

Average Last (Spring) and First (Fall) Frost Dates in California Cities

From <http://www.victoryseeds.com/frost/ca.html>

City	Last Frost	First Frost
Auburn	4/13	11/14
Alturas	7/16	8/9
Bakersfield	3/3	11/20
Barstow	4/15	10/29
Berkeley	1/19	12/26
Bishop	5/25	9/26
Blythe	3/1	11/28
Boca	8/5	7/29
Burney	7/15	8/12
Chico	4/23	10/30
Death Valley	2/11	11/30
Eureka	3/14	11/15
Escondido	3/30	11/12
Fairfield	3/27	11/11
Fresno	4/1	11/7
Klamath	4/27	10/28
Livermore	4/27	11/3
Lodi	3/31	11/2
Lompoc	4/11	11/7
Long Beach	2/11	12/8
Los Angeles	2/11	12/8
Marysville	3/16	11/14
Mineral	7/14	8/7
Modesto	3/28	11/10
Monterey	2/11	12/11
Mt. Shasta	6/13	9/12
Napa	4/28	11/9
Needles	3/2	11/30
Nevada City	6/4	9/24

City	Last Frost	First Frost
Ojai	4/9	11/5
Orick	5/18	10/4
Orland	4/15	11/8
Oxnard	2/9	12/24
Palmdale	5/2	10/27
Palm Springs	3/6	11/18
Palo Alto	3/30	11/9
Pasadena	2/3	12/13
Paso Robles	4/18	10/7
Petaluma	4/25	11/5
Pismo Beach	3/11	12/1
Placerville	5/18	10/22
Pomona	4/1	11/16
Red Bluff	4/2	11/14
Redding	5/10	10/31
Sacramento	3/23	11/14
San Diego	3/30	11/12
San Francisco	1/24	12/8
San Luis Obispo	3/27	11/22
Santa Barbara	2/26	12/4
Santa Rosa	5/1	11/5
Tahoe City	6/30	8/22
Tulelake	7/6	8/14
Ukiah	4/29	10/25
Upland	4/14	11/21
Visalia	3/17	11/8
Willows	4/23	11/8
Yreka	5/31	9/25

Plant Hardiness Definitions

From <http://www.digitalseed.com/gardener/climate/hardiness.html>

Hardy. Not injured by light frosts and seed will germinate at rather low temperature. May be planted about two weeks to a month before the average date of the last killing frost in the spring.

Half-Hardy. May be planted about the time of the last killing frost. The seeds of this group will germinate at rather low temperatures, but the young plants are injured by frost.

Tender. Injured by the light frost and does not thrive at low temperatures even though frost does not occur. These should not be planted until all danger of frost is past.

Very Tender. Does not thrive until the soil has become warm and the seed will rot in the ground unless the soil is warm.