



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the mid 50s to high 70s in the mountains, mid 60s to low 90s in the valley, mid 60s to high 90s along the coast, and low 70s to mid 100s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the high 20s to high 40s in the mountains, high 30s to mid 50s along the coast, mid 30s to mid 60s in the desert, and mid 40 to low 60s in the valley.

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, winter small grains were in different stages of growth, with most **wheat**, **oats** and **barley** coming close to maturity. **Alfalfa** and hay continued to grow well. First cut of alfalfa was being completed in Sutter County. **Rice** planting began. Winter wheat crop continued to mature in the Sacramento Valley.

FRUIT CROPS

Immature stone fruit continued to develop. **Nectarine**, **peach**, and **plum** growth was desirable, with harvest anticipated in the coming weeks. **Apple** bloom began, while **cherry** and **pear** fruit continued sizing well. **Pomegranate**, **persimmon**, and **grape** leafing out progressed and budding of grape vines was assisted by warm weather. **Lemon** harvest was consistent. **Mandarin**, **tangelo**, and **Navel orange** harvest continued. Seedless **tangerine** groves continued to be tented to prevent cross pollination. **Olives** began to bloom. **Strawberry** plants produced and grew well. Early **blueberries** were harvested and shipped for domestic and export markets.

NUT CROPS

Nut trees were being pruned and new nut orchards were prepped for planting. **Almond** development continued to progress well. **Walnut** bloom was underway. **Pistachio** leaf out remained steady.

VEGETABLE CROPS

With warm temperatures, summer vegetable fields continued to be planted. 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 garlic, onions and **peas** did well under mulch.

LIVESTOCK

Warm temperatures promoted range development. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in good to excellent condition. Movement of cattle to spring pasture continued. Some bee hives were moved out of state.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 04/26/2020

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 04/26/2020	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- 04/26/2020	January 1- 04/26/2020	October 1- 04/26/2020	Week Ending 04/26/2020	Oct 1- 04/26/2020	Oct 1- 04/26/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	54	3	60	45	0	0	75	0.18	24.70	36.58	40.53
Ukiah	64	7	82	45	49	0	55	0.00	12.89	35.00	37.61
Santa Rosa	64	7	88	40	40	0	48	0.00	18.06	34.31	36.51
Napa State Hospital	62	6	82	38	25	0	42	0.00	8.58	19.06	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	61	3	77	50	32	0	43	0.00	8.89	19.89	20.79
San Jose	65	5	84	48	68	6	43	0.00	7.10	14.22	15.02
Salinas	61	4	75	46	26	0	40	0.01	9.01	12.19	12.91
Monterey	61	6	72	50	21	0	58	0.01	18.23	15.28	16.23
Paso Robles	65	7	91	45	45	0	43	0.00	11.34	12.20	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	66	6	88	45	117	3	55	0.02	19.37	31.06	34.80
Red Bluff	68	7	90	44	125	10	38	0.00	9.59	22.00	24.63
Willows	68	7	88	48	128	16	28	0.00	7.04	21.39	23.67
Oroville	70	9	89	48	136	15	38	0.00	10.65	29.21	31.72
Marysville	67	6	91	44	83	8	39	0.00	9.04	20.61	22.88
Sacramento	67	7	89	45	80	3	37	0.00	9.68	19.88	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	69	8	92	47	113	10	39	0.00	8.00	13.14	14.14
Modesto	70	6	91	48	118	53	36	0.00	6.48	12.06	13.19
Merced Mcready	68	7	90	47	89	10	36	0.03	9.35	11.46	12.59
Madera	67	5	90	47	80	17	34	0.08	5.81	11.04	12.10
Fresno	69	5	90	50	159	52	37	0.07	7.52	10.64	11.57
Lemoore	68	6	92	47	95	21	36	0.00	6.99	7.35	7.95
Visalia	67	4	89	51	113	37	29	0.16	8.16	10.24	10.99
Bakersfield	70	6	90	52	183	66	32	0.00	7.03	6.08	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	51	6	73	28	0	0	53	0.30	6.89	10.52	14.22
Mount Shasta	55	6	75	32	0	0	57	0.00	17.13	38.36	43.48
Blue Canyon	54	7	66	38	0	0	66	0.04	33.71	58.17	65.00
Yosemite Valley	57	5	79	42	12	0	41	0.18	16.07	33.18	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	62	6	83	46	39	0	40	0.00	10.40	13.43	14.05
Santa Barbara	67	9	92	48	63	0	33	0.00	11.49	16.99	17.89
Oxnard	64	6	86	49	80	0	33	0.00	11.53	14.15	14.71
Riverside	71	7	99	50	204	81	30	0.00	10.76	11.60	12.50
Los Angeles	69	8	86	57	269	13	35	0.00	13.03	12.27	12.92
San Diego	70	8	86	57	239	56	46	0.00	13.46	9.97	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	64	8	89	36	38	0	20	0.00	2.25	4.32	5.21
Daggett	71	4	95	51	164	128	19	0.02	5.88	3.03	4.08
Lancaster	67	6	91	47	60	12	29	0.00	10.65	6.92	7.43
Thermal	80	8	106	60	490	411	18	0.00	5.20	2.60	3.22
Blythe	80	6	105	57	451	460	21	0.00	5.04	2.59	3.85
Imperial	79	7	104	55	421	429	13	0.00	2.06	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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