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WEATHER

Average low temperatures for California ranged from 32 to 66 in the mountains, 47 to 63 along the coast, 54 to 75 in the Central Valley, and 54 to 79 in the desert. Average high temperatures for the state ranged from 58 to 101 along the coast, 62 to 91 in the mountains, 86 to 107 in the Central Valley, and 92 to 113 in the desert. From the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), snowpack water content in the Northern Sierra was 0.4 inches compared to 6.1 inches this date last year; Central Sierra was 0.1 inches this date last year.

FIELD CROPS

In the Sacramento Valley, **rice** fields continued to emerge. Fertilizer and herbicides were applied. **Wheat** harvest continued, and weeds were treated in **dry bean** fields. In the San Joaquin Valley, **cotton** fields were irrigated, and some fields were treated for light lygus pressure. In Tulare County, **corn**, cotton, and **sorghum** fields continued to grow, with some fields left fallow due to the cost of water. **Alfalfa** fields were cut, raked, and baled. Forage crops were treated with aerial pesticide applications. In Imperial County, wheat continued to grow, and hay was baled.

FRUIT CROPS

Fruit orchards were fertilized and sprayed with fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides. Irrigation season was in full swing due to warmer temperatures. Fruit development continued in **grape** and **kiwi** vineyards. Grape vines were pruned to allow air flow. Grape harvest continued in the Coachella Valley. Breba **fig** harvest began. **Apricot** harvest neared completion. **Peach**, **plum**, and **nectarine** harvests were in full swing. Plum, **prune**, and peach orchards were pruned and thinned to promote fruit growth. **Persimmons**, **pomegranates**, and Asian **pears** continued to develop. Citrus groves were sprayed with whitewash to prevent sunburn. Some netting was removed from seedless **mandarin** and **tangerine** orchards. Valencia **orange** harvest continued and Navel orange harvest neared completion. **Grapefruit**, mandarin, **minneola**, and **lemon** harvests continued. **Olive** bloom finished and fruit began to develop. **Blueberry** and **blackberry** harvests continued. **Raspberry** harvest started to pick up along the Central Coast. **Strawberry** harvest continued along the Central Coast. **Avocado** harvest continued in Ventura County.

NUT CROPS

Warm summer temperatures increased the presence of pests. Growers continued to apply fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides as needed. As hull split approached for early variety **almonds** growers ceased nitrogen applications. Some growers applied sun protectant in **walnut** groves. Walnuts were sizing well. Husk fly traps remained in walnut groves and codling moth presence increased. **Pistachio** shells began to harden, and potassium and nitrogen applications continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In the Sacramento Valley, processing **tomatoes** were growing well, and weeds were treated in **melon** fields. In San Mateo County, fumigation of fields continued in preparation for planting brussel sprouts. **Pumpkin** planting began. In the San Joaquin Valley, **carrots** were planted. In the Central Valley, **onions**, **zucchini**, **eggplant**, **squash**, **sweet corn**, melons, and **garlic** continued to develop. Along the Central Coast, **broccoli**, **brussels sprouts**, **cauliflower**, **celery**, eggplant, **kale**, garlic, squash, and **lettuce** continued to be harvested. Quality issues were reported in broccoli and leaf lettuce fields. In the Imperial Valley, **bell peppers**, carrots, eggplant, onions, melons, **chili peppers**, **green beans**, and sweet corn were harvested.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture were reported to be in fair to good condition. Non-irrigated pasture was drying out in many locations with the hot weather. Irrigated pasture was in good to excellent condition. Bees were active in melon fields. Sheep grazed on fallow fields, retired farmland, and orchard weeds. Some cattle were moved to upper elevation range. Heat stress mitigation measures, including fans and sprinklers, were utilized at some dairies in the San Joaquin Valley.

CALIFORNIA CROP WEATHER – WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 2024											
	TEMPERATURE				GROWING DEGREE DAYS AT 50 °F BASE		RAIN DAYS ¹	PRECIPITATION ²			
STATIONS	Average	Departure			This Year	Normal Year ³	This Season	This Week	This Season	Normal Season ³	Normal Year ³
	for Week Ending Jun 16, 2024	from Normal ³	High	Low	Jan 1 - Jun 16, 2024	Jan 1 - Jun 16, 2024	Oct 1 - Jun 16, 2024	Week Ending Jun 16, 2024	Oct 1 - Jun 16, 2024	Oct 1 - Jun 16, 2024	Oct 1 - Sept 30
	-	- Degrees Fa	hrenheit		Number		Days	Inches of Precipitation			
North Coast											
Eureka WFO	54	-2	64	48	NA	NA	NA	0.01	NA	NA	40.61
Ukiah	75	7	100	53	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	35.07
Santa Rosa	66	0	97	47	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	34.00
Napa State Hospital	64	-1	91	50	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	20.36
Central Coast											
San Francisco	61	-1	81	52	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	19.77
San Jose	70	3	92	53	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	13.58
Salinas	61	0	79	53	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	12.66
Monterey	57	-3	75	50	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	16.36
Paso Robles	70	1	101	49	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	12.24
Sacramento Valley											
Redding	85	9	107	66	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	33.70
Red Bluff	83	7	107	62	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	23.25
Orland	81	7	106	62	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	21.52
Oroville	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	25.84
Marysville	79	6	103	57	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	20.21
Sacramento	76	4	102	57	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	18.10
San Joaquin Valley											
Stockton	77	4	102	54	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	13.53
Modesto	78	4	98	57	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	12.34
Merced	79	6	101	58	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	11.87
Madera	79	5	103	56	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	10.86
Fresno	83	6	104	64	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	11.05
Lemoore	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	7.23
Visalia	83	9	101	65	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	10.37
Bakersfield	85	7	105	68	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	6.40
Cascade Sierra											
Alturas	66	7	91	41	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	11.72
Mount Shasta	69	8	90	51	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	37.86
Blue Canyon	71	10	83	62	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	62.80
Yosemite Valley	67	2	79	55	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	40.65
South Coast											
Santa Maria	61	0	74	51	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	13.42
Santa Barbara	62	0	69	52	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	17.38
Oxnard	63	0	68	57	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	13.05
Riverside	73	1	91	57	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	9.48
Los Angeles	64	-2	72	58	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	12.33
San Diego	66	-1	72	62	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	9.87
Southeast Interior		<u> </u>									
Bishop	78	6	102	54	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	4.87
Daggett	88	5	107	67	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	3.80
Lancaster	82	6	102	58	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	6.86
Thermal	89	4	113	63	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	2.98
Blythe	93	5	111	73	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	3.58
Imperial	89	3	110	69	NA	NA	NA	0.00	NA	NA	2.39
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¹ Total number of days with precipitation events this season.

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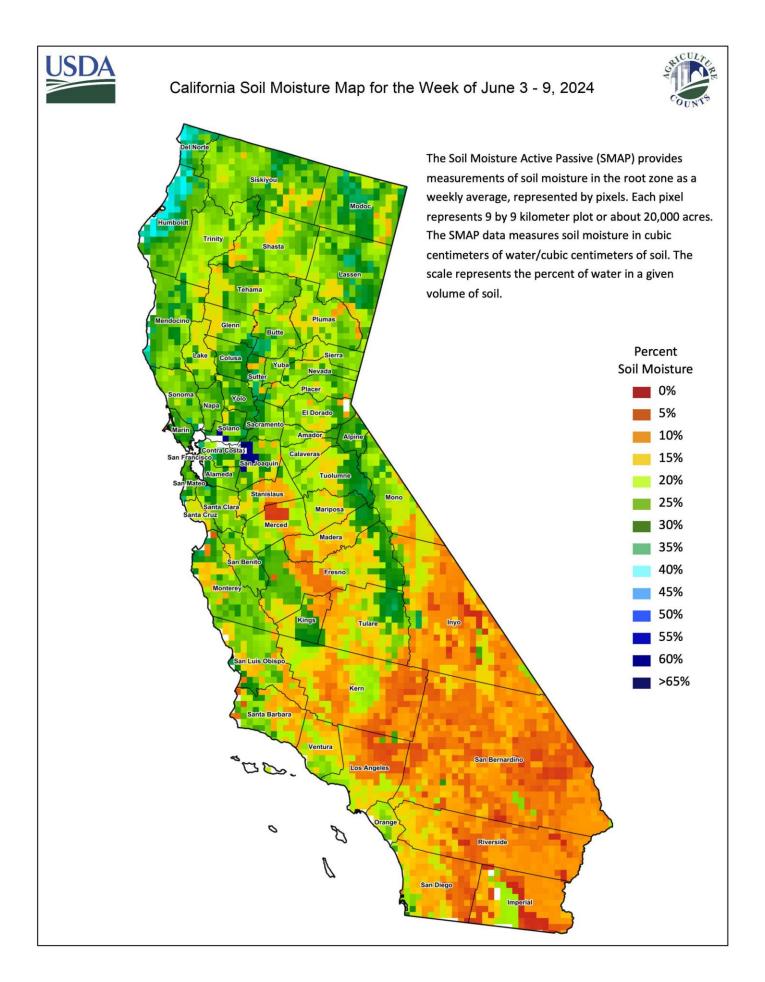
Reservoir Data from the California Department of Water Resources

			June 16, 2024	This Date Last Year		
Reservoir	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	4,183,732	92	114	4,399,786	97
Lake Oroville	3,537,400	3,488,663	99	127	3,523,051	100
Trinity Lake	2,443,800	2,092,897	86	110	1,398,722	57
New Melones Reservoir	2,413,000	2,085,742	87	139	1,970,934	82
San Luis Reservoir	2,057,200	1,108,718	54	89	2,018,186	99
Don Pedro Reservoir	2,030,000	1,952,162	96	118	1,685,791	83

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

² Rain or melted snow/ice.

Normal periods 1990-2020 used in departure from normal calculations. (NA) Not available at time of publication.



Drought Conditions from the U.S. Drought Monitor as of 6/11/2024

Time		Drought Severity					
	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	(DSCI)
Current	98.79	1.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
Last Week	98.78	1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
3 Months Ago	95.46	4.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5
One Year Ago	72.32	23.05	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	32

The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA