



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **6.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first nine days of August were warmer than normal for that time of year in most of the major growing areas. Precipitation for August was below normal for the Kenai and the Mat-Su Valley but above normal for the Tanana Valley. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 0% light, 5% moderate. Rains continue to make hay harvest a challenge. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, spreading manure, summer fallow tillage, grass seed harvest, fence construction and maintenance. Regrowth for second cutting of hay is looking good and should start as soon as the weather allows.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **7.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, summer fallow tillage, weed control, harvesting vegetables and sod, farm maintenance.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	5	85	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	85	15
Matanuska Valley.....	0	20	80	0
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	5	85	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	85	15
Matanuska Valley.....	0	20	80	0

### Soil Temperatures (F °) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	57	56	55	na	na	na	75	36	0.58
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	61	64	na	59	63	na	74	45	0.16

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.85

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley turning color .....	60	50	87	56
Oats turning color .....	5	0	44	39
Hay harvested, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	95	90	99	96
Hay harvested, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	10	5	1	7

na – not available

## Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	0	0	15	50	35
Oats.....	0	0	10	55	35
Potatoes .....	0	0	5	55	40
Hay.....	0	0	20	55	25

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