

CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

Early Prospects Seem to be Very Promising.

Farmers Will Soon be Cutting Hay—Rain Needed in San Joaquin Valley.

The State Weather Bureau, in conjunction with the State Board of Agriculture, has begun issuing the weekly crop bulletins for this year. This data is collected and compiled by Director Barwick. Following is the first bulletin of the season:

TEHAMA. Red Bluff—Ideal growing weather has prevailed during the week; crop prospects are excellent, but season is backward; the week's weather has advanced all crops considerably; the frosts of March only injured almonds and apricots, otherwise fruit promises well.

Corning—There has been no damage to either the fruit or grain crops by frosts or high drying northerly winds; highest and lowest temperatures, 82 and 41 degrees.

BUTTE. Biggs—Grain has come out in fine shape since the last rain and the present warm weather.

Durham—The warm weather has improved the appearance of the growing wheat very much; the fruit crop outlook has also improved.

Palermo—The weather has been quite warm, the highest being 88 degrees; this kind of weather has been very beneficial to both fruit and grain; a warm rain now would do much good unless it were followed by cold weather and frost.

Honcut—Fore part of week cool, but about middle of week hot north winds prevailed; highest temperature, 80 degrees.

COLUSA.

Grand Island—The farmers in this section have sown mostly barley, although a great deal of wheat has been sown, and all crops are looking well, but a little rain would do good; highest temperatures 80 and 46 degrees.

Maxwell—Severe frost just preceding the commencement of the past week has done great damage to fruit, almost entirely destroying the peach and apricot crops; strong north winds during this week have done some damage to growing grain; winter sown is specially retarded and will require more rain to develop crops; rainfall, .04 inches.

SUTTER.

Marysville—The weather has been of that very desirable variety known to the husbandman as "fine growing." The fruit growers are rapidly learning that the light frosts did not do as much damage as they had anticipated; a few almonds and apricots suffered slightly, but the prospects are good for an average crop; highest and lowest temperatures, 85 and 44 degrees, with .01 of an inch of rain, and 21.27 inches for the season.

Wheatland—Summer fallow grain looks fairly well, but some fields look poor and thin and many spots are drowned out; late sown is backward and needs sunshine and warmer weather; all kinds of fruit looks promising, as damage from frost is not as bad as expected; apricots will make fully two-thirds of a crop; hops have wintered well and the roots look healthy and strong; highest and lowest temperatures, 82 and 42 degrees, with a trace of rain.

PLACER.

Loomis—Very little, if any, damage done to fruit in this section by the cold spell, except to early strawberries, which have been hurt in some places; the present warm weather is bringing everything along fast; strawberries will be in market in about two weeks; grain and crops are doing well.

Roseville—Season two weeks late; almonds, cherries, plums, apricots and peaches promise a full crop; cherries, plums and apples in full bloom; oats and hay promise good crops; the north winds made a crust on the ground; a few showers therefore would be of advantage just at the present time; farmers busy summer fallowing.

LINCOLN.

Crocker—Crops are doing well, especially summer fallow; the north winds did no damage.

Newcastle—The cool weather in March has held fruit buds back; the warmer weather has been very beneficial to all growing crops; highest and lowest temperatures 77 degrees and 41 degrees with .08 of an inch of rain.

SACRAMENTO.

Fair Oaks—Warm, sunshiny weather entire week, except Wednesday, when cold north wind blew hard all day; crops are growing finely.

Orangevale—Crops look well; the north wind did no damage to fruit; plowing is progressing, but the ground is getting pretty dry; highest and lowest temperatures 81 and 40 degrees.

UNION HOUSE.

Early grain looking

well; very little barley sown up to the present time, as the damp weather has kept the farmers off the ground; the north winds are making the ground hard for plowing.

Antelope—The wheat is looking good for the time of year; the fruit crop looks well, except apricots, which will not be a full crop; highest and lowest temperatures, 68 and 38 degrees.

Arroyo—The repeated changes of short spells of rain and dry weather have seriously interfered with the sowing of grain; there is not more than an average quantity of wheat acreage sown, while for barley there has been but little sown so far; the summer fallow crops look well, but the winter sown grain has suffered much and is backward; summer fallowing begins this week; the season is late.

LAKE.

Upper Lake—Results of the cold weather and frosts of March 25th and 30th are now apparent; apricots are a total failure, though there are but few in this vicinity; almonds will prove to be seriously damaged and it is possible that peaches, which were not in bloom will be a short crop; summer fallow grain and hay are looking well but the season has been too wet for much sowing of late crops; wild feed is very abundant and stock looks well; highest and lowest temperatures 72 degrees and 33 degrees, with .33 of an inch of rain.

NAPA.

St. Helena—Grain looking fine and the prospects for fruit are excellent; the grape vines are just coming out and if there are no more severe frosts the prospects for an excellent crop are very good; the warmer weather now prevailing is good for all crops.

Napa—Weather clear and warm, except the 6th, when .07 of an inch of rain was measured; the temperature has been above the normal; frost in March injured early peaches, apricots and almonds slightly; orchards at the present time never looked better; hay and grain in fine condition; a northerly wind has been blowing most all the week; highest and lowest temperatures 84 degrees and 38 degrees.

CONTRA COSTA.

Antioch—Thirty thousand acres of summer fallow and 5,000 acres of winter wheat sown and the prospects were never better than at present; the almond crop was hurt by the cold wave of March 22d; the frost did not hurt us to any great extent; highest and lowest temperatures 65 degrees and 40 degrees; the rainfall for the season is 13.43 inches.

ALAMEDA.

Niles—The prospects for a large fruit crop are good, as everything except almonds and late cherries are showing up well; grain is looking badly and not much is expected from it this season.

Livermore—Crops doing well under the warmer weather now prevailing; the grain and hay crop bids fair to be a good one; fruit prospects fair; the vineyards and late cherries are looking well; grain is looking badly and not much is expected from it this season.

San Lorenzo—Apricots damaged by frosts, reports as to extent of damage are very conflicting; currants looking well, as are other fruits and berries; a large fruit crop are very good at present; growers of rhubarb are getting good prices, and those shipping East are all pleased with the results; grain and all truck is looking well, the warm weather being very beneficial.

SANTA CLARA.

Santa Clara—The warmer weather is very beneficial to all crops, and fruits are in bloom under favorable circumstances with the exception of apricots, which were damaged by frost; all other fruit looks well.

Evergreen—Grapes of all kinds are doing well; no damage to fruit by the frosts of March; highest and lowest temperatures 76 degrees and 50 degrees.

Campbell—Apricots badly injured by frost in the lowest parts of the valley and are reported to be somewhat injured on the higher portions; prunes, pears, cherries and peaches are in full bloom and are not thought to be injured by frost or otherwise; orchards in good condition; highest and lowest temperatures 75 degrees and 34 degrees.

San Jose—Season three weeks late; apricots badly injured by frost; all other fruits in fine condition with promise of full crops; we record a deficiency of rain and orchardists are irrigating where they have the facilities; highest and lowest temperatures 82 degrees and 33 degrees.

Rucker—The two days of hard north wind was rough on crops, but the last three days of warmth is making them grow rapidly; both fruit and grain. Highest and lowest temperatures, 55 and 40 degrees.

SAN JOAQUIN.

Acampo—The heavy frosts of March has injured the apricot crop in this section, a fourth of a crop is now estimated; almonds, peaches, etc., are not damaged; the cherry crop promises to be a

large and good one, while the wheat outlook was never more encouraging.

Lodi—The long cool rainy season has retarded all kinds of vegetation; grain though not as far advanced as usual at this date, has a very healthy appearance and looks promising; all fruit trees are blooming full; almonds, apricots and peaches were injured by the frosts in March, but the extent of damage cannot now be estimated; pastures are looking good; warmer weather needed to bring forward rapidly all crops. Highest and lowest temperatures, 82 and 39 degrees.

New Hope—Crops are backward and in places are spotted, caused by too much moisture, but on the tule lands crops look well; frost did no damage here. Highest and lowest temperatures, 84 and 34 degrees.

Stockton—Fruit and grapes are doing well under the extra warmth of this week and promise a good yield; growing grain is somewhat backward and in some localities it is reported to have suffered from cold weather while in other localities it is claimed the present warm wave is doing damage, but generally it is conceded the warm spell will be beneficial; there are many low places in the grain fields where standing water has injured the crop.

CALAVERAS.

Milton—The warmer weather has been very favorable for grain and fruit, both of which are looking well, there has been no damage from frosts so far; season is two weeks backward as compared with last year; the brisk north wind did no damage; highest and lowest temperatures, 74 and 28 degrees.

STANISLAUS.

Westley—Weather very warm, but has not hurt grain to any extent whatever; summer fallow grain promises to be a good crop, also winter sown; late sown does not look well; showers are needed.

Crows Landing—Grain has rapidly improved under the warmer weather; summer fallow grain is looking nicely and with continued favorable weather will make a fair crop; winter wheat needs more rain and very favorable weather to make anywhere a fair crop.

Turlock—The weather has not been beneficial to the growing crops; the north wind gale of the 7th, followed by the extreme hot weather since, has dried out the ground to a considerable extent, causing the grain to run up too rapidly; highest and lowest temperatures, 88 and 37 degrees.

MERCED.

Livingston—Crops looking well.

Volta—The hard north winds were detrimental to the grain crop.

KINGS.

Lemoore—Winds have been detrimental on the unirrigated lands; on irrigated lands crops are all right; a good rain is needed.

TULARE.

Lindsay—The outlook is very good for crops of all kinds, especially for the orange and lemon crops; the wheat crop while it looks well would have been better had it not been sown too early, as the late sown is doing best.

Lime Kiln—The north winds have dried the ground out considerably; orchard work is backward on account of the rains which has caused a rank growth of weeds thus retarding cultivation; citrus trees are just beginning to bloom, as the cool weather has kept them in a dormant condition; highest and lowest temperatures, 82 and 41 degrees.

KERN.

Bakersfield—The late frosts of March did much damage to early apricots, varieties of late apricots were not advanced far enough to be damaged to any great extent; no other damage done by frost; grain is looking exceedingly well and is far advanced for this stage of the season.

SANTA BARBARA.

Los Alamos—There is the largest acreage sown in this valley now than was ever before known and crops of all kinds are looking well considering the unfavorable north winds for the past month; with warmer weather and a few April showers an abundant harvest is assured.

Santa Maria—The excessive heat for this time of the year has been beneficial to growing crops; apricots and prunes have not been injured by the frosts; bean land is in good condition of tillage; early in is good, but late grain is dependent on future rain; highest and lowest temperatures, 80 and 42 degrees, and rainfall for entire season is 15.25 inches.

VENTURA.

Ventura—Weather for a part of the week has been very warm, which has had a bad effect on the growing barley; rainfall for the season is 15.55 inches; the cold weather of March did some damage to the earlier varieties of almonds.

Satocoy—Barley looks well; fruit prospects good for a fair crop; corn planting is under way.

Santa Paula—The hay crop will be a light one in this vicinity, caused probably by the continued cold weather in the first three months of the year; highest and lowest temperatures 89 degrees and 29 degrees.

ORANGE.

Tustin—Weather warm and dry with light desert winds prevailing; highest temperature 90 degrees and 42 degrees; alfalfa haying has commenced; hay will begin next week and the crop will be a large one; about 100 cars of seedling and late oranges remain to be shipped.

Glendora—Temperature above the average; no rain and but one heavy fog; early sown grain is coming out; late sown liable to be fired unless there is more rain; deciduous trees are blossoming heavily apparently uninjured.

LOS ANGELES. Burbank—Crop prospects good providing there are no more killing frosts; alfalfa haying has commenced.

Pomona—Apricots and almonds had

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ly damaged by the previous week's frost; hay is looking well and sugar beets are being rapidly planted; the warm dry weather is good for low wet ground; highest and lowest temperatures 92 degrees and 43 degrees.

Los Angeles—During the last few days the weather has been warm and pleasant; the last rain dried off quickly and has left the ground hard so that rains are needed in some sections; reports from various parts of Southern California go to show that very little damage was done by the frost of two weeks ago; the prospects for deciduous fruits are good; a good many winter vegetables have been shipped during the past month from the San Joaquin Valley.

SAN BERNARDINO. Chino—Sugar beet planting is progressing rapidly and the soil and the young plants; highest and lowest temperatures 78 degrees and 44 degrees.

Crafton—During first part of week there was heavy winds but no damage was done; crops are growing fast and prospects good; highest and lowest temperatures 83 degrees and 42 degrees.

RIVERSIDE. Perris—Crops are looking well; on some of the low lands fifteen miles below here the late frosts burned the wheat some, but no permanent damage is thought to have occurred.

Arlington Heights—The bloom on deciduous and citrus trees is very heavy and appears to have escaped injury from the cold wave of March 30th; the early sown grain is doing well, being well up and headed; that sown late will make a light crop unless there is considerable more rain; highest and lowest temperatures 84 degrees and 36 degrees.

SAN DIEGO. Escondido—The higher temperatures since the 4th have made a rapid change in the conditions of the grain crop and brought out the peach, plum and prunes into blossom; some of the earliest sown grain is headed out, the crop in most places very good; near Oceanside some grain has already been harvested; highest and lowest temperatures 82 degrees and 38 degrees; total rainfall for the season to date is 14.34 inches.

Otay—The grain and hay crop is an immense one notwithstanding considerable damage done by the "aphids" on other than adobe soil; haying has commenced; the season for all tender plants is three weeks late owing to cold nights and occasional light frosts through February and March; deciduous fruits have not been damaged and bid fair to make a large crop; citrus have not made the usual seasonal growth and the ground has baked terribly, thereby necessitating much plowing.

Poway—Highest and lowest temperatures 84 degrees and 45 degrees; some farmers have begun cutting volunteer hay.

Holly—The weather has been fine for all growing crops; there was a drying northwest wind on Thursday which did no good; highest and lowest temperatures 86 degrees and 43 degrees.

HUMBOLDT. Eureka—The weather conditions have opened up favorably for the fruit growers of this section; the cool wet weather and generally low temperatures have prevented premature blooming of fruit trees; these conditions have, however, been more or less disastrous to the stock and dairy interests; some sections in the higher ranges have suffered losses in stock while the grass

has been retarded in others and thus reacted on the dairy keepers; highest and lowest temperatures, 50 degrees and 36 degrees with 1.28 inches of rain.

Hydesburg—Rainfall for season to April 1st, 38.27 inches, which is about the average, but it has been long continued; farmers are behind in their seeding; grass is poor and stock is in bad condition, and in the hills there is some loss of stock; fruit crop outlook good; trees are just beginning to bud; highest and lowest temperatures 62 degrees and 28 degrees with 1.41 inches of rain.

MENDOCINO. Pomo—The crops are all looking fine; the farmers are preparing for spring crops; highest and lowest temperatures 82 degrees and 34 degrees.

SANTA CRUZ. Santa Cruz—The month of March was very cold, being 6 degrees below normal and very wet; vegetation has been kept back and some grain drowned out; the weather for the past week has been unusually warm and more like July than April; everything in the vegetation line is rapidly growing; the northern of the 8th has done no appreciable damage; the ground has become crusty and a good shower of rain would do much good.

Boulder Creek—The north wind of the 7th, followed by the warm spell, has been productive of no good results; fruit is advancing very fast under the warm sunshine; highest and lowest temperatures 85 degrees and 44 degrees.

SAN LUIS OBISPO. San Luis Obispo—The week has ended rather warm, which is beneficial to crops and pastures; the Mono and Old Creek districts are very good; the fruit prospect was never better at this time of the year; highest temperature 92 degrees.

Paso Robles—The grain crop is looking well but without more rain soon they will suffer; fruit trees are blooming; there were no frosts during the SONOMA. Sonoma—The fruit crop continues to improve daily and if we can only escape frost for another week the danger from it will have passed; growing grain and hay has improved very much under the increased warmth; Tuesday, the 6th, there was 1.4 of an inch of rain, making for the season 29.16 inches; highest and lowest temperatures, 86 degrees and 39 degrees.

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