

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

It's a 'big' week for agriculture in Washington, with key actions likely to have an impact on producers' bottom-line.

The U.S. Senate is expected to take a 'make or break' vote Thursday or Friday on the GOP's tax plan, that Republicans will have to pass with a likely razor-thin, Republican-only majority. The GOP is edging closer to the needed votes, and President Trump is meeting today (Tuesday) with Senators.

American Farm Bureau tax adviser Pat Wolff says both bills impact producers' pocketbooks...tape

Cut #1 \_\_\_\_\_ :32 OC:... "return on labor."

Meanwhile, both bills boost the exemption for small business expenses, known as 'Section 179'...tape

Cut #2 \_\_\_\_\_ :21 OC:...for ten-years."

WEEK ENDING: November 26, 2017

RELEASED: November 27, 2017

## **WEATHER**

Most of the State experienced some rain last week. The rain was associated with a passing storm system. Temperatures were slightly warmer than typical for this time of the year. The average temperatures across the state ranged from the 40s to the 70s. Some locations reported close to 2.00 inches of precipitation.

Temperature highs were in the 60s to 70s in the mountains, 60s to 80s in the valley, 60s to 90s along the coast, and 80s to 90s in the desert. Temperature lows were in the 10s to 20s in the mountains, 20s to 40s in the desert, 30s to 40s in the valley, and 30s to 50s along the coast.

## **FIELD CROPS**

Recent rains have encouraged the emergence of winter grains and silage crops and they were growing well. Early plantings of small grains had germinated and showed good emergence. Growers continued to prepare more fields for fall planting of **wheat, barley, and oats**. Silage corn grew well and harvesting was ongoing. Cotton fields were defoliated and harvesting was in full swing. **Black-eyed beans** were being harvested and processed.

## **FRUIT CROPS**

**Apple** harvest was slowing down. Pruning continued in some stone fruit orchards; old orchards were removed and prepared for replanting. Table **grape** harvest continued to slow. **Quince, pears, pomegranates, kiwifruit, and persimmons** were harvested. **Olive** groves were pruned. Navel **orange** harvest was ongoing. **Lemon, grapefruit, mandarin** and **pomelo** harvests continued. Harvested trees were pruned; young citrus trees were bagged to protect them from frost.

## **NUT CROPS**

**Almond** and **pistachio** harvests were complete. **Walnut** harvest was nearly complete.

## **VEGETABLE CROPS**

Fall vegetables were being harvested. **Acorn** and **Spaghetti squash, turnips, beets, yams, kale, cauliflower, carrots, cabbage, broccoli, and snow peas** were available now at the local Farmers' Markets. **Strawberries** continued to increase at roadside stands. Harvest continued for **green beans, cucumbers, daikon, eggplant, yellow bell peppers** and **tomatoes**. Tomato beds were being prepared for planting. 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**

Dairy workers were cleaning out corrals in preparation for winter. Several days of heavy rain improved range and pasture conditions in the northern part of the state, while rangeland forage conditions were reported as fair to

poor in the central portion of the state. Supplemental feeding of cattle was ongoing.