

# California Drought Effects Whole US

## Agricultural Economy Of State Changes; Power Demand Soars As Water Level Drops

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**SAN FRANCISCO, March 24 (AP)—**The entire country may feel the effects of water and power shortages that beset California.

A critical emergency has been declared in the state and powers invoked to cope with the unprecedented situation.

Stemming from the twin shortages are:

Daylight saving time for the first time in California's peacetime history.

A power curtailment with authority to curtail or cut off use of electricity.

A peacetime "brown out" affecting homes, business and industry.

A mandatory 20 per cent basic reduction in the use of electricity applying to the home, the farm and the factory.

Huge mountain reservoirs that store water for irrigation and power hold but a fraction of their capacity. Some, which are small because of natural limitations but drain larger watersheds will spill over when mountain snows thaw. But the majority will not approach their capacity.

**Water Table Down**  
 Water tables in the rich agricultural valleys already low because of light precipitation in the 1946-47 season, are approaching dangerous levels in many areas. Some irrigation wells have gone dry. Some have drawn salt water. In others the water level is so low that the expense of pumping is almost prohibitive.

Millions of dollars already have been lost by farmers and livestock men. Fall-planted barley and wheat have been hard hit. Pastures dried up and livestock was marketed at under weights shipped from the state or fed on grain and hay brought in at big expense.

Lack of moisture is a two-edged sword in this state. This is because water is needed to irrigate farms and orchards and to make electric power. And the drier the year, the larger is the demand for power to pump water for irrigation.

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**OLYMPIA, March 24 (AP)—**The state supreme court "passed the buck" today.

It upheld a Walla Walla county superior court award of approximately \$3,000 damages to Claude R. Williams for injuries received when bucked from a horse on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. George Hofer.

Hofer contended Williams, 57, should have dismounted after the horse twice balked, put down his head, circled and then straightened up. By failing to dismount, Williams assumed the risk of subsequent events, Hofer said.

But the court said it was not qualified to say if two balks mean one buck.

"These are questions which a jury residing in a horse-raising country is presumably better prepared to determine than a tribunal whose daily tasks involve no greater physical hazards than the rotations of a swivel chair," the court said.

In February, when the full effects of the drought began to tell, agricultural use of electricity streaked skyward. Orchards that should have been soggy with moisture from the skies had to be irrigated. In the Santa Clara valley—known the world over for its apricots and prunes—power usage jumped 89.2 per cent, 89.2 per cent over a year ago.

In the San Joaquin valley, one of the world's richest and largest agricultural areas, the increase was 161.7 per cent.

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 California's agricultural economy, always of national importance because of the food it supplies, will be changed at least temporarily by the drought. Crops that can resist dryness will replace some requiring more water.

**Canneries in this state packed 69,552,851 cans of fruits and vegetables last year.** The frozen food industry turned out \$7,569,716 pounds.

Will the fruits and vegetables, and the power to can or freeze them, be available this year? The answer is doubtful.

The situation is not a sudden development. It has been creeping up on the state for more than a year.

The water shortage began with subnormal rainfall a year ago. It became critical this year when a dry January and February heralded the most severe winter drought in 70 years. Harshest hit were the central and northern areas.

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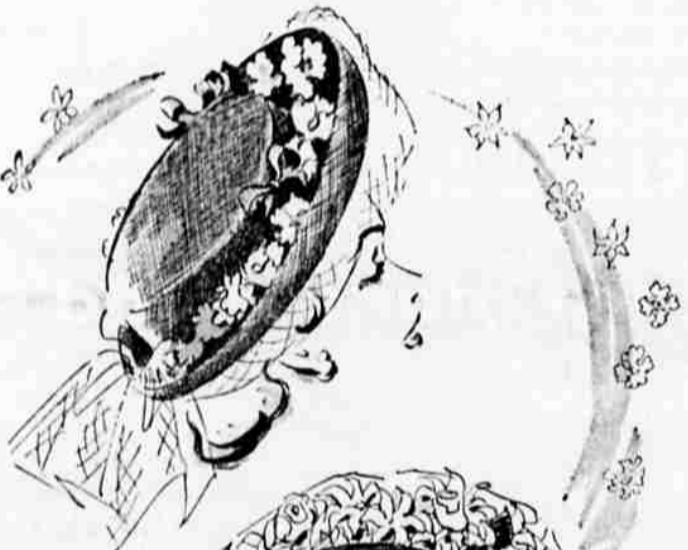


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