

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

Republicans hope to make individual tax breaks, including for agriculture, permanent in their next version of tax reform, which they plan to take up in the lame-duck Congress. It was a key shortcoming of the sweeping tax reform bill Republicans passed last year and one that Democrats pointed to in denying any bipartisan support for the GOP effort—temporary breaks for individuals, permanent ones for corporations. American Farm Bureau tax adviser Pat Wolff says Hill Republicans will now try to end the disparity in 'tax reform 2-point-0'...tape

Cut 1 _____ :19 _____ OC..."creates uncertainty"

House Ways and Means Chair Kevin Brady seeks to end that uncertainty, and overcome funding limitations that made individual and many farm business breaks, temporary...tape

Cut 2 _____ :19 _____ OC..."and ranchers"

And Wolff says that's huge...tape

Cut 3 _____ :20 _____ OC..."would pay"

Wolff says 98-percent of farming operations are non-incorporated. Republicans are also cueing up a tax extenders package for the lame duck session in December, including one for biodiesel.

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WEATHER

Cloudy and cool conditions were present across much of the coastline thanks to a deepened marine layer. Along the inland perimeter, dry and warm weather persisted throughout the week until the weekend. The central valley region experienced slightly cooler temperatures before the breakdown of high pressure aloft over the weekend. Isolated storms formed over higher elevations in the state during early to midweek before becoming dry. Southern California experienced above average temperatures as the moisture was removed from the area over the weekend.

Temperature highs ranged from the upper 80s to low 100s in the mountains, mid 70s to upper 100s along the coast, mid 80s to upper 90s in the Sierras, lower 100s to lower 110s in the valley, and mid 100s to lower 120s in the desert. Temperatures lows ranged from the upper 30s to mid 60s in the Sierras, lower 50s to lower 60s in the mountains, lower 50s to lower 60s along the coast, upper 50s to upper 70s in the valley, and lower 60s to upper 80s in the desert.

FIELD CROPS

Rice continued to progress well in the Sacramento Valley. **Corn** was harvested for silage and **alfalfa** was cut, dried, and baled in Tulare. **Sunflowers** in Sutter continued to be defoliated.

FRUIT CROPS

Grape vineyards were irrigated. Table grape harvest was ongoing. Mechanical and manual pruning and thinning of grapes continued. **Peaches, nectarines, apricots, figs**, table grapes, **pears**, and **plums** were harvested. Stone fruit orchards were sprayed, irrigated and fertilized. Summer pruning and topping of harvested stone fruit orchards continued. A few stone fruit growers reported increased damage and fruit drop from the summer's extreme weather. Some old orchards were torn out for replacement with new trees. Valencia **oranges** were harvested. Citrus packers were color sorting as citrus greening is exacerbated by high temperatures. Valencia harvest was wrapping up due to the high temperatures and lack of harvestable fruit.

NUT CROPS

Almond, walnut and pistachio orchard irrigation continued. Sunburn protection was applied to some walnut groves. Almond hull split was underway. Almond groves were treated with pesticides and fungicides.

VEGETABLE CROPS

Romaine and **broccoli** were harvested in Monterey. Processing **tomatoes** were harvested in the Sacramento Valley. **Peppers, squash, eggplant, cucumbers,** and tomatoes were harvested in Tulare.

LIVESTOCK

Rangeland and non-irrigated pasture quality deterioration continued with the week's hot dry windy conditions. Lower elevation range and non-irrigated pasture was in poor to fair condition. Cattle were provided supplemental feed to compensate for the declining nutritional value of the rangeland forage. Some cattle were moved to higher elevation range. Wildfires continued and burned many acres of rangeland. Sheep grazed on retired crop land. Bees were active in melon fields.