



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first three weeks of September were slightly cooler than normal for the Kenai but slightly warmer than normal for the Mat-Su and Tanana Valleys. Precipitation so far for September was close to normal for the Mat-Su and Delta Junction areas and slightly above normal for the Kenai and Fairbanks area. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 85% none, 10% light, 5% moderate. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 20% short, 80% adequate. **Pasture condition** was reported as 10% fair, 80% good, 10% excellent.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **6.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 50% short, 50% adequate. **Farm activities** for the week included combining barley, baling straw, harvesting potatoes, fence construction. Oats, wheat and peas are yet to be combined.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 80% none, 10% light, 10% moderate after high winds last week. **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 harvest, farm maintenance. Good progress was made on the potato harvest.

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 (F⁰) at 4 inch depth

| | Grass | | | Fallow | | | Air Temperature | | Precipitation (inches) |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | High | Low | |
| Sawmill Creek | 45 | 45 | 46 | na | na | na | 62 | 22 | trace |
| UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm..... | 51 | 55 | na | 51 | 54 | na | 61 | 30 | 0.43 |

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.27

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

| | Percent completed | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | This week | Last week | Last year | 5 year average |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Barley harvested..... | 80 | 10 | 96 | 86 |
| Oats ripe..... | 75 | 60 | 89 | 81 |
| Oats harvested..... | 0 | 0 | 71 | 50 |
| Potatoes harvested | 55 | 15 | 82 | 66 |
| Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting | 80 | 75 | 74 | 71 |

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