



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **5.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first two weeks of September were slightly cooler than normal for the Mat-Su Valley and Fairbanks areas but near normal for the Kenai and Delta Junction. Precipitation so far for September was close to normal for the Mat-Su and Kenai can slightly above normal in the Tanana Valley. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 75% none, 10% light, 10% moderate, 5% severe. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 20% short, 80% adequate. **Pasture condition** was reported as 10% fair, 70% good, 20% excellent.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 60% none, 10% light, 20% moderate, 10% severe. Strong winds caused shattering of grain across some acreage. **Farm activities** for the week included combining grain, harvesting hay and annual forage crops, preparing for grain harvest and baling of straw, fence construction CRP maintenance, weed spraying. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 50% short, 50% adequate. Winter supplies of small square bales of hay are in short supply, while there are good supplies of high moisture baled hay.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **6.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 10% light. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 100% adequate. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, forage crops, potatoes and vegetables, 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	0	100	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	5	95	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	0	100	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	5	95	0

Soil Temperatures (F °) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	46	50	47	na	na	na	70	24	0.28
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	54	57	na	53	56	na	62	30	0.39

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.54

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested.....	10	0	92	66
Oats ripe.....	60	15	71	69
Oats harvested.....	0	0	40	19
Potatoes harvested	15	5	71	42
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting	75	65	67	59

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