

## **Crop Progress and Condition**



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**ALASKA:** There were **3.7** days suitable for fieldwork last week, but many fields remained too wet to be worked. Temperatures for the week started below average for much of the state but warmed later in the week. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as a week to ten days behind normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 45% very short, 18% short, and 37% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 60% fair, 30% good, and 10% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 20% poor, 70% fair, and 10% good.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork. Progress of fieldwork** was reported more than a week behind normal. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 40% short and 60% adequate. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 20% poor, 60% fair, and 20% good. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 25% fair, 50% good, and 25% excellent. **Farm activities** for the week were slowed by wet soils but limited planting of small grains and fertilization of pasture was completed. Many producers were still waiting for fields to dry further.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of 2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork. Progress of fieldwork was reported as a week behind normal. Local hay supplies were reported as 100% very short. Condition of livestock was reported as 100% fair. Range and pasture condition was reported as 100% fair. Farm activities for the week included limited planting of small grains, managing livestock, fertilizing, and irrigation activities. Progress was being slowed by moisture levels in fields.

Kenai: An average of 3.0 days was suitable for fieldwork. Progress of fieldwork was reported as more than a week behind normal. Local hay supplies were reported as 100% adequate. Condition of livestock was reported as 100% good. Range and pasture condition was reported as 80% poor and 20% fair. Farm activities for the week included limited work of raised beds and waiting for fields to dry. Spring green-up started and favorable conditions should allow fieldwork to begin soon.

## Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley	0	0	90	10
Matanuska Valley	0	0	100	0
Kenai	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	0	40	60
Tanana Valley	0	0	0	100
Matanuska Valley	0	0	100	0
Kenai	0	0	70	30

Soil Temperatures (F º) at 4 inch depth

	Grass		Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation	
	2023	2021	2020	2023	2021	2020	High	Low	(inches)
Sawmill Creek	38 32	37 31	35 32	NA 33	NA 35	NA 44	66 65	25 30	0.0 0.0

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 1.43

NA – Not Available.

**Crop Progress -- Alaska** 

	Percent completed					
	This week	Last week	2021	5 year Average/1		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley planted	2	NA	11	19		
Oats planted	1	NA	4	20		
Potatoes planted	0	NA	0	6		

1/ Excludes 2022



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