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The Outlook

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Western Weather/Crop Outlook

The numerous Pacific storm systems impacting California this week will begin to settle down following a couple more system expected through the weekend. With the already saturated soil throughout the region more rain will not help matters. Local rivers and creeks are at or near flood stage and more precipitation will only increase these levels. A small breach in the levy along the Salinas River has flooded a number of fields as crews attempt to reinforce the levy. Numerous other fields have partial flooding due to the consistent heavy rainfall. On the positive side forecasts expect high pressure to bring a warming trend and dry weather to the region Monday through the week. This is a very welcome relief and should allow growers to prep and work these fields. We will be visiting the transition regions of Central California early next week for a look at current and upcoming quality in this region as well as the Salinas Valley. With all the cool temperatures wind and rain over the past few weeks fields are behind schedule once again as we move into spring production.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you up to date as we gather the information. Be prepared for shortages and possible loading delays along with lesser texture, quality and shelf life.



Field between Salinas and Gonzales begins to flood as the levy gives way.



Asparagus floats along the bank of a flooded field.





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Sprinkler heads under water
in flooded field.



Produce field completely flooded when the Salinas River swelled beyond capacity.

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