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Citrus and berry harvest to be affected by California rains

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A big storm is coming to California today. The San Joaquin Valley will receive two to 2.5 inches over the next three days. This will hamper harvesting of citrus coming from the southern part of valley.



The coastal regions will be hit hard today and tomorrow with rain totals from 1.5 inches up to three inches depending the growing location. Harvests should be affected in Oxnard and Santa Maria. Salinas will also see rain from this storm.

The desert growing regions of Coachella and Imperial are not expected to see any rain, but they will experience cooler temperatures associated with the storm. Starting Thursday temps will begin to drop with max in the high 60s to low 70s through next week -- much cooler than normal for March.

There is another storm forming to hit California next Monday as well. The desert regions may see some rain from next week's storm.

MEXICAN GRAPES

Colder temps are coming to the Hermosillo, Mexico this weekend and next week. Currently high temps are in the upper 80s and low 90s with lows in the upper 50s. Starting Friday temps will drop by

10 degrees across the board with highs only getting up to the mid-70s and lows in the upper 40s.

MEXICAN LIMES

Rain and cold weather are hitting Martinez de la Torre right now. Yesterday, today and tomorrow will see rain and max temps in the 60s. This should put a halt to harvests for a few days.

FLORIDA

Temps will cool today through Thursday with highs in the mid-70s but will begin to warm again starting Friday. Plant City will only see highs in the 60s and lows down around 40 tonight and tomorrow. By Saturday, March 9, the high temps will be back into the mid-80s. There is a slight chance of rain in Florida this Sunday.

MEXICO

All major growing regions in Mexico look good. Temps are well within normal for this time of year and no rain in the forecast. Expect quality and supplies to be good across the board.

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