



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **7 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures remained above normal in most locations. Precipitation was generally lower than normal, although some areas received some welcome rain. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 15% poor, 50% fair, 35% good.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **7 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 20% poor, 70% fair, 10% good. Conditions improved as wet spots in fields dried out allowing for faster pace of field work. **Farm activities** for the week included seeding grain and spreading fertilizer, weed spraying, spreading manure.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **7 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 10% poor, 20% fair, 70% good. **Farm activities** for the week included planting commercial vegetables, seeding small grains, managing livestock, spreading fertilizer, field preparation. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up nicely due to light rains that fell last week.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	15	80	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	10	80	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	30	70	0
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	5	90	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	95	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0
Kenai Peninsula.....	0	0	100	0

Soil Temperatures (F⁰) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	37	42	38	na	na	na	75	24	0.00
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	34	39	na	43	47	na	67	40	0.05

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 0.96

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	80	10	92	88
Oats planted.....	50	5	100	84
Potatoes planted.....	40	<5	79	62

na – not available

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