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## **Ending DACA Would Harm California Ag Workers**

### **Audio with Manuel Cunha, President of the Nisei Farmers league in Fresno**

Ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, would affect ag worker families in California. The Presidents decision to end this program could eventually affect 800 thousand young people which includes 225 thousand Californians. Manuel Cunha president of the Nisei(nee say) Farmers League in Fresno said these people have only known the United States as their home. And that we've got to get an immigration bill in place and fix this DACA program fast

Manuel Cunha 1

And it's going to be tied to a guest worker program

Manuel Cunha 2

**WEEK ENDING: September 10, 2017**

**RELEASED: September 11, 2017**

### **WEATHER**

**Hot weather continued, but enough moisture moved into the state to drive scattered showers across the mountains and northern valley. Additional monsoon showers were seen in the deserts.** Most areas that saw rain saw less than half an inch, although a few heavier downpours led to nearly an inch of rainfall in isolated locations. Patchy snow continued at elevated, sheltered areas in the Lassen Volcanic Park, with a maximum depth of up to a foot. In addition, **there was still one to three feet of snow on the peak of Shasta.**

Temperature highs were in the 60s to 80s along the coast, 70s to 90s in the mountains, and 90s to 100s in the valley and desert. Temperature lows were

in the 30s to 50s in the mountains, 50s to 60s along the coast, 60s to 70s in the valley, and 60s to 80s in the desert.

## **FIELD CROPS**

**Rice** was nearly completely headed. **Alfalfa** fields continued to be irrigated, cut and baled. **Sorghum** for silage was in various stages of development. **Cotton** was being irrigated and bolls continued to develop. Black-eyed **beans** were drying and nearing harvest.

## **FRUIT CROPS**

Stone fruit harvest was nearly complete. Harvest of some late variety stone fruit orchards continued. Wine, table, and raisin **grape** harvest was ongoing. Harvest of some early wine grape varieties was complete. Raisin grapes continued to be placed on trays for drying. **Pomegranate** harvest continued. **Persimmons** continued to gain size and change color. Valencia **oranges** and **lemons** were harvested and packed. Early **apple** varieties were harvested.

## **NUT CROPS**

The **almond** harvest continued. **Walnut** orchards were being prepared for harvest and sprayed for husk fly and orangeworm. Ethephon sprays were applied to some walnut groves. **Pistachio** harvest continued.

## **VEGETABLE CROPS**

In Colusa County, the processing **tomato** harvest continued. Reported issues included both mold and excessive quantities of green tomatoes. In San Joaquin County, harvest continued for **honeydew** melons, **watermelons**, **cantaloupes**, **pumpkin**, **squash**, and processing tomatoes. Farmers Market vegetables continue to be harvested and offered for sale. In Monterey County, the weather was hot, which affected **lettuce** growth. Seedstem showed up in romaine and iceberg lettuce. Continued heat and cloudy conditions expected next week may continue to impact the harvest. In San Mateo County, beans were harvested. Pumpkins started reaching maturity. In Tulare County, tomatoes, **cucumbers**, squash, and **peppers**

were picked by certified producers and sold at the local Farmers Markets. Yellow squash, **zucchini**, **eggplant**, Bell peppers, green chili peppers, and cucumbers were harvested and shipped domestically. Fall vegetables were planted and developing well.

## **LIVESTOCK**

**Rangeland and dryland pastures continued to decrease in nutritive value necessitating supplemental feeding of livestock. Sheep continued to graze retired cropland as well as harvested melon and vegetable fields. Bees were still active in squash fields.**