



Crop Progress and Condition



National Agricultural Statistics Service

United States Department of Agriculture • Washington, DC 20250
 Northwest Regional Field Office • Olympia, WA 98507
 Alaska Field Office • 907-745-4272
 • www.nass.usda.gov/ak

For Week Ending: June 28, 2020

Released: June 29, 2020

ALASKA: There were **5.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures last week were generally below normal for most growing areas. Temperatures so far for the month of June were near normal for Fairbanks and Kenai, slightly above normal in Southcentral and slightly below normal for Delta Junction. Precipitation for the first four weeks of June was above normal in most of the major growing areas. **Rate of crop growth** was reported 60% moderate, 40% rapid. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork** due to rain early in the week. **Rate of crop growth** was reported 70% moderate, 30% rapid. **Farm activities** for the week included weed spraying in grain crops and summer fallow, cover crops being seeded, mowing of hay underway, fence construction and maintenance.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **6.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Rate of crop growth** was reported 40% moderate, 60% rapid. **Farm activities** for the week included cutting and baling hay, weed control, spreading fertilizer, harvesting sod, preparing for peony harvest, farm and fence maintenance.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	5	95	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	98	2
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	5	95	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	98	2
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	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	51	53	51	na	na	na	69	34	2.64
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	55	59	na	56	61	na	70	44	0.17

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 1.21

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley in-boot	30	0	36	26
Oats in-boot	20	0	25	16
Grass hay harvested	15	10	47	30
Potatoes emerged	100	85	99	93

na – not available

Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	10	50	40
Oats.....	0	0	15	60	25
Hay.....	0	0	15	65	20

Access to NASS Reports

For your convenience, you may access NASS reports and products the following ways:

- All reports are available electronically, at no cost, on the NASS website: <https://www.nass.usda.gov/>
- Both national and state specific report are available via a free e-mail subscription. To set-up this free subscription, visit <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Hover over the "Publications" drop down. Under "Receive reports by Email" section in the lower right corner, select the report(s) you would like to receive.

For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Agricultural Statistics Hotline at (800)727-9540, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.ET, or e-mail nass@usda.gov