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Will we get a farm bill in 2018?

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WEATHER

Temperatures across the State last week were typical for the fall season. Along the northern coast, close to two inches of precipitation was reported. More precipitation is expected to fall in the coming week for parts of the State.

Temperature highs were in the 50s to 60s in the mountains, 60s to 70s in the valley, 60s to 80s along the coast, and 70s to 80s in the desert. Temperature lows were in the 10s to 30s in the mountains, 20s to 50s in the desert, 30s to 40s in the valley, and 30s to 50s along the coast.

FIELD CROPS

Early plantings of small grains had germinated and showed good emergence and growers continued to prepare more fields for fall planting of **wheat**, **barley**, and **oats**. **Alfalfa** for hay production was finishing up with the last cuts of the season and growers windrowed, baled and stacked the hay. The fields received herbicide treatments. **Corn**, **milo**, and **sorghum** continued to be harvested for green chop. Silage corn grew well and harvesting was ongoing. **Rice** harvest neared completion. **Cotton** fields were defoliated and harvesting was in full swing. **Black-eyed** beans were being harvested and processed. Most summer crops have been harvested, and fields were being prepared for winter planting.

FRUIT CROPS

Apple harvest was winding down. Pruning has started in some stone fruit orchards. Some old orchards were being removed and prepared for replanting. Wine **grape** harvest was almost complete. Thompson seedless grapes were being rolled and picked up for raisins. Table grape harvest was

winding down for the season. **Quince, pears, pomegranates, kiwifruit, and persimmons** were harvested. **Olive** groves were pruned. Early Navel **orange** harvest was underway. **Lemon, grapefruit** and **pomelos** were harvested. **Tangerine** harvest began.

NUT CROPS

Almond harvest was complete. Orchard pruning and planting of new orchards was ongoing. **Walnut** and **pistachio** harvest was wrapping up. Harvested nut orchards were irrigated.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Harvest continued for **green beans, cucumbers, daikon, eggplant, yellow bell peppers** and **tomatoes**. Processing **tomato** harvest was completed and the harvested fields were cultivated. **Melon** harvest was near completion. **Garlic** harvest was complete. New garlic crops were being planted. New fresh market **onions** were being treated for worms. Organic **cantaloupe** harvest ended. Organic **broccoli, celery** and **spinach** fields were growing nicely. Head, leaf, and romaine **lettuce** for the fall season grew nicely with many fields starting to be harvested.

LIVESTOCK

Non-irrigated and foothill rangeland forage was primarily in poor to very poor condition. Supplemental feeding of cattle was ongoing. Cattle were moved down from high elevation ranges. Sheep grazed on harvested alfalfa and grain fields. Some bees were moved to Fresno County to overwinter. Local bees were provided with supplemental feed.