



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **6.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first three weeks of August continued to be warmer than normal in most of the major growing areas. Precipitation so far for August was below normal for the Mat-Su Valley and Kenai but above normal for the Tanana Valley. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0 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 first and second cutting hay, harvesting grass seed, summer fallow tillage, fence construction and maintenance, preparing grain harvest.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0 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, irrigation, summer fallow tillage, weed control, preparing for grain and potato harvest, farm maintenance.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	10	90	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	30	70	0
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	10	90	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	20	80	0

### Soil Temperatures (F<sup>0</sup>) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	54	50	53	na	na	na	75	36	0.03
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	60	58	na	59	62	na	79	43	0.22

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.74

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5 year average (percent)
Barley turning color .....	90	80	100	85
Oats turning color .....	10	5	97	76
Potatoes harvested .....	<5	<5	7	4
Hay harvested, 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting .....	97	95	100	98
Hay harvested, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting .....	40	20	21	20

### 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	50	45
Hay.....	0	0	20	60	20

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