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# **California Crop Progress & Condition**



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#### **WEATHER**

Average low temperatures for California ranged from 31 to 61 in the mountains, 45 to 64 along the coast, 50 to 85 in the desert, and 56 to 76 in the Central Valley. Average high temperatures for the state ranged from 47 to 86 in the mountains, 59 to 94 along the coast, 76 to 106 in the desert, and 81 to 100 in the Central valley. From the California Department of Water Resources, snowpack water content in the Northern Sierra was 5.00 inches, 8.20 in Central Sierra, and 8.00 in Southern Sierra.

#### **FIELD CROPS**

In Sutter County, **rice** herbicide treatment continued. **Sunflowers** were planted and treated for weeds. In the Sacramento Valley, warmer temperatures hastened rice development. Winter **wheat** harvest began. In Stanislaus County, **corn** continued to be planted, while some fields were emerged and growing well. **Alfalfa** was harvested for silage and dried for hay. Silage corn and **sudan grass** were sprayed for weeds. In the San Joaquin Valley, **cotton** fields were irrigated. No insect pressures were reported. In Tulare County, silage harvest was in full swing for alfalfa, **oats**, and wheat. Crews worked to get winter forage harvested before the crop dried out. Summer crop fields for corn and **sorghum** were prepped and fertilized. Cotton and corn silage fields were cultivated and treated for weeds. Alfalfa was cut, raked, and baled.

#### **FRUIT CROPS**

**Grape** vineyards were thinned to allow for sunlight exposure. Stone fruit orchards were thinned and pruned branches were shredded. **Plum** harvest began. **Apricots**, **cherries**, and **peaches** were harvested. Citrus groves were treated for pests and weeds, and some trees were topped. Valencia **orange** harvest continued. **Lemons**, **grapefruit**, and **mandarins** continued to be picked and packed. Seedless **tangerines** remained netted to prevent pollination. **Kiwi** vineyards were leafing out, tied, and irrigated. Only some apiaries remained in kiwi vineyards. **Blueberries** and **strawberries** continued to be picked. **Olives** continued to develop.

#### **NUT CROPS**

Unusually large ant populations were reported in some areas. Ant bait traps were placed in orchards. **Pistachios**, **walnuts**, and **pecans** continued to mature. Nitrogen fertilizer application was completed. There was an increase in alternaria and rust in some **almond** orchards. Blight was noted in some walnut orchards. Nut clusters started growing on pistachio trees. Almond meat fill was complete in most areas. Almond growers sprayed for weeds.

#### **VEGETABLE CROPS**

Tomatoes were weeded in Sutter County. Processing tomatoes progressed in the Sacramento Valley. Crop progress was about two weeks behind schedule. Cherry tomatoes continued to grow in the Capay Valley. In Stanislaus County, onion harvest continued. Sweet potatoes and tomatoes continued to grow. In Tulare County, tomatoes were planted. Garlic and cucumber harvest continued. Zucchini, sweet corn, eggplant, okra, onions, broccoli, cabbage, watermelon, cantaloupe, and peppers continued to grow. Broccoli and cauliflower were harvested in the Salinas Valley. Carrot harvest finished in the Imperial Valley.

#### **LIVESTOCK**

Mild temperatures and elevated humidity slowed the seasonal drying of rangeland grasses and forbs in some locations. Foothill rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in good to excellent condition. Bees were active in melon fields and some kiwi vineyards. Cattle grazed on lower elevation range. Sheep grazed on fallow fields and retired farmland.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023											
	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS <sup>1</sup> AT 50 °F BASE <sup>2</sup>		RAIN DAYS <sup>3</sup>	PRECIPITATION <sup>4</sup>			
STATIONS	Average for Week	Departure			This Year	Normal Year <sup>5</sup>	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season <sup>5</sup>	Normal Year <sup>5</sup>
	Ending June 18, 2023	from Normal <sup>5</sup>	High	Low	Jan 1 - Jun 18, 2023	Jan 1 - Jun 18, 2023	Oct 1 - Jun 18, 2023	Week Ending Jun 18, 2023	Oct 1 - Jun 18, 2023	Oct 1 - Jun 18	Oct 1 - Sept 30
	-	- Degrees Fa	hrenheit		Number		Days	Inches of Precipitation			-
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	55	-1	62	45	297	279	113	0.00	39.37	39.19	40.61
Ukiah	70	1	92	53	1,074	1,044	83	0.00	38.73	34.52	35.07
Santa Rosa	63	-3	87	51	874	969	77	0.01	42.45	33.49	34.00
Napa State Hospital	64	-1	79	55	897	927	71	0.01	29.54	20.08	20.36
Central Coast	-					-					
San Francisco	64	1	75	56	1,018	1,130	73	0.00	31.40	19.50	19.77
San Jose	66	-1	77	56	1,137	1,347	66	0.00	15.32	13.32	13.58
Salinas	64	2	70	57	1,006	1,076	56	0.00	14.09	12.48	12.66
Monterey	59	-1	66	54	602	968	64	0.00	23.80	16.11	16.36
Paso Robles	68	-1	94	50	1,011	1,133	64	0.00	20.92	11.99	12.24
Sacramento Valley	- 00		J-1	00	1,011	1,100	04	0.00	20.02	11.00	12.27
Redding	81	4	100	64	1,584	1,519	77	0.00	39.29	32.69	33.70
Red Bluff	80	4	100	64	1,552	1,529	72	0.00	27.04	22.72	23.25
Orland	80	6	96	61	1,532	1,488	67	0.00	27.21	20.97	21.52
Oroville	77	2	93	60	1,560	1,581	71	0.00	26.72	25.36	25.84
Marysville	75	1	99	58	1,300	1,463	58	0.01	22.76	19.85	20.21
Sacramento	73	1	94	58	1,436	1,463	63	0.00	24.66	17.76	18.10
San Joaquin Valley	13		37	- 30	1,430	1,507	00	0.00	24.00	17.70	10.10
Stockton	73	-1	91	57	1,346	1,606	60	0.00	23.23	13.34	13.53
Modesto	73 73	-1 -1	93	57	1,340	1,630	65	0.00	20.18	12.17	12.34
Merced Macready	75 75	1	95 95	58	1,404	1,491	53	0.00	19.38	11.74	11.87
Madera	76	1	95 96	56	1,404	1,491	51	0.00	11.11	10.74	10.86
Fresno	70 79	2	97		1,778	1,819	47	0.00	16.35	10.74	11.05
Lemoore	79 79	4	99	61 57	1,776	1,619	38	0.00	7.84	7.14	7.23
Visalia	79 76	1	99	5 <i>7</i> 58	1,660	1,600	56 54	0.00	15.60	10.23	10.37
Bakersfield	70 79	0	97	59	1,805	1,986	51	0.00	9.37	6.30	6.40
Cascade Sierra	13	0	31	33	1,003	1,900	31	0.00	9.31	0.50	0.40
Alturas	62	2	80	38	449	255	91	0.00	13.63	10.61	11.72
Mount Shasta	66	5	86	48	675	358	97	0.00	44.25	36.32	37.86
Blue Canyon	61	-1	72	48					90.27		62.80
Yosemite Valley	58	-1 -8	68	46 46	496 325	303 541	98 59	0.03	52.89	61.46 39.26	40.65
South Coast	56	-0	00	40	323	541	59	0.00	52.69	39.20	40.00
Santa Maria	00	4	74	<b>5</b> 4	705	4 447	50	0.00	22.02	40.40	40.40
Santa Maria Santa Barbara	62	1	71 71	54 55	735	1,117	56	0.00	23.83	13.19	13.42
	64	2	71 70	55 50	1,158	1,217	51 52	0.00	28.66	17.13	17.38
Oxnard	64	0	70	58 55	1,048	1,513	53 54	0.00	22.14	12.81	13.05
Riverside	68	-5 2	89	55 50	1,504	2,042	51 56	0.00	13.35	9.13	9.48
Los Angeles	64	-2	70 72	59 60	1,400	1,849	56	0.00	23.85	12.06	12.33
San Diego	66	-1	72	60	1,569	2,063	57	0.00	13.88	9.57	9.87
Southeast Interior	74	4	00	50	0.47	4 000	00	0.00	4.4.40	4.40	4.07
Bishop	71	-1	90	50	947	1,008	38	0.02	14.40	4.43	4.87
Daggett	82	-2	99	59	1,989	2,215	20	0.00	2.71	3.10	3.80
Lancaster	75	-1	95	56	1,307	1,419	30	0.00	7.04	6.52	6.86
Thermal	87	1	106	67	2,715	3,089	15	0.00	1.35	2.38	2.98
Blythe	85	-4	104	63	2,943	3,280	17	0.00	1.95	2.57	3.58
Imperial	85	-2	104	60	2,800	3,142	11	0.00	0.84	1.94	2.39

Previously labeled as growing degree hours. The column title was corrected in the Sept 27, 2021 report.
 Previously calculated with 60 degree base. This calcualtion was changed for the 2022 and later seasons.

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## Reservoir Data from the California Department of Water Resources

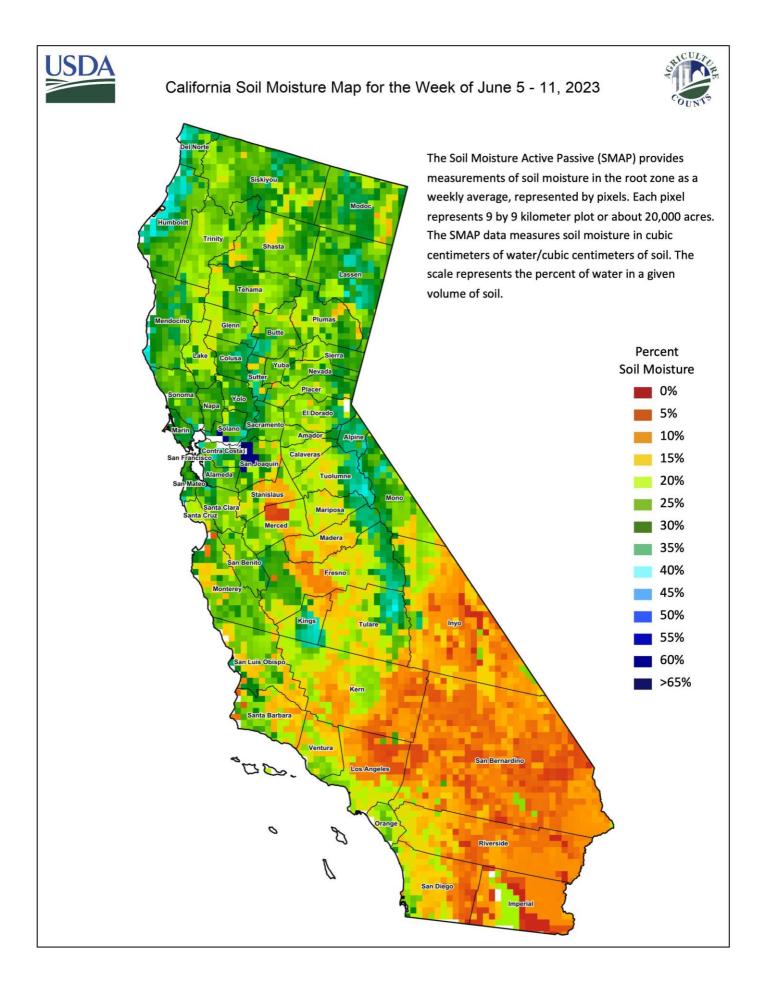
Reservoir			June 19, 2023	This Date Last Year		
	Capacity	Storage	Percent of Capacity	Percent of Average	Storage	Percent of Capacity
	Acre Feet	Acre Feet	Percent	Percent	Acre Feet	Percent
Shasta Lake	4,547,300	4,376,298	96	120	1,799,568	40
Lake Oroville	3,537,400	3,533,936	100	129	1,817,372	51
Trinity Lake	2,443,800	1,407,912	58	74	727,165	30
New Melones Reservoir	2,413,000	1,994,488	83	133	811,080	34
San Luis Reservoir	2,057,200	2,023,263	99	166	837,026	41
Don Pedro Reservoir	4,547,300	1,712,917	84	103	1,343,062	66

Source: cdec.water.ca.gov/reportapp/javareports?name=DLYHYDRO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Rain or melted snow/ice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Normal periods 1990-2020 used in departure from normal calculations.



## **Drought Conditions from the U.S. Drought Monitor**

Time		Drought Severity					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	(DSCI)
Current	72.32	23.05	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	32
Last Week	70.88	24.49	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	34
3 Months Ago	44.66	18.92	27.93	8.49	0.00	0.00	100
One Year Ago	0.00	0.21	2.31	37.67	48.22	11.59	369

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