



# California Crop Weather

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## WEATHER

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

## FIELD CROPS

Fires continued to burn throughout the state resulting in poor air quality as smoke and haze permeated the air. In Tulare County, harvested fields were being disked and planted for silage or other forage crops. Silage **corn** was in various stages of maturity. **Alfalfa** was maturing and continued to be harvested. **Cotton** bolls continued to develop. Rice growers prepared for the upcoming harvest. **Sunflower** harvest began in some fields. Alfalfa harvest continued in Fresno County with normal drying conditions. In Yolo County, sunflowers were drying out in preparation for harvest.

## FRUIT CROPS

Air quality affected harvest activities around areas where fires were present. **Persimmon, kiwi,** and **pomegranate** maturation continued. Table **grape** varieties and wine grapes were harvested with smoke taint remaining a cause of concern in some areas due to recent fires. **Nectarines, apricots, peaches, plums, lemons, grapefruit,** and **oranges** harvest was ongoing. **Olive** orchards continued to be pruned to thin trees where necessary. **Blueberry** harvest was steady.

## NUT CROPS

**Almond** harvest continued with reports of good yields and quality. **Walnuts** were irrigated and **pistachios** continued to mature.

## VEGETABLE CROPS

In Tulare County, summer vegetables continued to grow and the fields were being prepped for harvest. Early planted **melons** were being picked and shipped domestically. **Eggplants, peppers, sweet corn,** and **tomatoes** continued to mature and be harvested. In Colusa, Fresno, Sacramento, and Solano counties, processing tomato harvest continued. Red **bell pepper** harvest continued in Fresno County with less sunburn than normal due to intense smoke from the wildfires. In Yolo County, processing tomato fields were disked after harvest.

## LIVESTOCK

Irrigated pasture was in good to excellent condition. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was in fair to poor condition and continued to decline in quality. Wildland fires continued across the state, consuming some foothill range and forcing livestock evacuations in several locations. Cattle and sheep grazed on retired cropland and harvested grain fields. Cattle supplemental feeding continued. Bees were busy in **squash** and **melon** fields.

**CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER -- WEEK ENDING 08/30/2020**

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 08/30/2020	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- 08/30/2020	January 1- 08/30/2020	October 1- 08/30/2020	Week Ending 08/30/2020	Oct 1- 08/30/2020	Oct 1- 08/30/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
<b>North Coast</b>											
Eureka WFO	57	-1	69	45	36	0	96	0.00	29.78	39.92	40.53
Ukiah	77	5	97	53	1652	1166	64	0.00	14.25	37.15	37.61
Santa Rosa	66	-1	88	50	1024	696	59	0.00	19.36	36.15	36.51
Napa State Hospital	65	-1	83	53	918	530	49	0.00	9.50	20.20	20.52
<b>Central Coast</b>											
San Francisco	63	-2	76	55	645	363	49	0.00	9.19	20.62	20.79
San Jose	69	-2	86	55	1370	1097	47	0.00	7.24	14.79	15.02
Salinas	64	0	80	55	737	316	44	0.00	9.19	12.74	12.91
Monterey	66	4	78	59	611	96	67	0.00	18.69	16.03	16.23
Paso Robles	76	4	99	52	1523	1237	47	0.00	11.47	12.65	12.87
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>											
Redding	83	5	109	65	2526	2054	66	0.00	23.71	34.15	34.80
Red Bluff	82	4	100	65	2566	2036	47	0.00	11.44	24.12	24.63
Willows	79	3	98	58	2332	1776	34	0.00	8.15	23.22	23.67
Oroville	82	5	96	64	2547	1895	46	0.00	13.44	31.06	31.72
Marysville	79	4	95	58	2155	1708	49	0.00	10.03	22.39	22.88
Sacramento	77	3	94	57	2008	1573	42	0.00	10.08	21.02	21.35
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>											
Stockton	79	4	98	56	2243	1637	42	0.00	8.36	13.85	14.14
Modesto	80	3	98	60	2336	1886	39	0.00	6.56	12.93	13.19
Merced Macready	80	5	100	59	2245	1744	38	0.00	9.56	12.29	12.59
Madera	81	5	101	60	2160	1837	35	0.00	6.02	11.85	12.10
Fresno	85	5	101	68	2834	2331	39	0.00	7.64	11.40	11.57
Lemoore	85	9	110	62	2403	1861	38	0.00	7.02	7.77	7.95
Visalia	82	4	99	61	2490	2041	31	0.00	8.69	10.84	10.99
Bakersfield	87	6	102	72	2892	2414	35	0.00	7.21	6.43	6.51
<b>Cascade Sierra</b>											
Alturas	68	6	92	41	644	397	70	0.02	8.75	13.69	14.22
Mount Shasta	70	5	92	51	929	538	74	0.00	21.81	42.79	43.48
Blue Canyon	71	3	81	61	982	663	78	0.00	38.73	63.96	65.00
Yosemite Valley	76	5	94	57	1641	1022	42	0.05	16.12	36.32	36.97
<b>South Coast</b>											
Santa Maria	64	0	78	54	630	265	46	0.00	10.68	13.91	14.05
Santa Barbara	68	2	82	56	756	470	35	0.00	11.58	17.63	17.89
Oxnard	67	1	75	57	680	508	34	0.00	11.68	14.54	14.71
Riverside	82	3	102	59	2324	1926	30	0.00	10.76	12.25	12.50
Los Angeles	70	0	79	62	1372	886	36	0.00	13.15	12.71	12.92
San Diego	75	3	82	67	1598	1095	49	0.00	13.62	10.27	10.42
<b>Southeast Interior</b>											
Bishop	78	5	103	53	1956	1495	20	0.00	2.25	5.02	5.21
Daggett	91	5	110	70	3432	3058	20	0.00	5.89	3.86	4.08
Lancaster	82	3	101	55	2359	2141	30	0.00	10.67	7.28	7.43
Thermal	100	11	117	76	4343	3685	18	0.00	5.20	2.97	3.22
Blythe	100	8	116	83	4527	4128	21	0.00	5.04	3.43	3.85
Imperial	98	6	115	81	4225	3891	13	0.00	2.06	3.14	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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