

# the Outlook

Four Tropical Cyclones are currently active in the eastern Pacific Ocean as Hurricane Hector looks to pass to the south of Hawaii. As Tropical Storm Kristy looks to drift out to sea of most concern is Hurricane John. John located 300 miles south of Cabo San Lucas has already absorbed a smaller system Ileana. This system is expected to reach Category 3 later today moving to the northwest at nine mph. While moving away from land, ample moisture will add to the showers and thunderstorms across Southwestern and Central Mexico. These regions have seen tremendous rains this summer, and near-term forecasts bring little relief.

In California, the strong high-pressure system continues this week with temperatures 5-15 degrees above average in many regions. The hot temperatures along with warm overnight temperatures continue to advance growth rates in the fields. Broccoli and cauliflower stands have felt the effects of the heat with lighter yields and quality. Berry supplies have also taken a hit with the tender overripe fruit difficult to pack and ship. Most crops have felt the effects of these warm temperatures to some degree as insect populations are on the rise in the fields. Lesser texture and shelf life of the tender spring mix and baby leaf items are expected for the near term. Longer range weather forecasts keep the warm pattern in place through August.

As always, future weather patterns will play a crucial role in supplies and quality going forward.

