



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **4.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first half August continued to be warmer than normal in most of the major growing areas with the exception of Delta Junction where temperatures were at normal levels. Precipitation so far for August was below normal for the Mat-Su Valley, near normal on the Kenai 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 **3.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 0% light, 5% moderate. **Farm activities** for the week included mowing hay from first and second cutting, mowing forage oats and mixed species cover crops, mowing CRP, fence construction and maintenance, preparing machinery and storage/handling equipment for grain harvest. No progress was made on baling hay due to wet conditions.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 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 and vegetables, mowing forage oats, summer fallow tillage, weed control, farm maintenance.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

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

### Soil Temperatures (F<sup>o</sup>) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	54	54	53	na	na	na	68	35	1.91
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	60	62	na	59	62	na	79	46	0.62

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.75

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley turning color .....	80	60	97	78
Oats turning color .....	5	0	79	61
Hay harvested, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	95	95	99	98
Hay harvested, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	20	10	8	13

### Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	15	50	35
Oats.....	0	0	10	55	35
Potatoes .....	0	0	5	55	40
Hay.....	0	0	20	60	20

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