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The attached table is our initial release of a weekly crop ET update using current CIMIS weather conditions and in cooperation with the California Department of Water Resources. Also included is the additional calculated water required for different levels of irrigation efficiency / distribution uniformity and a running total for the year. We will be trying to get this out weekly and keep a running posting on my website. Let me know if this is helpful and how you think it could be improved.

WEEKLY SOIL MOISTURE LOSS IN INCHES												
(Estimated Crop Evapotranspiration or ETc)												
04/27/15 through 05/03/15												
Crops (Leafout Date)	#5 Shafter			#125 Arvin-Edison			#146 Belridge					
	Past Week of Water Use	Accum'd Seasonal Water Use	Next Week's Estimated ETc	Past Week of Water Use	Accum'd Seasonal Water Use	Next Week's Estimated ETc	Past Week of Water Use	Accum'd Seasonal Water Use	Next Week's Estimated ETc			
Almonds (2/25) *	1.66	10.81	1.58	1.85	10.92	1.63	1.71	11.22	1.63			
Pistachio (3/22) * **	1.00	2.96	1.07	1.12	2.98	1.12	1.03	3.05	1.12			
Citrus	1.23	10.25	1.11	1.37	10.50	1.16	1.26	10.65	1.16			
Grapes (3/10) (late season table, 75% cover)	0.72	2.96	0.85	0.82	2.98	0.85	0.75	3.06	0.85			
Winegrapes (3/10) (50% cover) *	1.07	3.60	1.06	1.20	3.61	1.06	1.09	3.71	1.06			
Alfalfa	1.71	14.25	1.55	1.90	14.60	1.60	1.77	14.84	1.60			
Cotton (4/6)	0.25	0.70	0.33	0.30	0.69	0.33	0.28	0.75	0.33			
Past 7 days precipitation (inches)	0.00			0.00			0.00					
Accumulated precipitation (inches)	1.54			2.09			0.40					
Accumulations started on February 10, 2015 or on the approximate leafout date for a specific orchard crop as indicated in parentheses. Criteria for beginning this report are based on the season's last significant rainfall event where the soil moisture profile is estimated to be near its highest level for the new season. * Estimates are for orchard floor conditions where vegetation is managed by some combination of strip applications of herbicides, frequent mowing or tillage, and by mid and late season shading and water stress. Weekly estimates of soil moisture loss can be as much as 25 percent higher in orchards where cover crops are planted and managed more intensively for maximum growth. * Winegrapes irrigated at 50% of ETc starting June 1 to end of September. ** Very vigorous, non-salt affected peak season pistachio Kc can be as high as 1.19 - resulting in about 8% greater water use than shown in these tables.												
PAST WEEKLY APPLIED WATER IN INCHES, ADJUSTED FOR EFFICIENCY <sup>1</sup>												
Crops	#5 Shafter				#125 Arvin-Edison				#146 Belridge			
	65%	75%	85%	95%	65%	75%	85%	95%	65%	75%	85%	95%
System Efficiency >>	65%	75%	85%	95%	65%	75%	85%	95%	65%	75%	85%	95%
Almonds (2/25)	2.6	2.2	2.0	1.7	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.9	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.8
Pistachio (3/22)	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1
Citrus	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.3	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.3
Grapes (3/10) (late season table, 75% cover)	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.8
Winegrapes (3/10) (50% cover)	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.1
Alfalfa	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.7	2.4	2.1	1.9
Cotton (4/6)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
<sup>1</sup> The amount of water required by a specific irrigation system to satisfy evapotranspiration. Typical ranges in irrigation system efficiency are: Drip, 80%-95%; Micro-sprinkler, 80%-90%; Sprinkler, 70%-85%; and Border-furrow, 50%-75%. For further information concerning all counties receiving this report, contact the Kern Co. Farm Advisor's office at (661) 868-6218.												

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