



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

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

## FIELD CROPS

In Tulare, Fresno, and Kings counties, **alfalfa** was cut and baled. **Sorghum** was nearing harvest. **Corn** continued to be harvested. **Cotton** was in full bloom and bolls were filling. **Wheat** planting preparation continued. Harvesting of **safflower** continued. **Rice** was harvested.

## FRUIT CROPS

**Nectarine, peach, plum, pluot, and prune** harvest was winding down for the season. **Pear, fig, olive, pomegranate, and Asian pear** harvest continued. Post-harvest pruning and mechanical topping of stone fruit orchards was ongoing. Dried pruning debris was shredded. After harvest, some older stone fruit orchards were pushed out and burned to clear for replanting. **Kiwis and persimmons** were maturing well. Table and wine **grape** harvest was ongoing. Irrigation and mechanical vineyard maintenance continued. A limited amount of Valencia **oranges** were harvested. Gassing of Valencia oranges continued to counter re-greening. Ruby red **grapefruit** and **limes** were harvested. Citrus groves were pruned, hedged, and skirted.

## 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 continued.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo counties, processing **tomato** harvest was winding down with below average yields reported. Halloween **pumpkin** harvest continued in preparation for Halloween. Fresno County reported late bell **peppers** progressing well. **Carrot** planting was completed with herbicides sprays for emerging weeds underway.

## LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in fair to poor condition. Supplemental feeding was ongoing. Some cattle grazed in higher elevation pasture.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 09/22/2019**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION <sup>1/</sup>			
	Average Week Ending 09/22/2019	Departure from Normal <sup>2/</sup>	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year <sup>2/</sup>	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season <sup>2/</sup>	Normal Year <sup>2/</sup>
					January 1- 09/22/2019	January 1- 09/22/2019	July 1- 09/22/2019	Week Ending 09/22/2019	Oct 1- 09/22/2019	Oct 1- 09/22/2019	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days <sup>3/</sup> --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	61	4	72	48	187	0	114	2.00	44.41	40.12	40.53
Ukiah	67	-1	90	48	1821	1392	87	0.12	43.83	37.22	37.61
Santa Rosa	66	0	90	46	1139	865	82	0.13	48.20	36.09	36.51
Napa State Hospital	65	1	87	46	889	660	69	0.01	26.53	20.18	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	68	3	84	57	835	480	76	0.04	23.38	20.58	20.79
San Jose	68	-1	86	55	1411	1333	76	0.13	16.56	14.76	15.02
Salinas	65	1	88	50	776	430	71	0.09	13.91	12.76	12.91
Monterey	65	4	81	54	506	140	86	0.11	22.59	16.02	16.23
Paso Robles	68	-1	94	45	1710	1486	60	0.00	14.90	12.68	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	68	-5	90	50	2759	2413	91	0.24	44.64	34.40	34.80
Red Bluff	69	-5	89	51	2696	2401	83	0.28	30.69	24.30	24.63
Willows	70	-3	89	48	2436	2113	59	0.20	31.00	23.37	23.67
Oroville	68	-4	86	52	2510	2225	84	0.55	33.88	31.32	31.72
Marysville	68	-3	88	49	2230	2002	71	0.28	29.27	22.53	22.88
Sacramento	68	-3	87	50	2080	1867	68	0.11	26.56	21.04	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	70	-2	91	54	2391	1950	68	0.23	18.61	13.94	14.14
Modesto	69	-5	89	54	2457	2341	64	0.12	13.49	13.00	13.19
Merced Mcready	68	-3	91	50	2319	2051	59	0.00	13.28	12.41	12.59
Madera	69	-3	92	50	2573	2163	58	0.00	11.43	11.93	12.10
Fresno	72	-4	92	57	3100	2741	60	0.00	11.87	11.43	11.57
Lemoore	69	-3	92	49	2587	2188	55	0.00	8.40	7.83	7.95
Visalia	70	-3	93	49	2601	2396	54	0.00	10.76	10.86	10.99
Bakersfield	72	-4	91	58	3240	2841	57	0.00	7.85	6.44	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	51	-4	70	31	609	401	99	1.26	15.55	14.00	14.22
Mount Shasta	53	-7	71	33	871	585	97	1.03	46.04	42.99	43.48
Blue Canyon	52	-11	66	39	888	788	110	2.12	82.61	64.18	65.00
Yosemite Valley	61	-5	84	37	1172	1216	78	0.03	37.51	36.48	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	68	5	89	50	745	356	65	0.00	15.69	13.89	14.05
Santa Barbara	67	2	81	54	751	602	53	0.00	21.92	17.65	17.89
Oxnard	68	3	80	57	898	642	47	0.00	14.73	14.53	14.71
Riverside	75	-1	96	57	2440	2331	43	0.00	13.13	12.31	12.50
Los Angeles	73	4	87	65	1418	1109	41	0.00	16.99	12.73	12.92
San Diego	70	0	80	61	1566	1360	55	0.00	12.85	10.27	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	63	-4	85	39	1699	1714	33	0.00	8.74	5.11	5.21
Daggett	75	-4	96	57	3669	3568	26	0.00	4.09	4.01	4.08
Lancaster	69	-4	89	47	2481	2502	36	0.00	7.35	7.33	7.43
Thermal	82	-1	103	57	5084	4277	21	0.00	4.12	3.14	3.22
Blythe	84	-2	106	62	4914	4791	16	0.00	2.60	3.74	3.85
Imperial	84	-1	105	63	4688	4536	18	0.00	1.75	3.34	3.46

<sup>1/</sup> Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice).

<sup>2/</sup> Normal periods 1980-2010 used in departure from normal calculations.

<sup>3/</sup> Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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