



California Crop Weather

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WEATHER

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

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare County, warm weather was drying up rotational crops. Most winter grain fields had reached full maturity. Winter grain silage harvesting was ramping up. **Alfalfa** was being mowed and baled for sale. Weed control was a priority as temperatures rose and days became longer. **Cotton** and field **corn** sprouted and were being irrigated. In the Central Valley, dryland **wheat** crop was being cut for hay. **Rice** planting continued as drought conditions were reported for all rice producing counties.

FRUIT CROPS

Hand thinning of stone fruit was ongoing. **Cherry** and **apricot** harvest began. **Peach**, **nectarine**, and **grape** thinning continued. **Pomegranates** and **apples** were blooming. Immature **kiwifruit** flower bud development was ongoing. **Pear** fruit growth steadily progressed. **Pummelo**, **lemon**, **lime**, **tangelo**, and **grapefruit** harvests continued. Late Navel and Mandarin **orange** harvests slowly began to wind down. Seedless **tangerine** and mandarin groves remained netted to prevent cross pollination. **Strawberries** were showing good quality. **Blueberry** harvest remained consistent.

NUT CROPS

Almonds were progressing nicely. Nut development continued in **walnuts**. **Pistachio** leafing out continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Asparagus harvest continued. **Tomatoes** for processing were being planted. Field planted **zucchini** and **bell peppers** continued to grow. Summer vegetable crops continued to be planted and have developed well with the warm temperatures. In Tulare County, plantings of **garlic**, **onions** and **peas** grew well under mulch and winter vegetable harvest neared completion. In Imperial County, **onions** progressed well.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were in fair condition as drying continued. Irrigated range was reported to be in good to excellent condition. Some beehives were moved to vegetable fields and the foothills, while honey was harvested in citrus locations. Sheep grazed on retired farmland. Movement of cattle to higher elevation range continued. Water was trucked in to fill foothill stock ponds.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 2021

STATIONS	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE HOURS AT 60°F BASE		RAIN DAYS	PRECIPITATION ¹			
	Average for Week Ending May 9, 2021	Departure from Normal ²	High	Low	This Year	Normal Year ²	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season ²	Normal Year ²
					Jan 1- May 9, 2021	Jan 1- May 9, 2021	Oct 1- May 9, 2021	Week Ending May 9, 2021	Oct 1- May 9, 2021	Oct 1- May 9	Oct 1- Sept 30
	-- Degrees Fahrenheit --				-- Number --		-- Days ³ --	-- Inches of Precipitation --			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	51	-2	62	37	0	0	87	0.06	23.06	37.35	40.53
Ukiah	65	5	91	44	83	5	51	0.00	13.47	35.63	37.61
Santa Rosa	67	8	90	44	81	0	44	0.00	12.87	34.83	36.51
Napa State Hospital	66	9	92	46	62	0	39	0.00	7.43	19.36	20.52
Central Coast											
San Francisco	61	2	78	50	55	0	39	0.00	7.27	20.05	20.79
San Jose	66	3	83	50	85	41	33	0.00	5.33	14.38	15.02
Salinas	60	1	78	45	52	0	35	0.00	5.76	12.33	12.91
Monterey	58	2	71	47	31	0	38	0.00	7.56	15.53	16.23
Paso Robles	68	7	92	41	115	16	22	0.00	6.74	12.28	12.87
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	73	9	94	56	250	51	50	0.00	13.72	31.72	34.80
Red Bluff	74	9	94	56	279	67	43	0.00	9.07	22.49	24.63
Willows	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oroville	73	8	94	54	264	72	38	0.00	8.77	29.68	31.72
Marysville	73	9	93	53	211	59	36	0.00	7.14	21.11	22.88
Sacramento	73	9	93	52	221	46	33	0.00	6.68	20.19	21.35
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	70	6	93	50	144	60	28	0.00	7.89	13.34	14.14
Modesto	72	5	92	51	193	139	25	0.00	7.13	12.30	13.19
Merced Macready	71	6	95	50	183	66	29	0.00	7.01	11.74	12.59
Madera	70	5	95	50	191	80	19	0.00	1.78	11.28	12.10
Fresno	74	6	96	57	352	148	26	0.00	6.59	10.84	11.57
Lemoore	72	6	97	50	223	90	22	0.00	4.30	7.48	7.95
Visalia	72	6	95	52	280	116	26	0.00	5.15	10.41	10.99
Bakersfield	76	8	97	59	406	166	20	0.00	2.78	6.17	6.51
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	52	3	81	28	0	0	52	0.00	5.38	11.11	14.22
Mount Shasta	57	5	81	38	9	0	60	0.00	17.66	39.04	43.48
Blue Canyon	58	7	72	46	12	0	59	0.00	30.66	59.68	65.00
Yosemite Valley	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
South Coast											
Santa Maria	58	1	77	43	45	0	24	0.00	6.87	13.55	14.05
Santa Barbara	59	-1	68	49	66	0	15	0.00	7.28	17.10	17.89
Oxnard	59	0	67	50	85	0	12	0.00	2.81	14.22	14.71
Riverside	69	2	90	53	353	166	13	0.00	4.36	11.80	12.50
Los Angeles	62	0	68	57	170	43	13	0.00	5.00	12.32	12.92
San Diego	65	2	73	61	259	104	27	0.00	4.45	10.01	10.42
Southeast Interior											
Bishop	66	6	90	39	85	7	6	0.00	1.63	4.36	5.21
Daggett	76	5	96	60	471	267	9	0.00	0.61	3.04	4.08
Lancaster	72	7	92	52	250	76	12	0.00	1.33	6.94	7.43
Thermal	79	3	99	55	878	613	7	0.00	0.35	2.59	3.22
Blythe	81	3	100	63	847	682	4	0.00	0.88	2.59	3.85
Imperial	79	3	98	58	790	629	1	0.00	0.69	2.43	3.46

¹ 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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