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## GENERAL SUMMARY.

Abundant and well distributed rains fell during March throughout the State bringing the seasonal amount of precipitation nearly up to the normal in the southern counties, while in most of the remainder of the State the seasonal average was exceeded, the most important exception being the Sacramento Valley. In nearly all sections the monthly amounts were above normal, the exceptions being mainly in the coast counties. There were two noticeable periods during which precipitation occurred: from the 4th to the 13th when the greater portion of the rainfall was recorded, and again between the 17th and 27th when the rains were more or less intermittent. Like those of the preceding month, the storms were not of a violent character, and although the rainfall on some days was considerable, exceeding two inches in some localities, it occurred so gently that practically all of it was absorbed by the soil. For this reason, crops will not suffer materially because of insufficient moisture if the rainfall of April and May approaches the mean. Although the total snowfall for the month was about normal, the mild weather and rains caused rapid melting and like that of February the amount of snow remaining on the ground at the close of March was much less than the average. Water was running plentifully in all streams at the close of the month, and it is possible that there will not be a sufficient supply of water available for late irrigation and power purposes.

The average temperature for the State was slightly below normal, but there were no marked warm or cold spells, and most of the stations reporting mean temperatures below normal were in the northern counties. As a rule the lowest temperatures occurred during the latter part of the first decade, and the warmest days were the closing ones of the month.

The weather during most of the time was favorable for farming operations, and plowing and seeding went forward rapidly. Some wheat was sown, also a considerable acreage of barley and oats, and the condition of the soil and the weather both favored germination and growth. However, the grains generally were not so far advanced in growth as is usual at this time of the year. In the northern part of the State pastures, ranges, and meadows are in excellent condition and as a consequence stock are looking well; in the southern counties forage crops are improving rapidly and stock will be in good condition soon. There have been but slight losses so far during the lambing season, and the flock increases are probably better than usual.

Throughout the State the condition of most of the orchards is satisfactory. In some sections almonds were injured by frosts on the 5th, 6th and 13th, and in a few localities some dropping of undersized nuts, due probably to the effects of the autumn and winter drought, was reported. Apricots, cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and prunes, generally, were in blossom at the close of the month. Citrus fruits in southern sections were maturing nicely, lemons were recovering from the setback due to the hot weather of last June, and Valencia oranges of fine quality were being marketed. As the month closed, horticulturists were very busy plowing vineyards, cultivating orchards, and spraying trees. A considerable acreage for corn and beans has been prepared, and there has been extensive planting of truck crops and home gardens. The outlook from an agricultural standpoint is favorable.

T. F. D.

## PRESSURE.

The mean sea level pressure, determined from the records of twelve regular Weather Bureau stations, was 30.03 inches. The highest was 30.49 inches at Eureka on the 13th; the lowest was 29.45 inches at Independence on the 7th; the range for the State was 1.04 inches.

## TEMPERATURE.

The monthly mean temperature for the State, as shown by the records of 97 stations, was  $51.5^{\circ}$ , which is  $0.3^{\circ}$  below the normal.

The highest monthly mean was  $65.4^{\circ}$ , at Mecca; and the lowest was  $29.4^{\circ}$  at Summit.

The highest temperature,  $96^{\circ}$ , occurred at Blythe and Mecca on the 31st; and the lowest,  $-5^{\circ}$ , occurred at Portola on the 14th.

The range for the State was  $101^{\circ}$ .

## PRECIPITATION.

The average precipitation for the State, as shown by the records of 227 stations, was 7.07 inches, or 2.33 inches above the normal.

The greatest monthly amount was 21.83 inches, at Opid Camp. Two stations reported no precipitation.

The greatest amount in 24 hours was 7.24 inches at Squirrel Inn on the 7th.

## RELATIVE HUMIDITY, SUNSHINE AND CLOUDINESS.

Stations.	Relative humidity. (Per cent.)			Sunshine.	
	5 a.m.	5 p.m.	Mean.	Actual No. of hours	Per cent of possible.
Eureka .....	86	74	80	180	49
Fresno .....	84	53	69	246	66
Los Angeles .....	79	61	70	199	54
Mount Tamalpais .....	76	72	74	145	39
Red Bluff .....	82	51	66	213	57
Sacramento .....	88	58	73	236	64
San Diego .....	80	63	74	232	62
San Francisco .....	82	62	72	213	59
San Jose .....	89	58	74	190	51
San Luis Obispo .....	83	60	72	184	49

## WIND MOVEMENT.—(Miles.)

Stations.	Total mov. for month.	Ave. hr. velocity.	Maximum velocity.	Direction.		Date.	Prev. dir.
				Direction.	Date.		
Eureka .....	5,426	7.3	48	se.	17	se.	
Fresno .....	4,581	6.2	29	se.	17	nw.	
Los Angeles .....	4,597	6.2	24	sw.	12	ne.	
Mount Tamalpais .....	9,525	12.8	58	sw.	11	sw.	
Point Reyes .....	11,333	15.2	73	se.	11	nw.	
Red Bluff .....	4,087	5.5	30	se.	17	se.	
Sacramento .....	5,485	7.4	32	se.	18	s.	
San Diego .....	4,464	6.0	38	s.	12	nw.	
San Francisco .....	5,145	6.9	30	sw.	18	sw.	
San Jose .....	4,629	6.2	36	s.	17	nw.	
San Luis Obispo .....	3,582	4.8	24	se.	10	w.	

## COMPARATIVE DATA FOR MARCH.

Year.	Mean temp.	Ave. precip.									
1897.....	48.0	3.98	1903.....	50.9	5.80	1909.....	48.5	3.56	1915.....	53.1	2.33
1898.....	48.8	0.66	1904.....	51.1	8.52	1910.....	54.7	2.43	1916.....	53.0	3.38
1899.....	51.2	6.10	1905.....	54.7	5.42	1911.....	52.7	6.02	1917.....	45.7	1.58
1900.....	55.7	2.38	1906.....	50.8	9.19	1912.....	48.6	5.17	1918.....	51.5	5.75
1901.....	53.0	1.01	1907.....	49.0	10.67	1913.....	49.6	2.06	.....	.....	.....
1902.....	49.7	3.39	1908.....	51.8	1.49	1914.....	55.0	1.16	.....	.....	.....

## Explanation of Reference Marks Used in This Publication.

The departures from the normal temperature and precipitation are computed only for such stations as have ten or more years of record, but all complete reports are used in determining section or division means.

t. Also on other dates. T., Precipitation is less than 0.01 inch rain or melted snow.

a, b, c, etc., indicate respectively, 1, 2, 3, etc., days missing from the record.

Station at Liano formerly known as Valyermo; station at Lytle Creek formerly known as Rialto (near).

## Climatological Data for March, 1918.

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, years.	Temperature, in degrees Fahr.						Precipitation, in inches.			Number of days.			Prevailing direction of wind.	Observers.			
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Snowfall (un-melted).	Precipitation, 01 inch or more.	Clear.	Partly cloudy.	Cloudy.		
Alturas.....	Modoc.....	4,400	14	40.0	+1.0	74	30	51	13	47	2.48	+1.00	1.05	18.0	13	13	5	13	w.	Prof. C. B. Towle.
Antioch.....	Contra Costa.....	46	39	54.6	+0.8	86	31	35	10	33	2.75	+0.45	0.59	1.28	0	11	12	11	s.	C. G. McDaniel.
Atascadero.....	San Luis Obispo.....	837	22	52.2	.....	85	30	20	4	48	5.59	.....	1.12	0	12	17	3	11	nw.	Colony Holding Corp.
Avalon.....	Los Angeles.....	30	8	56.4	.....	82	30	44	9	24	4.61	.....	2.05	0	8	14	5	12	n.	T. S. Manning.
Azusa.....	do.....	540	16	58.8	+2.5	90	30	40	18	39	8.79	+4.51	2.05	0	7	17	3	11	.....	C. O. Hillis.
Bakersfield.....	Kern.....	404	29	58.4	+1.7	84	+17	35	6	33	2.25	+1.26	0.50	0	7	17	5	12	.....	Santa Fe Co.
Barstow.....	San Bernardino.....	2,105	15	52.9	-4.9	81	31	30	1	40	2.18	+1.62	0.72	0	8	20	4	7	w.	E. L. White.
Berkeley.....	Alameda.....	317	31	53.7	+1.9	78	29	34	5	30	3.48	-1.42	0.67	0	8	13	4	14	w.	State University.
Betteravia.....	Santa Barbara.....	155	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Union Sugar Co.
Blue Canon.....	Placer.....	4,695	19	38.6	-1.2	67	30	15	8	32	12.05	+0.73	1.75	48.0	14	16	0	15	.....	Southern Pacific Co.
Blythe.....	Riverside.....	268	9	62.6	.....	96	31	36	9	47	0.75	.....	0.47	0	4	20	1	10	sw.	C. L. Suits.
Bonita.....	San Diego.....	110	2	58.6	.....	85	30	36	9	39	4.44	.....	1.20	0	7	12	10	9	w.	R. M. Allen.
Branscomb.....	Mendocino.....	2,000	18	48.0	+2.6	83	30	21	6	45	9.08	-3.66	2.50	1.5	15	20	1	10	n.	A. J. Haun.
Brawley.....	Imperial.....	-105	8	63.8	.....	95	31	38	9	42	0.83	.....	0.68	0	2	.....	.....	.....	sw.	M. D. Witter.
Burney.....	Shasta.....	3,300	8	40.8	.....	74	30	10	5	45	3.27	.....	1.10	7.5	7	11	8	12	s.	Mrs. M. D. Chambers.
Calexico.....	Imperial.....	0	13	64.7	+1.1	95	31	40	4	41	0.72	+0.45	0.64	0	2	22	3	6	n.	H. M. Rouse.
Camptonville (near).....	Yuba.....	3,500	11	46.2	.....	78	30	24	5	32	12.37	.....	1.90	10.5	15	14	4	13	.....	Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
Cedarville.....	Modoc.....	4,675	24	39.9	+1.9	*71	30	*13	5	37	2.29	+0.71	0.50	12.0	11	8	18	5	.....	T. H. Johnstone.
Chico.....	Butte.....	189	48	52.0	-3.6	81	30	26	6	36	5.41	+2.21	1.40	0	12	11	8	12	se.	U. S. Bureau Plant Ind.
Claremont.....	Los Angeles.....	1,200	26	55.1	+1.2	85	30	33	8	43	8.22	+3.94	2.16	0	8	11	8	12	sw.	Prof. F. P. Brattell.
Cloverdale.....	Sonoma.....	340	16	52.8	+0.3	87	30	28	5	40	5.60	-3.89	1.30	T.	10	13	3	15	s.	John O. Ogle.
Colfax.....	Placer.....	2,421	47	48.2	-0.9	76	30	22	9	33	11.08	+3.48	2.70	6.0	12	16	6	9	.....	Southern Pacific Co.
Corona.....	Riverside.....	615	4	58.2	.....	92	30	35	9	40	7.43	.....	1.44	0	10	17	3	11	nw.	T. C. Sias.
Crescent City.....	Del Norte.....	125	4	48.8	+1.2	80	30	30	4	38	13.07	+1.76	2.21	0.1	20	11	3	17	sw.	Thos. E. Peacock.
Davis.....	Yolo.....	61	46	52.6	-3.6	82	30	28	5	39	3.10	+0.53	0.80	0	8	17	8	6	s.	S. H. Beckett.
Downieville.....	Sierra.....	3,150	7	44.5	.....	81	30	22	5	48	15.64	.....	2.83	9.8	15	11	4	13	s.	J. T. Mason.
Durham.....	Butte.....	160	23	52.4	+0.2	79	29	25	6	40	5.19	+1.62	1.48	0	11	12	11	3	sw.	R. W. Durham.
El Cajon.....	San Diego.....	482	19	57.5	+1.1	87	30	34	1	45	6.58	+3.87	1.95	0	9	21	4	6	sw.	Philip L. Kessler.
Elsinore.....	Riverside.....	1,300	2	58.0	.....	90	2	36	5	29	5.2	.....	1.60	0	8	10	8	13	se.	W. L. Wilhite.
Escondido.....	San Diego.....	657	24	57.6	+2.7	85	30	34	9	43	7.43	+4.41	2.31	0	8	4	23	4	w.	A. R. Moon.
EUREKA.....	Humboldt.....	64	32	48.5	+0.5	65	16	32	6	23	5.84	-1.13	1.24	T.	18	7	6	18	s.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
Folsom.....	Sacramento.....	252	45	55.2	+0.4	82	30	33	4	42	6.05	+2.24	1.70	0	9	14	3	14	sw.	G. I. Marvin.
Fontana.....	San Bernardino.....	1,325	6	55.6	.....	86	30	32	9	35	8.45	.....	1.98	0	10	19	3	9	sw.	Fontana Land Co.
Fort Bidwell.....	Modoc.....	4,375	29	42.0	+2.6	*71	30	*8	5	39	2.13	-0.25	0.45	12.5	10	.....	.....	.....	nw.	C. R. Decious.
FRESNO.....	Fresno.....	293	31	56.4	+1.5	80	31	38	14	27	4.19	+2.43	1.39	0	10	15	4	12	sw.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
Grass Valley.....	Nevada.....	2,690	46	46.4	.....	72	30	25	6	30	11.68	+3.64	2.30	3.5	14	15	4	12	sw.	Mrs. L. M. Wentworth.
Greenland Ranch.....	Inyo.....	-178	7	64.8	.....	91	29	40	1	34	0.75	.....	0.30	0	5	17	0	14	.....	O. A. Denton.
Hanford.....	Kings.....	249	18	56.2	+1.9	84	31	36	2	37	3.43	+1.48	0.74	0	9	18	0	13	n.	Santa Fe Co.
Healdsburg.....	Sonoma.....	110	25	52.5	+0.4	80	30	27	5	43	5.50	-1.37	1.74	0	10	12	12	9	se.	Dr. F. J. Kinley.
Hollister.....	San Benito.....	284	44	53.9	-0.6	81	30	34	9	35	8.45	.....	1.45	0	12	16	3	12	w.	Grangers' Union.
INDEPENDENCE.....	Inyo.....	3,907	22	49.6	0	77	31	27	9	36	1.02	+0.52	0.40	0.2	6	17	5	9	s.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
Inskip.....	Butte.....	4,975	11	39.9	.....	70	30	14	5	26	15.05	.....	3.91	40.8	15	9	4	18	sw.	C. H. Kremers.
Kennett.....	Shasta.....	730	6	52.6	.....	92	30	26	5	39	8.93	.....	3.29	40.8	15	9	4	18	n.	Southern Pacific Co.
King City.....	Monterey.....	323	31	53.2	+0.1	86	30	30	2	22	5.00	.....	3.29	14.8	15	8	15	sw.	C. W. Hendel.	
La Porte.....	Plumas.....	5,000	24	32.2	+3.0	58	29	5	6	30	13.10	+0.08	2.51	44.2	16	11	5	15	nw.	T. E. Bence.
Lemon Cove.....	Tulare.....	600	23	55.8	-0.4	75	31	39	15	50	5.02	+1.61	1.59	0	10	13	7	11	sw.	Basil Prior.
Lick Observatory.....	Santa Clara.....	4,209	29	42.6	+1.6	63	30	25	5	17	4.64	-1.03	1.41	0	13	10	8	13	se.	The Director.
Lindsay.....	Tulare.....	384	4	55.8	.....	84	31	31	9	42	3.90	.....	1.43	0	10	11	9	11	sw.	G. F. Marsh.
Long Pine.....	Inyo.....	3,728	13	50.3	+0.9	73	27	27	1	38	2.80	+1.69	0.95	2.0	6	24	7	0	ne.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
LOS ANGELES.....	Los Angeles.....	293	41	59.1	+2.2	88	30	43	8	30	6.21	+3.21	1.92	0	8	11	9	11	n.	McCoud River Lbr. Co.
McCloud.....	Siskiyou.....	3,270	8	40.2	.....	77	30	9	5	46	9.53	.....	3.29	14.8	15	8	15	sw.	J. H. Williams.	
Madeline.....	Lassen.....	5,270	9	33.0	.....	58	+30	-4	14	43	2.51	.....	0.60	23.0	10	12	3	16	s.	Southern Pacific Co.
Marysville.....	Yuba.....	67	47	52.0	-5.4	79	29	29	6	33	4.29	+1.48	1.35	0	10	14	7	11	sw.	E. A. Palmer.
Mecca.....	Riverside.....	-185	12	65.4	+2.8	96	+30	38	2	39	0.85	+0.50	0.55	0	2	19	6	6	nw.	Santa Fe Co.
Mered....	Marin.....	173	44	54.0	-1.0	78	30	31	9	35	3.49	+3.12	1.01	0	10	20	2	9	sw.	U. S. Weather Bureau.
MOUNT TAMALPAIS.....	Portola.....	2,375	19	46.8	-0.3	70	30	30	5	17	2.78	.....	3.14	10.0	10	14	5	12	se.	Wendell P. Hoge.
MOUNT WILSON.....	Los Angeles.....	5,704	1	46.5	.....	71	30	23	28	38	12.89	.....	0	10	18	4	9	sw.	State Hospital.	
Napa.....	San Bernardino.....	20	41	51.3	-1.3	95	31	38	9	44	2.91	-0.79	1.13	0	8	10	13	8	se.	Santa Fe Co.
Needles.....	San Bernardino.....	477	26	63.6	-0.2	77	30	19	6	47	10.26	+1.76	1.80	4.5	15	13	7	11	se.	B. H. Preston.
Nevada City.....	Nevada.....	2,850	26	43.9	-0.9	77	30	19	5	47	10.26	+1.76	1.80	4.5	15	12	4	9	se.	E. S. Wangenheim.
Newman.....	Stanislaus.....	91	29	52.8	-2.9	81	30	31	9	40	3.72	+1.60	1.27	0	7	12	7	12	w.	Chabot Observatory.
Oakland.....	Alameda.....	36	42	53.3	+0.3	76	30	37	5	23	3.60	-0.50	0.64	0	11	12	7	12	se.	U. S. Rec. Service.
Orland.....	Glenn.....	254	36	52.1	-3.6	81	30	28	5	36	3.71	+1.04	1.28	0	13	15	2	14	se.	E. D. Fairchild.
Oroville (near).....	Butte.....	250	34	54.0	-0.3	82	31	26	6	39	6.50	+2.47	1.37	0	11	11	2	18	sw.	R. P. Hamlin.
Pasadena.....	Los Angeles.....	1,085	28	54.5	+0.1	88	30	34	9	37	9.43	+								

**Daily Precipitation for March, 1918.**

Stations.	Watersheds.	Day of Month.																																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total			
Alturas.....	Sacramento.....	.....	.06	.10	....	.03	.05	....	.21	.15	.13	.03	....	....	....	....	....	....	.04	.05	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.48				
Antioch.....	San Joaquin.....	.....	....	....	....	.35	....	....	.70	.08	.20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.15	.72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.75					
Atascadero.....	Coast.....	.....	.29	1.28	.95	.36	....	.32	.02	.68	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.0	1.21	.05	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.59					
Avalon <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Ocean.....	.....	.08	.53	.95	.07	.01	1.12	.80	.60	.07	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.22	.15	.01	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.61				
Azusa <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	.....	....	.71	2.05	1.49	....	1.93	1.32	.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.09	.95	T	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.79				
Bakersfield.....	San Joaquin.....	T.	.48	.39	.17	.29	....	....	....	.67	.64	.57	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.50	.26	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.25				
Barstow <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Desert.....	T.	....	.27	.30	....	....	.09	....	.72	.07	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.48	.29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.18				
Berkeley.....	Coast.....	T.	....	.39	.01	....	....	.67	.64	.57	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.48	.29	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.48				
Betteravia <sup>1/2</sup> .....	do.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.00			
Blue Canon <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Sacramento.....	....	.10	.20	....	.70	1.20	.80	....	1.40	1.70	1.20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.74	.15	.24	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.75				
Blythe.....	Colorado.....	....	....	....	....	.03	....	....	....	T.	.17	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.47	.02	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.44			
Bonita <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.13	.65	....	....	1.18	1.20	.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.19	.09	.89	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.29			
Brancomb.....	do.....	....	.15	.42	.09	....	.80	.50	.10	1.0	1.75	.73	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.41				
Brawley <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Imperial Valley.....	T.	....	....	....	T.	....	T.	....	T.	.15	....	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	.68	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.83			
Burney.....	Sacramento.....	T.	....	....	....	T.	....	T.	....	T.	.20	.72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.40	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.27			
Calexico <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Imperial Valley.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.64	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	0.72			
Camptonville.....	San Joaquin.....	....	.04	....	.46	1.23	.72	....	....	1.21	1.21	.35	.04	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.5	1.90	1.40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12.37				
Cedarville.....	Mountain Lakes.....	....	.14	.07	....	.20	.44	....	.47	.11	.09	.04	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.67	.21	1.14	.30	.41	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.29		
Chico.....	Sacramento.....	....	....	....	....	.40	.01	.07	.04	....	1.40	.08	.04	....	....	....	....	....	....	.76	.38	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.22			
Claremont <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.73	1.65	.04	....	....	2.16	1.33	.29	....	....	....	....	....	....	.07	.95	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.60			
Cloverdale.....	do.....	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.16	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.22	
Colfax <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Sacramento.....	....	.10	....	1.07	1.00	....	....	....	2.66	1.38	.81	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.8	2.70	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.01			
Corona.....	Coast.....	....	.04	....	....	1.82	1.38	.06	....	1.44	1.38	1.14	.32	....	....	....	....	....	....	.78	.07	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7.42			
Crescent City.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	1.18	.63	....	....	1.2	3.9	2.00	1.00	.02	....	....	....	....	....	.67	.21	1.14	.30	.41	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13.07		
Davis.....	Sacramento.....	....	.43	....	....	.15	1.5	.52	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	1.90	1.45	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.64				
Downieville.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	.43	....	1.5	1.52	.28	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.70	.20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.10			
Durham.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	.03	....	1.45	....	....	1.00	.50	.06	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15.64			
El Cajon.....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.11	....	.51	.55	....	....	1.5	1.05	.81	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.01	.35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.19			
Elsinore <sup>1/2</sup> .....	do.....	....	.25	....	.25	....	....	....	....	1.60	1.51	.25	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.55	.03	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.54			
Escondido.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	1.03	....	.44	....	....	....	1.45	1.03	1.2	.31	....	....	....	....	....	.90	.63	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	7.42			
EUREKA***	do.....	....	.45	....	.30	.06	....	.71	.10	....	.02	.52	.96	.01	....	....	....	....	....	24	1.09	.01	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.84			
Folsom.....	Sacramento.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.05	
Fontana <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.23	....	1.93	.15	....	....	1.01	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.99	.03	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.45		
Fort Bidwell.....	Mountain Lakes.....	....	....	....	....	.05	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.13	
FRESNO***	San Joaquin.....	....	.07	....	.39	.21	....	.35	....	....	1.01	.32	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	.51	1.13	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.13		
Grass Valley.....	Greenland Ranch.....	....	....	....	....	.06	T.	....	0.7	1.88	24	....	1.12	2.30	1.17	.50	....	....	....	....	1.40	1.45	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11.68			
Hanford <sup>1/2</sup> .....	San Joaquin.....	....	....	....	....	.48	....	.26	.65	....	....	.05	.30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.08	.74	.20	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.43		
Holdsburg <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.04	....	.28	.65	....	....	.17	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1.74	.41	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.43		
INDEPENDENCE***	do.....	....	....	....	....	.04	....	.28	.65	....	....	.06	.18	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.03	.78	.15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.83	
Inskip.....	Sacramento.....	....	.40	....	T.	....	.66	.78	....	1.27	1.74	.95	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	.91	.48	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15.05		
Kennett.....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.05	T.	....	.80	.93	.28	....	.14	.05	.58	.10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.93		
King City.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	.40	T.	....	24	1.32	.32	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.07		
La Porte.....	Sacramento.....	....	....	....	....	.04	T.	....	19	....	.39	85	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	.59	.26	.02	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13.10	
Lemon Cove <sup>1/2</sup> .....	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.04	....	.04	.53	....	.60	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.02		
Lick Observatory.....	do.....	....	....	....	....	.22	....	.23	.86	....	.06	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4.29	
Lindsay.....	San Joaquin.....	....	....	....	....	.04	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3.90
Lone Pine.....	Owens.....	....	....	....	....	.05	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2.80
LOS ANGELES***	Coast.....	....	....	....	....	.43	....	1.12	.01	....	....	1.86	.68	.40	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6.21	
McCloud.....	Sacramento.....	....	....	....	....	.20	....	.24	.88	....	.42	.61	.85	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	T.	.29	.43	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9.52	
Madelaine.....	Mountain Lakes.....	....	....	....	....	.20	....	.06	.60	T.	....	.50	.40	.20	.10	....	....	....																		

\* Precipitation measured in the morning; amount then recorded is for the preceding 24 hours. \* Precipitation included in the next following measurement. † Separate dates of fall not recorded. T. Trace, or less than .01 inch. Stations marked thus § are in Los Angeles or San Bernardino Counties.

## Daily Temperature for March, 1918.

Stations.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Mean.	
Bakersfield.....	72	72	72	77	75	66	61	56	62	63	69	68	65	66	70	72	84	80	80	78	80	72	72	73	73	74	74	73	74	79	84	72.1	
.....	Minimum.....	45	43	44	44	44	35	41	36	37	46	43	42	42	40	44	41	56	54	50	52	45	35	44	45	43	42	44	45	48	51	44.7	
Calexico.....	77	78	84	82	83	78	74	78	74	75	72	77	80	81	83	85	65	72	74	81	84	87	86	82	82	84	86	91	95	79.9			
.....	Maximum.....	42	40	43	48	56	54	57	55	40	44	54	56	49	45	48	48	45	44	45	43	42	45	45	44	45	43	42	44	45	49.5		
Chico.....	67	69	70	67	68	55	60	48	54	51	52	61	54	59	67	72	70	65	64	67	60	63	65	64	63	64	66	64	68	71	61	57	
.....	Minimum.....	37	37	40	44	30	26	45	38	39	49	41	45	36	31	35	36	39	50	44	39	41	44	43	46	54	50	37	38	41	45	48	40.9
Escondido.....	76	78	70	63	69	61	60	67	68	64	66	62	71	83	82	82	76	56	57	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	75	79	85	81	69.4	
.....	Minimum.....	37	37	36	40	46	52	53	39	34	40	58	55	41	38	40	45	45	48	51	48	41	52	54	53	54	53	43	43	46	46	45.8	
Eureka.....	59	55	50	48	45	51	45	50	56	53	58	50	57	56	58	65	65	55	52	53	58	53	58	53	59	55	55	59	55	54.9			
.....	Minimum.....	37	39	39	33	34	32	35	39	46	43	44	39	39	38	40	42	52	45	40	44	50	49	48	47	41	43	42	47	48	42.1		
Fresno.....	68	72	73	60	52	50	48	59	63	67	64	60	58	64	69	76	73	65	55	64	69	70	71	72	66	64	72	77	79	80	66.0		
.....	Minimum.....	44	45	49	43	42	41	40	39	40	47	52	45	40	38	43	49	56	52	47	47	53	46	46	48	50	45	51	54	55	46.9		
Independence.....	61	64	64	65	62	48	52	50	54	50	58	51	51	58	65	65	55	44	62	60	67	63	68	69	62	70	73	77	77	61.6			
Los Angeles.....	28	29	33	44	45	40	42	31	27	36	44	32	29	32	33	41	38	40	36	37	41	42	44	39	31	43	41	37	37	37.7			
.....	Maximum.....	72	78	69	63	58	58	54	58	69	57	60	59	64	71	81	82	79	64	59	61	63	63	65	74	80	88	76	67.2				
Merced.....	49	55	51	48	52	51	47	43	49	55	50	45	47	54	52	59	54	48	50	51	50	52	53	52	50	61	54	51	50	51.0			
.....	Minimum.....	68	70	70	60	54	46	46	57	63	66	63	58	58	62	68	74	56	57	63	66	65	71	71	63	63	69	74	78	77	64.5		
Mount Tamalpais.....	37	38	40	47	35	40	40	38	31	40	49	35	30	38	38	41	38	38	41	43	45	47	48	43	49	50	51	43	46	43.6			
.....	Maximum.....	58	63	52	44	41	41	40	43	43	45	45	45	51	63	66	56	46	56	50	51	56	49	52	49	53	62	66	70	69	52.1		
Oakland.....	45	51	38	32	30	32	32	33	38	36	40	35	35	38	48	52	42	41	38	43	45	42	47	37	36	46	54	60	61	41.6			
Orland.....	66	65	60	53	50	48	49	55	55	50	58	54	55	60	66	70	66	57	56	59	62	62	63	62	67	73	76	67	60.0				
.....	Maximum.....	45	48	45	44	37	41	42	39	40	46	47	40	42	45	52	56	51	46	48	49	50	55	52	43	45	50	53	49	46.6			
Pasro Robles.....	30	31	30	35	44	44	34	29	31	41	49	33	34	33	35	36	48	45	47	41	44	46	46	48	45	42	39	40	41	39.8			
Point Reyes.....	50	50	44	43	39	38	42	41	44	44	44	45	44	45	44	48	47	47	46	46	46	46	46	47	47	47	47	47	45.7				
Pomona.....	71	70	67	56	58	58	55	55	61	56	52	58	61	68	75	68	60	53	63	70	63	64	65	67	62	66	77	79	81	64.9			
.....	Minimum.....	45	46	48	42	31	26	45	37	39	43	42	46	35	32	36	47	50	50	47	37	42	46	47	55	52	37	42	45	49	50	43.2	
Porterville.....	73	73	74	63	57	60	54	57	57	74	69	59	59	66	73	78	70	60	55	63	72	70	68	73	78	82	81	68.1					
.....	Maximum.....	39	41	39	46	46	45	38	35	43	52	51	39	36	40	36	39	53	50	48	51	51	49	41	47	50	51	51	45.2				
Red Bluff.....	70	66	65	53	51	59	49	50	53	59	62	53	56	65	72	63	59	55	69	70	58	61	69	57	64	79	84	83	62.8				
Redlands.....	39	40	48	44	28	35	39	40	45	45	45	34	31	38	41	44	48	49	44	44	46	51	50	45	46	46	52	50	44	44.2			
Sacramento.....	75	77	73	63	58	55	58	56	71	61	64	58	66	75	80	81	77	70	51	56	66	68	74	73	68	80	83	81	69.2				
.....	Maximum.....	36	40	41	40	46	46	40	39	34	40	57	52	58	35	41	41	44	52	48	46	49	44	52	46	51	44	46	52	45.6			
Sacramento.....	67	69	65	56	54	49	48	55	61	50	59	57	63	70	67	66	56	69	60	65	67	67	68	70	78	80	77	62.8					
.....	Minimum.....	40	43	47	42	34	32	41	40	39	43	47	43	36	40	40	40	49	53	50	44	44	47	45	55	50	43	45	53	52	44.8		
San Bernardino.....	76	80	75	67	58	55	58	57	73	61	64	60	69	75	81	72	65	72	77	71	77	75	71	67	68	84	89	84	70.7				
.....	Maximum.....	33	35	37	41	48	50	50	38	33	35	40	52	40	37	46	42	44	41	46	46	46	50	53	51	43	45	48	45	46.1			
San Diego.....	68	73	67	63	62	60	62	60	62	61	63	58	66	74	75	80	73	64	61	62	63	62	61	60	66	68	66	65.3					
.....	Maximum.....	45	52	50	47	52	54	51	48	44	48	58	54	48	47	49	45	44	51	50	51	55	53	54	55	51	50	55	51.7				
San Francisco.....	67	68	57	56	55	55	54	54	60	52	59	56	59	63	71	69	66	58	62	64	65	62	65	68	72	76	76	62.3					
.....	Minimum.....	46	48	48	42	40	41	42	42	43	45	51	47	44	45	47	45	48	50	49	41	49	51	49	50	52	48	47	45.5				
San Jose.....	72	74	65	56	48	48	51	58	65	52	60	58	59	66	73	79	74	57	61	65	69	71	71	60	64	72	79	81	65.7				
.....	Minimum.....	36	40	44	38	41	35	35	45	52	42	38	35	37	42	58	52	48	40	45	43	53	50	52	45	41	46	44.0					
San Luis Obispo.....	75	73	64	63	59	58	60	63	60	60	68	60	70	70	82	75	57	61	60	61	67	72	74	63	66	67.0							
.....	Maximum.....	40	40	49	47	47	41	41	36	42	42	52	44	39	50	51	41	49	47	48	49	49	50	51	48	50	46	46.5					
Santa Barbara.....	74	74	65	58	52	52	55	58	62	53	53	58	60	64	70	75	75	58	62	60	61	61	64	63	70	73	66	64.9					
.....	Minimum.....	41	41	42	43	50	52	53	39	38	42	41	41	49	39	39	44	52	52	46	42	46	45	45	52	54	47	46.1					
Santa Rosa.....	69	61	55	55	60	54	56	56	70	52	60	65	60	65	65	71	60	57	63	66	62	63	65	55	57	72	76	78	63.6				
.....	Maximum.....	32	33	33	25	24	29	34	28	26	42	45	29	21	33	48	34	38															

## SNOWFALL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

On March 1, 1918, there was a foot or more of snow on the ground at intermediate elevations in the Sierra Nevada Mountains; at the crest there was 74 inches and there was a little as low down as the 3,500-foot level. In southern California there was a few inches of snow on some of the highest isolated peaks. These amounts were far less than is usual at that time of the year.

The precipitation in March occurred in two general periods, one in each half of the month. In the first half half of the month two storms passed over California, one on the 6th and 7th and the other from the 10th to the 12th, and the resulting precipitation fell in the form of snow in the elevated portions of the State, including the Coast Ranges. Several feet of snow was added to the amount on the ground at high elevations in the Sierra Nevada Mountains during these storms, and most of the snowfall for the month, and in some cases all of it, occurred in the first half of the month. Although during and immediately following these falls of snow the daily minimum temperatures were the lowest of the month, the daily maximum temperatures were comparatively high and the snow, with but few exceptions, remained in a soft and melting condition. In the latter half of the month though considerable precipitation occurred it was mostly in the form of rain except on the ridges and peaks, with alternating rain and snow on the slopes. The relatively high temperatures and intermittent rain of this period caused the snow to melt rapidly so that at the end of the month there was far less snow on the ground than there was in the middle of the month. The amounts of snowfall as compared with the normals varied greatly, being in some cases twice the normal and in others far below the normal. Taking the State as a whole, the total fall of snow in March was about normal.

At the end of the month there was no snow on the ground in California below the 4,500-foot level and above this level there was less snow than at the same time last year. Compared with a normal year the snow on the ground was deficient but not without precedent. At every station from which reports were received the snow was soft and melting and water was flowing plentifully in all streams.

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COMPARATIVE SNOWFALL DATA FOR MARCH.  
(Amount on the Ground.)

	FORDYCE DAM.			SUMMIT.			TAMARACK.		
	1st.	15th.	End of mo.	1st.	15th.	End of mo.	1st.	15th.	End of mo.
1907.....	98	119	154	104	191	262	101	210	348
1908.....	105	87	75	116	130	60	131	126	84
1909.....	131	116	126	201	196	191	256	255	253
1900.....	72	58	71	65	38	68	101	82	90
1911.....	128	154	124	222	276	138	448	440	338
1912.....	45	80	67	26	81	53	44	79	62
1913.....	80	72	82	52	42	50	115	103	107
1914.....	130	113	108	178	140	124	271	255	258
1915.....	133	117	100	182	153	119	185	161	143
1916.....	165	148	133	151	139	120	192	179	160
1917.....	114	114	110	128	143	114	132	153	125
1918.....	127	106	82	102	114	78	116	120	100

T. means trace.

## Snowfall Data. [In inches.]

WATERSHED, COUNTY, STATION.	Elevation, feet.	Total snow-fall.	Compr'd with normal.	Am't on ground 15th.	Am't on ground end mo.
<b>Klamath Watershed.</b>					
<i>Siskiyou County.</i>					
Yreka .....	2,625	2 .....	.....	0	0
<i>Trinity County.</i>					
Hayfork .....	2,300	T. ....	.....	0	0
Ruth .....	2,925	T. ....	.....	0	0
Weaverville .....	2,162	.....	.....	0	0
<b>Mountain Lakes.</b>					
<i>Modoc County.</i>					
Cedarville .....	4,675	12	- 2	1	0
Fort Bidwell .....	4,375	12	.....	.....	0
<i>Lassen County.</i>					
Eagle Lake .....	5,000	21	+ 6	19	0
Madeline .....	5,270	23	+13	8	0
<i>Nevada County.</i>					
Grass Valley .....	2,690	4	.....	0	0
Nevada City .....	2,850	4	- 5	0	0
North Bloomfield .....	3,214	.....	.....	.....	0
Truckee .....	5,817	65	+30	20	8
<i>Mono County.</i>					
Bridgeport .....	6,500	.....	.....	.....	0
<i>Placer County.</i>					
Gold Run .....	3,222	14	-11	0	0
Tahoe .....	6,230	80	.....	57	31
<i>Inyo County.</i>					
Bishop Creek .....	8,500	49	+22	42	24
Lone Pine .....	3,728	2	.....	0	0
Wells Meadow .....	5,280	.....	.....	.....	0
<b>Sacramento Watershed.</b>					
<i>Siskiyou County.</i>					
McCloud .....	3,270	15	- 1	4	0
Sisson .....	3,555	26	+ 4	0	0
<i>Modoc County.</i>					
Alturas .....	4,400	18	+13	3	0
<i>Shasta County.</i>					
Burney .....	3,300	8	+ 5	0	0
<i>Plumas County.</i>					
Bucks .....	5,515	68	- 1	104	60
Canon Dam .....	4,570	.....	.....	50	21
Chester .....	4,550	38	+12	27	10
Clover Valley .....	5,700	42	+28	41	12
La Porte .....	5,000	44	-17	47	18
Portola .....	4,832	34	.....	19	0
Quincy .....	3,400	22	+ 2	8	0
<i>Butte County.</i>					
De Sabla .....	2,500	11	- 2	0	0
Inskip .....	4,975	41	- 7	38	18
Stirling City .....	3,525	4	-18	0	0
West Branch .....	3,216	6	-12	0	0
<i>Yuba County.</i>					
Camptonville .....	3,500	10	- 5	0	0
<i>Sierra County.</i>					
Downieville .....	3,150	10	+ 1	0	0
Sierraville .....	5,000	48	+34	38	0
Table Rock .....	5,980	42	- 9	65	40
<i>Nevada County.</i>					
Deer Creek .....	3,700	22	-10	14	0
Fordyce Dam .....	6,500	127	+41	106	82
Lake Spaulding .....	4,600	86	+19	64	24
<i>Placer County.</i>					
Blue Canon .....	4,695	48	- 6	42	8
Emigrant Gap .....	5,230	68	+14	50	6
Summit .....	7,017	102	+55	114	78
<b>San Joaquin Watershed.</b>					
<i>Alpine County.</i>					
Tamarack .....	8,000	116	+20	120	100
<i>Tuolumne County.</i>					
Lake Eleanor .....	4,700	48	+12	16	T.
<i>Kern County.</i>					
Glenville .....	3,300	T.	- 4	0	0
<i>Mariposa County.</i>					
Yosemite .....	3,945	32	+12	.....	0
<i>Fresno County.</i>					
Camp Seven .....	6,980	58	.....	48	46
Cascada .....	4,900	22	.....	0	0
Hume .....	5,300	11	.....	3	0
Huntington Lake .....	6,950	72	.....	56	44
Stevenson Creek .....	4,250	.....	.....	.....	0
<i>Tulare County.</i>					
Hot Springs .....	3,300	2	- 2	0	0
Springville .....	4,000	11	- 3	.....	0
<b>Mountains of Southern California.</b>					
Bear Valley Dam .....	6,700	19	- 5	6	0
Cuyamaca .....	4,677	2	- 8	0	0
Julian .....	4,222	2	.....	0	0
Mount Wilson .....	5,704	10	.....	.....	0
Nellie .....	6,350	5	.....	0	0
Seven Oaks .....	5,000	9	- 1	0	0
Squirrel Inn .....	5,280	8	- 3	0	0