



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the mid 40s to low 70s in the mountains, low 60s to low 80s along the coast, low 60s to mid 80s in the valley, and low 60s to high eighties in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the mid 10s to high 40s in the mountains, mid 30s to mid 50s along the coast, low 30s to mid 60s in the desert, and low 40s to mid 60s in the valley.

## FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, winter grain plants were in different stages of growth, with most **wheat**, **oats** and **barley** coming close to maturity. Some wheat, oats, and barley fields were being treated for weed control. With the added rain, **alfalfa** continued to thrive and was growing well. **Corn** was being planted. **Safflower** planting was finished with most emerged. Due to cold weather, **cotton** planting was behind schedule. **Rice** ground preparation was ahead of schedule with ground work done in the Sacramento Valley.

## FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchards continued to near the end of bloom and immature stone fruit was steadily developing. **Nectarines**, **peaches**, and **plums** continued to size as expected. **Cherry** and **pear** fruit were sizing also, but still in the immature stages of growth. **Pomegranates**, **persimmons**, and **grapes** continued to leaf out, with warm weather boosting grape vine budding. **Lemon** and **grapefruit** harvest continued. **Navel oranges**, **tangelo**, and **mandarin** harvest progressed well. **Tangerine** groves continued to be covered with netting to prevent pollination by bees during the bloom period.

## NUT CROPS

**Almond** development was ongoing, with a few areas predicting a more than favorable crop. **Walnuts** continued to awaken from winter dormancy. **Pistachio** leaf out remained steady with no reported issues.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

Summer vegetable fields were prepared for planting. Processing and fresh **tomatoes** were showing good growth. **Artichokes** were harvested in San Mateo County. **Onion**, **garlic** and **parsley** fields were growing well in Fresno County. Tulare County reported summer vegetables developed well with warm temperatures and adequate rains. **Strawberries** were produced and grew well. Garlic, onions and **peas** did well under mulch.

## LIVESTOCK

Recent precipitation and the week's warming temperatures promoted range development. Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in good condition. Movement of cattle to spring pasture began. Some bee hives were moved to citrus orchards and to the foothills.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER -- WEEK ENDING 04/19/2020**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 04/19/2020	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- 04/19/2020	January 1- 04/19/2020	October 1- 04/19/2020	Week Ending 04/19/2020	Oct 1- 04/19/2020	Oct 1- 04/19/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	52	1	71	37	0	0	75	0.00	23.42	35.91	40.53
Ukiah	60	5	81	41	18	0	55	0.00	12.84	34.40	37.61
Santa Rosa	57	1	81	41	11	0	48	0.00	18.06	33.85	36.51
Napa State Hospital	57	2	79	38	2	0	42	0.00	8.56	18.82	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	59	2	77	47	17	0	43	0.00	8.86	19.65	20.79
San Jose	61	2	81	48	32	0	43	0.00	7.06	13.99	15.02
Salinas	57	0	75	44	12	0	39	0.02	8.87	12.03	12.91
Monterey	58	4	70	49	12	0	57	0.05	17.92	15.05	16.23
Paso Robles	58	1	80	41	6	0	43	0.04	11.31	12.08	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	64	6	82	43	76	0	54	0.00	19.30	30.49	34.80
Red Bluff	63	4	81	40	66	0	38	0.00	9.51	21.61	24.63
Willows	62	2	85	41	53	3	28	0.00	6.68	21.05	23.67
Oroville	65	5	83	50	68	2	36	0.00	9.80	28.73	31.72
Marysville	63	4	82	47	36	0	40	0.00	9.01	20.17	22.88
Sacramento	62	4	81	46	24	0	36	0.00	9.64	19.53	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	64	5	84	46	47	0	39	0.01	7.96	12.94	14.14
Modesto	63	1	83	46	43	24	36	0.00	6.45	11.86	13.19
Merced Macready	62	3	81	45	24	0	36	0.00	9.24	11.25	12.59
Madera	62	2	80	43	28	2	33	0.00	5.48	10.80	12.10
Fresno	65	3	82	52	86	21	35	0.10	7.17	10.45	11.57
Lemoore	63	3	84	44	39	4	33	0.01	6.92	7.23	7.95
Visalia	63	2	82	50	42	13	33	0.44	7.99	10.06	10.99
Bakersfield	65	2	84	52	96	32	32	0.10	6.88	5.99	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	43	0	64	16	0	0	51	0.70	6.57	10.14	14.22
Mount Shasta	50	3	68	29	0	0	58	0.00	15.55	37.72	43.48
Blue Canyon	48	3	59	36	0	0	65	0.21	33.17	57.12	65.00
Yosemite Valley	54	3	73	38	0	0	35	0.82	14.88	32.56	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	57	1	75	45	21	0	40	0.01	10.38	13.25	14.05
Santa Barbara	59	1	73	47	8	0	32	0.00	11.38	16.80	17.89
Oxnard	59	2	73	51	47	0	32	0.00	11.48	13.93	14.71
Riverside	61	-2	81	50	121	49	31	0.01	10.61	11.38	12.50
Los Angeles	63	3	78	55	196	4	33	0.00	12.56	12.14	12.92
San Diego	64	2	75	55	153	35	44	0.09	13.18	9.83	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	54	0	76	30	0	0	20	0.05	2.21	4.27	5.21
Daggett	64	-1	83	47	83	77	17	0.00	5.81	3.00	4.08
Lancaster	59	0	78	39	11	0	29	0.00	10.55	6.86	7.43
Thermal	71	1	88	51	336	322	18	0.00	4.05	2.59	3.22
Blythe	69	-2	87	51	303	362	21	0.00	5.00	2.58	3.85
Imperial	69	-1	88	48	280	342	13	0.00	2.02	2.45	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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