



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **3 days suitable for fieldwork** last week as many fields remain too wet or cold to be worked. Temperatures remained above normal; many locations saw near record temperatures over the weekend. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 2 days behind normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 25% short, 75% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% poor 10% fair, 70% good, 15% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 50% poor, 30% fair, 20% good.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 5 days behind normal as many fields remain too cold or wet to work. **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. **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 **6 days was suitable for fieldwork** however many fields remain too cool or wet to work. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal but behind last year. There is still standing water in some low spots. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 30% short, 70% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% fair, 80% good, 15% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 10% poor, 40% fair, 50% good. **Farm activities** for the week included planting commercial vegetables, managing livestock, cleaning up fields, fertilizing, preparing for spring planting. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up.

KENAI PENINSULA: An average of **5 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as normal. Snow has melted off all areas. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 10% short, 90% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 10% fair, 90% good. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 100% fair. Weather is warming and grasses have initiated growth. Still no appreciable new grasses on pasture. Soils continue to dry out for planting of field crops.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	65	35
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	85	15
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	0	65	35
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	85	15
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0

Soil Temperatures (F^o) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	35	34	33	na	na	na	75	26	0
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	32	32	na	34	38	na	70	30	0.04

Pan evaporation ¹⁷ UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 1.44

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	<5%	0	36	14
Oats planted.....	<5%	0	14	11
Potatoes planted.....	0	0	4	2

na – not available

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