



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



August 1999

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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CALIFORNIA, South Central

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06	1200PST				0	0			Cool Spell
11	1800PST								

Arguably the influence of La Nina, the summer of 1999 in Interior Central California appears to be milder than normal with fewer hot spells. With low pressure located just off the California coast, many temperature records were re-set, both low maximum and low minimum temperatures, during this time period. In referring to Fresno in the Central San Joaquin Valley, the high temperature on August 6th was 78 degrees F. resetting the previous record low maximum of 82F set in 1976; August 7th saw 82F resetting 83F from 1976; August 8th with 86F resetting 87F from 1976; and August 11th with 85F from 86F in 1993. The normal high temperature is 98F. For Bakersfield in the Southern San Joaquin Valley, the high temperature on the 6th was 79F resetting the record of 86F set in 1957; on the 7th the minimum temperature of 56F reset the 60F reached in 1988 and the high of 81F reset the high of 86F in 1976; on the 8th the low dropped to 57F resetting the high of 60 in 1957 and the high climbed only to 84F slashing the old mark of 89F in 1976; on the 9th, the Bakersfield high was only 82F resetting the old record of 86F set in 1991; and on the 11th the high reached 82F resetting the 84F in 1949.

Fresno County

18 NE Huntington Lake	10	1210PST			0	0			Lightning
		1730PST							

As reported by the general public hiking in the high Sierra Nevada, a thunder snowstorm was reported. Numerous cloud-to-ground lightning strokes along with an accumulation of 3-4" of snow during the afternoon and early evening of the 10th at the 11,500 foot elevation of the upper Fish Creek Drainage and Silver Divide area.

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26	1550PST				0	1	200K		Gusty Wind
	1745PST								

Gusty wind associated with a southwest-to-northeast outflow winds passed through Central California during the late afternoon hours of the 26th. Radar echoes were generally less than 40 dBz and minimal reports of any thunderstorm activity. These outflow winds from the "frontal" band caused damage from the Southern through the Central San Joaquin Valley with the hardest hit area around Kingsburg and Reedley in Southern Fresno County. Numerous trees and powerlines were downed, especially in the Kingsburg area. About 5,000 power customers went without power until 2:00 AM in the morning. The peak wind speeds observed appeared to be around 33 MPH but it is felt there were higher gusts along the band. The peak wind at the Fresno Air Terminal occurred at 1727 PDT with the damage in Kingsburg around 1640 PDT.