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[Perdue-Details of Plan To Help Farmers Hurt by Trade Actions Due by Labor Day](#) 2018-07-02 00:00:59.846

Secretary Perdue says his goal is to have details of the plan to partially compensate farmers for financial losses from trade disruptions by Labor Day. (Gary Crawford, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Sec'y Sonny Perdue)

WEEK ENDING: July 1, 2018

RELEASED: July 2, 2018

WEATHER

In the beginning of the week, coastal temperatures were much cooler than the interior areas as an onshore flow helped to keep temperatures to near seasonal levels. Interior areas experienced much hotter temperatures as high pressure built off the coast. By midweek, a weak upper level trough of low pressure brought a gradual cooling trend for the interior areas. This again brought temperatures to near seasonal levels. As the upper level trough moved on to the east, high pressure built up leading into the weekend. This brought dry northwesterly winds to the region, prompting a rise in temperatures. Temperatures hit the triple digits in interior areas in northern California, Central Valleys, and southeastern deserts.

Temperature highs for the week ranged from 60s to low 100s along the coast, 80s to lower 90s in the mountains, 90s to upper 100s in the valley, and 90s to lower 110s in the desert. Temperature lows ranged from the lower 40s to 50s in the mountains, 40s to 60s along the coast, 50s to upper 60s in the valley, and upper 50s to mid 70s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

Wheat was still green in Modoc and Siskiyou counties. Corn and potatoes were harvested in San Joaquin, and alfalfa was cut. Alfalfa, summer beans and cotton were irrigated in Tulare. Corn for silage planting was nearly complete.

FRUIT CROPS

Grapes were developing well. Grape vineyards were irrigated and some vines trimmed to increase airflows and light. Stone fruit orchards were sprayed, irrigated and fertilized. Summer pruning of stone fruit continued. Peaches, nectarines, apricots, figs, and plums were harvested. Cherry harvest wrapped up for the year. Valencia orange harvest continued. Citrus packers were color sorting as citrus greening increased with the high temperatures.

NUT CROPS

Almonds, walnuts and pistachio orchards were irrigated. Pesticides and fungicides were applied to some almond groves. Codling moth sprays were applied to some walnut orchards. Weed control continued.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Strawberries were harvested in Monterey. Cloudy and windy weather affected lettuce nutrient uptake. Melons were progressing well in San Joaquin and were ready for harvest. Cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, squash, and zucchini were harvested in Tulare.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture continued to deteriorate with the warm dry weather. In lower elevations range and non-irrigated pasture was in poor to fair condition. Rangeland conditions were better at higher elevations. Some ranchers provided cattle with supplemental feed. Sheep grazed on retired cropland. Bees were active in sunflower fields.

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