

# the Outlook

As we move into fall harvests, weather patterns continue to disrupt production in the various regions.

Over in the Eastern Pacific, we are monitoring a Tropical Disturbance near the southwest coast of Mexico. Environmental conditions are favorable for further development, and a Tropical Depression is expected to form in the next couple of days. This system is expected to slowly move to the northwest along the coast into early next week. Heavy rains and thunderstorms are expected across the southwestern states, moving north into west-central Mexico into early next week. Longer range forecasts bring a wetter pattern to these regions lasting into early October.

In the Salinas Valley, high pressure builds into the weekend ushering in an extended warming trend into early October. Above average temperatures and warm overnight temperatures (mid-50s) look to continue through the period. These temperatures will continue to advance growth rates and increase mold and mildew pressure in the fields already weeks ahead of schedule. Insect and pathogen pressure is also likely to increase impacting yields and quality of these fall crops.

Florida and the Southeast continue to recover from Hurricane Irma as Hurricane Maria thankfully looks to remain offshore and pose little threat to the region. Growers are busy assessing damage, re-planting and planting crops in the wake of Irma. With all the damage in the region, growers are finding it hard to find workers further delaying field preparation throughout the region. It will take some time for assessment to be completed with such a large area impacted. We will keep you up to date as we gather more information.

