



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for August continued to be warmer than normal in most of the major growing areas. Precipitation 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 100% none. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay and annual forage crops, harvesting grass seed, preparing for grain harvest, fence construction and maintenance, weed spraying, spreading manure.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **5.5 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 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	5	95	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	5	95	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0

Soil Temperatures (F⁰) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	52	50	49	na	na	na	74	35	0.29
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	60	57	na	59	56	na	73	39	0.49

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.61

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5 year average (percent)
Barley ripe	15	0	90	74
Barley harvested.....	0	0	23	21
Oats turning color	90	10	100	86
Oats ripe.....	0	0	53	41
Potatoes harvested	<5	<5	24	11
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting	50	40	43	30

Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	0	0	20	50	30
Oats.....	0	0	10	55	35
Potatoes	0	0	5	55	40
Hay.....	0	0	20	65	15

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