	113	80	4542	4406	16	0.00	2.60	3.52	3.85
Imperial	95	5	112	78	4330	4162	18	0.00	1.75	3.22	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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