



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate. Temperatures last week were once again warmer than normal in the Mat Su Valley where conditions remained very dry. Temperatures were cooler than normal in the Interior and on the Kenai Peninsula. Precipitation was generally light in the Tanana Valley but little to no rain fell on the Kenai.

**TANANA VALLEY:** There was **4.0 day suitable for fieldwork** last week. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% moderate. **Farm activities** for the week: barley combining was underway, grass seed harvest continued, some second cutting hay was mowed and baled, summer fallow tillage continued, CRP mowing. Several frosts occurred around Delta Junction.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** There were **7.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting small grains and hay, weed control, summer fallow tillage, harvesting vegetables and potatoes, irrigation.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	5	30	60	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	90	10
Matanuska Valley.....	10	70	20	0
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	25	75	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	55	45	0

### Soil Temperatures (F°) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2019	2018	2017	2019	2018	2017	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	50	53	53	na	na	na	62	28	0.47
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	58	na	na	56	na	na	70	40	0.01

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 1.17

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.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5 year average (percent)
Barley ripe .....	80	40	36	41
Barley harvested.....	5	0	0	10
Oats ripe .....	35	10	0	18
Potatoes harvested.....	10	0	4	4
Hay harvested, second cutting .....	25	10	5	19

na – not available

## Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	25	60	15
Oats.....	0	5	10	55	30
Potatoes .....	0	0	5	65	30
Hay.....	0	0	30	55	15
Pasture.....	0	10	35	50	5

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