



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as four days ahead of normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 5% very short, 10% short, 85% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% fair, 55% good, 35% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 90% fair, 10% good.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **7.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal/on schedule. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 100% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 20% fair, 40% good, 40% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 100% fair. **Farm activities:** Good progress was made on planting of small grains and fertilization of hay acreage last week. Pasture/range land were also fertilized and maintained through burning and/or mowing. Burning of stubble was also accomplished. Livestock are still being hayed while pasture and rangeland acres green up. Soil moisture has been drying out with conditions adequate for planting and fertilizing, but a good rain will be necessary soon.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as more than a week ahead of schedule. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 10% very short, 20% short, 70% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 65% good, 35% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 85% fair, 15% good. **Farm activities** for the week included planting small grains and commercial vegetables, managing livestock and pastures, preparing for spring planting and fertilizing hay fields. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up. Producers are waiting for warmer, dryer fields before beginning planting in earnest.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	30	60	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	50	50	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	5	65	30
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	15	85	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	25	75	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0

Soil Temperatures (F^o) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2019	2018	2017	2019	2018	2017	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	34	33	38	na	na	na	67	24	0.00
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	32	na	na	38	na	na	60	33	0.36

Pan evaporation ^{UAF} Matanuska Experiment Farm : 1.03

Pan evaporation is an indirect estimation of evapotranspiration or consumptive water use by plants. A positive reading indicates that evaporation exceed precipitation. na – not available.

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	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5 year average (percent)
Barley planted.....	50	0	0	23
Oats planted.....	20	0	0	18
Potatoes planted	5	0	0	4

na – not available

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