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[Value Added Producer Grants and Potential Impacts](#) 2018-06-11

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A USDA study looks at the "value added" from a specific grant program in terms of helping businesses survive and expanding employment opportunities. (Rod Bain. Economic researchers Anil Rapasingha and John Pender)

WEEK ENDING: June 10, 2018

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WEATHER

A cooling of temperatures began late Monday and continued through the middle of the week across the state. A frontal system brought isolated showers and some small hail along the north coast midweek. Temperatures slowly began to rebound to warmer temperatures as the frontal system began to make its way to the east and allowed for the building of high pressure across the region.

Temperature highs for the week ranged in the upper 50s to upper 60s in the mountains, lower 60s to upper 90s along the coast, lower 90s to mid 100s in the valley, and 90s to 110s in the desert. Temperature lows for the week ranged in the lower 30s to upper 40s in the mountains, mid 40s to 60s along the coast, in the lower 50s to 60s in the valley, and 50s to 70s in the desert region.

FIELD CROPS

Wheat, oats, and barley hay were being harvested. As wheat for silage harvest neared completion, growers began replanting the fields with summer beans, silage **corn**, sudan grass, and silage **sorghum**. Cultivation of these summer crops continued for weed control. Wheat harvest for grain began, and the byproduct wheat straw was being baled for livestock. **Cotton** was irrigated and cultivated. **Alfalfa** was irrigated, cut, and baled. Alfalfa drying conditions were ideal with the current warm, dry weather. **Rice**

planting was complete with fields in various stages of growth. **Sunflower** and **safflower** fields emerged.

FRUIT CROPS

Grapes were developing well. Stone fruit orchards were irrigated and fertilized. New orchards were being planted. Some orchard floors were lined with reflective plastic to aid in fruit color. Summer pruning of stone fruit began. **Peaches, nectarines, plums, and apricots** were harvested. **Cherry** harvest was winding down for the season. **Valencia orange** harvest continued. Some citrus trees were being planted and older trees were trimmed and skirted.

NUT CROPS

Almonds, pistachios, and walnuts were irrigated. Pesticides and fungicides were applied to some almond groves. Weed control continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

In Tulare County, summer vegetables were planted as temperatures warmed. **Strawberry** harvest neared completion. In Monterey County, the weather was windy and cloudy which caused some issues with **lettuce**, such as tipburn. The second harvest of lettuce was underway, and the third planting began in other already harvested fields. **Melons** and **sweet corn** were harvested in Imperial County.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture was primarily in fair condition. Some cattle were moved to higher elevation range. Sheep grazed on retired crop land. In Tulare County, grass were more abundant in higher elevations.

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