

The first significant storm series of the season has come and gone, and it was certainly an auspicious start to the 2011-2012 "rain" season. Rainfall totals weren't record breaking, but they were notable for early October. The series of frontal systems managed to impact the entire North & Central State (as well as much of Southern California). The only regions that "sort of" got short changed were the East Bay Area and Sacramento. The highlight of the storm series though had to be the hail storm in Chico on the evening of the 5th. There were reports of quarter-size hail which damaged some cars. There were certainly nickel size stones (yours truly has one in his freezer), and parts of town received 3-4 inches of hail. The radar image shown below shows the peak of the hail storm in Chico, the pink being the area of heaviest hail (Downtown Chico in the center of the image & WWG Office "in the pink!").

