



# Lightning Fires Within CAL FIRE Jurisdiction



<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NUMBER OF FIRES</b>	<b>LIGHTNING CAUSED FIRES</b>	<b>ACRES BURNED</b>	<b>LIGHTNING CAUSED ACRES</b>
1984	7,830	549	103,670	7,730
1985	7,238	273	223,282	39,646
1986	7,149	243	53,631	1,847
*1987	8,063	733	86,945	34,488
1988	8,130	646	190,835	11,561
1989	6,635	266	73,601	1,861
1990	7,283	570	212,142	15,823
1991	6,238	319	23,154	1,228
1992	7,939	682	191,490	9,452
1993	6,988	151	122,606	334
1994	7,207	449	140,792	19,898
1995	6,601	165	121,687	4,519
1996	7,237	333	232,624	23,030
1997	6,835	251	57,795	1,002
1998	5,227	237	92,456	17,396
1999	7,562	455	258,534	69,719
2000	5,177	154	72,718	217
2001	6,223	341	90,985	1,496
2002	5,759	114	112,810	196
2003	5,961	522	404,328	77,689
2004	5,574	223	168,134	3,248
2005	4,908	165	74,004	1,701
2006	4,805	237	222,896	94,181
2007	3,610	126	434,667	1,028
2008	3,593	332	380,310	191,294

\*Typically, lightning causes less than 10 percent of the fires within CAL FIRES's jurisdiction. During the \*1987 California fire season a total of 13,476 fires occurred, burning 873,000 acres. Most of this was due to dry lightning which occurred between August 29 and September 11. The majority of the fires and acreage were located within U. S. Forest Service jurisdiction.

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