



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**ALASKA:** There were **0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week as most fields were too wet or cold to be worked. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 3 days behind normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 25% short, 75% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% poor 15% fair, 70% good, 10% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 50% poor, 35% fair, 15% good.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 5 days behind normal as there is still water in low spots and snow at the edges of some fields. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 20% short, 80% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% poor, 30% fair, 35% good, 25% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 100% poor. Hay and pasture fields had ample snow cover over the winter but have yet to start to green up. Other **farm activities** for the week included cleaning grain seed and preparing equipment. Lambing and calving were underway. Greenhouses have plants growing.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal but behind last year. There is still snow at the edges of some fields and there is standing water in some low spots. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 30% short, 70% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% fair, 80% good, 10% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 15% poor, 55% fair, 30% good. **Farm activities** for the week included managing livestock, preparing for spring planting. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures are beginning to green up. Most producers are still waiting for the ground to unthaw before beginning field work.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	60	40
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	70	30
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	0	70	30
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	85	15

### Soil Temperatures (F<sup>o</sup>) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	31	33	33	na	na	na	52	17	0.12
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	32	na	na	32	na	na	60	25	0

Pan evaporation<sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : April 29 - May 3 = 0.69

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	0	na	0	1
Oats planted.....	0	na	0	0

na – not available

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