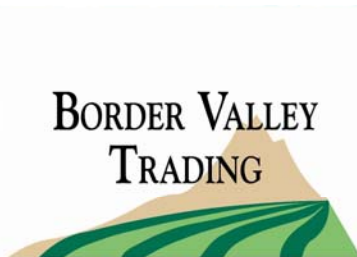


# Border Valley News

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Harvest of sudan in the Imperial Valley is getting busier now as farmers have started baling 1st cutting sudan that was planted after wheat, and have also started 2nd cutting on earlier planted sudan fields.



Quality of sudan harvested recently is showing a wide range in quality. Most of the sudan is producing standard and medium color, with very few stacks of low color sudan. Stem size of 1st cutting sudan is mostly premium and 1AP stem, and 1A and 1B stem for 2nd cutting. Some stacks of sudan are also showing some dead leaf, but in most cases there is little amount of dead leaf.

Most of the sudan fields will be plowed under after the current harvest, but some growers will

make one more cutting. Over the next 30 days, we expect to see good volume of sudan harvested.

Farmers in Northern California are starting to harvest sudan. Condition of sudan fields looks very nice, and we expect to see nice quality sudan from Central and Northern California this season.

Overall acres of sudan planted in Central and Northern California this season is less than last year. BVT has worked closely with sudan farmers and we will have good supply of sudan from the Central Valley. Due to the late



start of sudan harvest this season, most farmers have indicated they will only make one cutting. Demand is expected to be very strong from both the export and domestic markets. Shipments of new crop sudan will start in August.





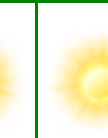
## PSW Harvest Progress

as of August 1, 2008






|                              | 1st Cutting |       | 2nd Cutting |       | 3rd Cutting |       | 4th Cutting |       | 5th Cutting |       |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                              | Cut         | Baled | Cut         | Baled | Cut         | Baled | Cut         | Baled | Cut         | Baled |
| <b>Imperial Valley</b>       |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |
| Alfalfa                      | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 90%   |
| Sudan                        | 70%         | 60%   | 20%         | 15%   |             |       |             |       |             |       |
| Klein                        | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 50%         | 40%   |             |       |             |       |
| Early Bermuda Hay            | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 25%         | 20%   |             |       |             |       |
| Bermuda Hay after seed       |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |
| Bermuda Straw                | 100%        | 90%   |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |
| <b>Central California</b>    |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |
| Southern San Joaquin Alfalfa | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 90%   |             |       |
| Northern San Joaquin Alfalfa | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 100%        | 100%  | 75%         | 65%   |             |       |
| Sudan                        | 15%         | 10%   |             |       |             |       |             |       |             |       |

## The Weather

### Imperial Valley

| AUG 1   | AUG 2   | AUG 3   | AUG 4   | AUG 5   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunny   | Sunny   | Sunny   | Isolated T-Storms   | Isolated T-Storms   |
| High: 44°<br>Low: 27°   | High: 44°<br>Low: 27°   | High: 42°<br>Low: 27°   | High: 40°<br>Low: 27°   | High: 40°<br>Low: 26°   |

### Modesto

| AUG 1   | AUG 2  | AUG 3   | AUG 4   | AUG 5   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunny   | Sunny  | Sunny   | Sunny   | Sunny   |
| High: 36°<br>Low: 18°   | High: 34°<br>Low: 17°  | High: 33°<br>Low: 17°   | High: 36°<br>Low: 18°   | High: 37°<br>Low: 19°   |