

Today is _____, _____ the _____. This is Ken Morgan's Northcoast Ag Report, our lead story is about _____ when we return

- [Adjusting Beef Production and Price Forecasts](#)
USDA analysts have made some changes to their latest meat production and price forecasts. Those changes are focused on the beef sector. (Rod Bain and World Agricultural Outlook Board Chair Seth Meyer)

WEEK ENDING: September 17, 2017

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WEATHER

A changing pattern marked the week's weather across the State as a trough over the western United States brought cooler temperatures and a taste of fall to most areas. The week started off with temperatures similar to what we have seen the last several weeks, but by mid-week through the weekend temperatures decreased.

Scattered showers were seen throughout most of the State on Monday. Brief heavy downpours resulted in precipitation spikes exceeding one inch in isolated areas, particularly around Tahoe. Most areas in the Sierras received up to half an inch of rain for the week, with most other areas receiving up to a quarter inch last week. A few sprinkles lingered on Thursday before the weekend brought dry weather to the State. A few light showers fell on the northwestern parts of the State on Sunday, dropping up to a quarter inch there. Additional light sprinkles were seen just south of the San Francisco area on Sunday. Despite frost in parts of the mountains, no measurable snow has fallen in the mountains. **Patchy snow fields were still coating the peak of Shasta** as well as sheltered, high-elevation areas in the Lassen Volcanoes area, with maximum depth around one foot.

Temperature highs were in the 50s to 70s in the mountains, 60s to 70s along the coast, 70s to 80s in the valley, and 80s to 90s in the desert. Temperature

lows were in the 30s to 40s in the mountains, 50s to 60s along the coast and the valley, and 50s to 70s the desert.

FIELD CROPS

Cotton bolls were starting to open. **Alfalfa** fields continued to be irrigated and baled. **Sorghum** for silage was in various stages. **Corn** silage continued to be harvested.

FRUIT CROPS

Stone fruit harvest was drawing to a close. Wine, table, and raisin **grape** harvest was ongoing. Raisin grapes continued to be placed on trays for drying. **Asian Pears**, **pears**, **figs**, and **pomegranates** were harvested. **Kiwifruit** in Tulare County were nearing maturity. **Cherry** orchards were pruned. **Persimmons** continued to gain size and coloring. Valencia **oranges** and **lemons** were harvested and packed. Some orange groves were pushed out to make way for new plantings. Early **apple** varieties were harvested.

NUT CROPS

The **almond** harvest continued. **Walnut** orchards were being prepared for harvest and sprayed for husk fly and Navel orangeworm. A few walnuts were harvested. Growth regulator sprays were applied to some walnut groves to promote development. **Pistachio** harvest continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In San Joaquin County, the **onion** harvest was nearly complete. Harvest continued for **honeydew melons**, **watermelons**, **cantaloupes** and **pumpkins**. Farmers' Market vegetables continued to be harvested. In Fresno County, **tomato** harvest was almost done with diminished yields reported. **Bell pepper** harvest was ongoing. Soil was prepared for planting **carrots** and **lettuce** for seed. These efforts were complicated by recent rains and wind. 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. Pumpkins were prepared for harvest.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated and foothill rangeland was essentially all dry after months of high heat. Supplemental feeding of cattle continued. Fire season continued and some rangeland in Santa Barbara County was burned. Bees were being moved out of state as pollination needs were wrapping up for the year.