

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

Farm bill observers were waiting for the Senate Ag Committee to announce its mark-up schedule, hoping for action as soon as this week, based on earlier comments by the panel's chairman.

American Farm Bureau Federation's Andrew Walmsley said as the week started, Senate Ag was "getting close" to finalizing its draft, citing comments last week by Chairman Pat Roberts that a panel mark-up could happen this Wednesday.

But Walmsley was waiting Monday to see an official notice...tape

Cut #1 _____ :20 OC:... "ruled that out."

Over in the House, GOP leadership was still negotiating with conservatives on scheduling a vote on immigration reform, needed to bring back up and pass the House farm bill, defeated last month...tape

Cut #2 _____ :23 OC:... "have that vote."

WEEK ENDING: June 3, 2018

RELEASED: June 4, 2018

WEATHER

As an upper level ridge of high pressure moved across the state, **dry and warm conditions prevailed from Monday into late Tuesday**. With the passage of the upper level ridge, an upper level trough moved through midweek which brought **cooler temperatures to the state**. In the higher elevations of the Sierra Nevada, isolated showers and thunderstorms developed in association with the passing of the trough. **Leading into the weekend, a warming trend developed** as the trough of low pressure made way for a ridge of high pressure.

Temperature highs for the week ranged in the 70s to 80s in the mountains, 60s to 100s along the coast, 90s to 100s in the valley, and 90s to 110s in the desert. Temperature lows for the week ranged in the 30s to 40s in the

mountains, in the 40s to 50s in the valley, 40s to 50s along the coast, and 40s to 70s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

In Tulare **corn** continued to grow and **hay** was cut, dried, and baled. Winter **wheat** was cut for silage. **Cotton** was irrigated. **Rice** was growing well in the Sacramento Valley, with rice plantings near completion.

FRUIT CROPS

Grapes were developing well. Vineyard leaf removal was ongoing. Stone fruit orchards were irrigated and fertilized. New orchards were being planted. Early **peaches** and **nectarines** were harvested. **Apricot** and **cherry** harvest continued. Some orchard floors were lined with reflective plastic to aid in fruit color. Valencia orange harvest continued. Some citrus trees were being planted and older trees were trimmed and skirted.

NUT CROPS

Almonds were developing well. Almond and **walnuts** were irrigated. Pesticides and fungicides were applied to some almond groves. Weed control continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Brassicas, **lettuce**, **spinach**, and **strawberries** were planted in Monterey. In Tulare summer vegetables were being prepped for harvest. **Melons** germinated and were leafing out. **Onions** for dehydration were harvested in Imperial County.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was primarily in fair condition as warm weather accelerated drying, particularly on south and west facing slopes. Some cattle were moved to higher elevation range. Sheep grazed on retired crop land.