



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

Temperature highs ranged from the mid 60s to mid 80s in the mountains, high 60s to low 100s along the coast, mid 70s to high 90s in the valley, and mid 70s to mid 100s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the low 20s to high 60s in the mountains, mid 40s to mid 60s along the coast, mid 40s to high 70s in the valley, and high 30s to mid 80s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

Cooler weather aided in suppressing the wildfires and an improvement in air quality was seen. In Tulare County, harvested fields were being disked and prepared for winter silage or other forage crops. Silage **corn** was mostly harvested. **Alfalfa** continued to be irrigated, cut, dried, and baled. Dry **beans** were harvested. **Cotton** was being defoliated and harvested. In the Sacramento Valley, fall ground work continued and was winding down. **Rice** harvest continued at a quicker pace than normal and is expected to be completed around the end of the month. Corn and **sunflower** harvests were ongoing.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit harvest was close to completion. Some stone fruit orchards were pruned and topped where necessary. **Persimmon** harvest began. Table, wine, and raisin **grapes** were harvested. **Kiwifruit** development continued. **Nectarine, peach, plum, pomegranate, apricot, lemon, lime,** and Valencia **orange** harvests continued. Citrus groves were being irrigated. **Olives, Asian pears,** and **quince** were harvested.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was wrapping up for the season. **Walnuts** and **pistachio** harvests continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Sacramento, Solano, and Yolo Counties, **tomato** harvest is progressing and may go through most of October. Mold was a factor over the past couple of weeks, but problem has subsided. **Sweet Corn** harvest continued. Fall groundwork progressing smoothly due in part to dry, clear weather.

LIVESTOCK

Irrigated pasture was in good condition. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was in poor condition. Recent precipitation in the North State was welcome, but more is needed to promote germination. Sheep grazed on retired cropland and harvested grain fields. Cattle were moved down from higher elevation ranges in preparation for winter. Cattle supplemental feeding was ongoing. Bees continued to be moved into the state for overwintering.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING 10/18/2020

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION 1/			
	Average Week Ending 10/18/2020	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- 10/18/2020	January 1- 10/18/2020	October 1- 10/18/2020	Week Ending 10/18/2020	Oct 1- 10/18/2020	Oct 1- 10/18/2020	Oct 1- Sept 30
-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days 3/ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --				
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	58	3	71	44	107	0	3	0.01	0.38	0.93	40.53
Ukiah	72	11	99	47	2258	1492	0	0.00	0.00	0.65	37.61
Santa Rosa	73	12	100	46	1516	956	0	0.00	0.00	0.79	36.51
Napa State Hospital	72	13	100	47	1396	698	0	0.00	0.00	0.41	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	74	12	92	55	1087	577	0	0.00	0.00	0.39	20.79
San Jose	74	9	94	54	1978	1509	0	0.00	0.00	0.37	15.02
Salinas	72	11	97	51	1120	509	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	12.91
Monterey	69	10	92	52	990	148	0	0.00	0.00	0.38	16.23
Paso Robles	73	11	100	46	2242	1619	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	77	13	98	47	3366	2632	0	0.00	0.00	0.88	34.80
Red Bluff	79	14	99	55	3446	2642	0	0.00	0.00	0.52	24.63
Willows	77	11	98	52	3138	2367	0	0.00	0.00	0.55	23.67
Oroville	75	10	96	49	3368	2433	0	0.00	0.00	0.56	31.72
Marysville	73	9	96	46	2874	2189	0	0.00	0.00	0.53	22.88
Sacramento	73	10	95	48	2730	2042	0	0.00	0.00	0.32	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	74	10	96	51	3048	2150	0	0.00	0.00	0.35	14.14
Modesto	72	6	93	50	3102	2592	0	0.00	0.00	0.31	13.19
Merced Macready	71	7	92	49	2988	2239	0	0.00	0.00	0.28	12.59
Madera	71	7	92	49	2872	2370	0	0.00	0.00	0.30	12.10
Fresno	76	9	93	60	3761	3018	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	11.57
Lemoore	72	8	94	49	3179	2393	0	0.00	0.00	0.25	7.95
Visalia	72	6	92	58	3312	2638	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	10.99
Bakersfield	75	7	93	59	3836	3143	0	0.00	0.00	0.12	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	51	4	78	23	743	401	1	0.00	0.14	0.45	14.22
Mount Shasta	60	8	78	39	1160	585	1	0.00	0.01	0.91	43.48
Blue Canyon	69	14	81	57	1465	800	0	0.00	0.00	1.67	65.00
Yosemite Valley	67	10	86	46	2067	1260	0	0.00	0.00	0.90	36.97
South Coast											
Santa Maria	74	13	102	52	1023	418	0	0.00	0.00	0.24	14.05
Santa Barbara	70	8	92	51	1134	690	0	0.00	0.00	0.36	17.89
Oxnard	71	8	96	58	1046	748	0	0.00	0.00	0.33	14.71
Riverside	80	11	102	59	3305	2633	0	0.00	0.00	0.11	12.50
Los Angeles	72	6	86	63	1952	1305	0	0.00	0.00	0.26	12.92
San Diego	74	7	90	62	2310	1583	0	0.00	0.00	0.27	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	66	9	93	38	2484	1761	0	0.00	0.00	0.16	5.21
Daggett	77	8	97	56	4543	3906	0	0.00	0.00	0.10	4.08
Lancaster	70	7	96	45	3112	2682	0	0.00	0.00	0.20	7.43
Thermal	81	8	104	57	5609	4726	0	0.00	0.00	0.13	3.22
Blythe	83	8	103	60	5912	5290	0	0.00	0.00	0.11	3.85
Imperial	83	8	104	63	5581	5024	0	0.00	0.00	0.21	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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