

# TNT letters to the editor, 7/3/2021

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## Heat wave

Re: "Historic heat wave bakes West," (TNT, 6/16).

The record high temperatures suggest another bad year for wildfires, smoky skies and a tough year for farmers.

California produces two-thirds of our country's fruit and one third of our vegetables.

Iowa's drought is lowering projections of corn and soybean yields, while South America's corn production has also been impacted by below-normal rainfall.

China keeps importing more grain to feed its 400 million hogs (the world's biggest hog herd). We live in a global marketplace, so look for your cereals to cost more at the grocer.

The Great Salt Lake is at its lowest level in history. Lake Mead in Nevada is down to 36% capacity, the lowest since Hoover Dam was built in the 1930s.

Some 17 million juvenile salmon in California are being trucked from hatcheries to the sea as stream levels are too low and water too warm for young fish to survive.

Last year tied 2016 as the warmest in global history and 19 of our warmest years have occurred since 2000.

Contact your congressional representatives; federal action to mitigate the effects of climate change is long past due.

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