



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the low 50s to low 80s in the mountains, mid 60s to low 90s along the coast, low 60s to mid 90s in the valley, and low 70s to low 100s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the mid 10s to low 60 in the valley, mid 20s to high 30s in the mountains, high 30s to mid 50s along the coast, and low 30s to mid 60s in the desert.

## FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, winter row crops were rapidly being chopped and harvested. Almost all fields have been harvested and were being fertilized and tilled. In other areas, winter small grains including **wheat** were being harvested for silage as well as cut, dried, and baled. Many farmers were beginning pre-irrigation to ready the fields for summer crops. Fields were being fertilized, cultivated for weeds, and tilled for **corn** and **sorghum** planting. Fields were also being planted with corn and **cotton**. **Alfalfa** continued to be cut, dried, and baled with some delay due to the recent rains. **Rice** crops were looking above normal condition in the Sacramento Valley.

## FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit orchard development continued. Some **cherry** harvest continued as others matured. **Apple** and **pear** crop progressed steadily. **Plums** and **grape** vineyards were thinned as fruit size increased. **Kiwi** bloom progressed. **Nectarine**, **peach**, and **apricot** harvest continued. Citrus groves were pruned and topped. Valencia and late Navel **oranges** were picked. **Grapefruit**, **lemons**, **limes**, **tangelo**, and **pomelo** harvest remained consistent. **Olive** growth and pruning was ongoing. **Strawberries** and **blueberries** continued to produce an ideal harvest with the help of continuous warm weather.

## NUT CROPS

**Almond** crop continued to look favorable and pesticide applications were made. Stored almonds, **walnuts**, and **pistachios** continued to be shipped out.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

**Asparagus** harvest continued. **Tomatoes** for processing continued to be planted. In Tulare County, summer vegetable crops continued to be planted and have developed well with the warm temperatures and adequate rains. Spring and winter vegetables were being harvested and sold at local roadside stands and farmers markets. Local small plantings of garlic, **onions** and **peas** were growing well under mulch.

## LIVESTOCK

Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in good to excellent condition. Movement of cattle to higher elevation pasture continued. Sheep grazed fallow fields. Some bees were moved out of state, while some were placed in kiwi vineyards and melon fields for pollination.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 05/24/2020**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 05/24/2020	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- 05/24/2020	January 1- 05/24/2020	October 1- 05/24/2020	Week Ending 05/24/2020	Oct 1- 05/24/2020	Oct 1- 05/24/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	52	-2	60	40	0	0	85	0.59	28.49	38.37	40.53
Ukiah	62	-1	91	46	136	46	62	0.48	14.17	36.50	37.61
Santa Rosa	62	1	88	44	118	16	55	0.15	19.20	35.67	36.51
Napa State Hospital	61	1	86	45	84	2	48	0.15	9.46	19.87	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	61	1	79	50	84	3	46	0.07	9.11	20.40	20.79
San Jose	65	0	89	51	213	110	46	0.06	7.23	14.66	15.02
Salinas	61	1	79	48	87	0	42	0.01	9.08	12.56	12.91
Monterey	61	4	70	51	73	0	62	0.30	18.56	15.84	16.23
Paso Robles	62	-2	92	38	183	78	45	0.01	11.36	12.49	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	65	-4	90	46	320	173	63	1.21	23.04	32.80	34.80
Red Bluff	66	-3	94	47	360	194	44	0.53	10.96	23.19	24.63
Willows	69	0	94	53	416	198	32	0.00	7.39	22.45	23.67
Oroville	67	-1	91	52	417	190	45	1.31	13.32	30.34	31.72
Marysville	67	-1	91	50	317	171	45	0.41	9.75	21.75	22.88
Sacramento	67	0	92	48	295	146	42	0.23	10.08	20.68	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	68	1	94	50	361	167	41	0.20	8.34	13.67	14.14
Modesto	67	-3	90	49	387	283	37	0.01	6.49	12.68	13.19
Merced Macready	67	-1	90	50	339	180	38	0.18	9.55	12.09	12.59
Madera	65	-3	89	47	311	200	35	0.21	6.02	11.58	12.10
Fresno	66	-5	91	15	489	313	38	0.12	7.64	11.09	11.57
Lemoore	66	-3	90	46	363	221	37	0.02	7.01	7.67	7.95
Visalia	68	-2	89	49	412	258	30	0.24	8.40	10.62	10.99
Bakersfield	69	-3	90	54	513	336	34	0.15	7.19	6.28	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	48	-5	75	27	1	0	63	0.16	8.17	11.82	14.22
Mount Shasta	51	-5	77	36	15	0	66	0.30	20.00	40.39	43.48
Blue Canyon	48	-7	69	32	26	0	74	1.97	38.41	61.78	65.00
Yosemite Valley	57	-2	80	36	93	1	41	0.00	16.07	34.90	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	59	1	74	46	103	0	42	0.11	10.54	13.79	14.05
Santa Barbara	61	1	75	49	169	11	34	0.05	11.54	17.37	17.89
Oxnard	60	-1	71	51	140	11	34	0.15	11.68	14.39	14.71
Riverside	68	-1	90	52	514	295	30	0.00	10.76	12.00	12.50
Los Angeles	64	1	74	56	471	91	36	0.12	13.15	12.52	12.92
San Diego	67	3	75	59	493	171	47	0.00	13.48	10.13	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	61	-4	86	32	233	69	20	0.00	2.25	4.48	5.21
Daggett	71	-5	90	53	627	491	19	0.00	5.88	3.08	4.08
Lancaster	65	-5	89	43	322	212	31	0.02	10.67	7.03	7.43
Thermal	80	0	101	63	1144	904	18	0.00	5.20	2.62	3.22
Blythe	79	-3	97	60	1108	1000	21	0.00	5.04	2.62	3.85
Imperial	77	-3	97	57	1046	922	13	0.00	2.06	2.50	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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