



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **5.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the month of July were warmer than normal in Southcentral, near normal on the Kenai and cooler than normal for the Tanana Valley. Precipitation for the month of July was below normal for Delta Junction and the Kenai and above normal for Fairbanks and the Mat Su Valley. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 85% none, 5% light, 10% moderate. Rains have caused some lodging in barley and oats and made harvesting hay challenging. **Farm activities** for the week included spreading manure, summer fallow tillage, harvesting grass seed, fence construction and maintenance, spreading fertilizer for second cutting.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **6.5 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, summer fallow tillage, fertilizing for second cutting hay, weed control, harvesting vegetables and sod, farm maintenance. Farmers Markets and farm stands are in full swing.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	5	90	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	90	10
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	5	90	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	90	10
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	56	57	57	na	na	na	83	43	0.77
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	62	62	na	61	62	na	76	49	0.03

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.91

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley turning color	50	0	71	33
Oats in dough	50	0	78	65
Hay harvested, 1 st cutting	90	85	99	92
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting	5	0	0	2

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	10	60	30
Potatoes	0	0	10	50	40
Hay.....	0	0	15	65	20

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