



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **6.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures so far for September were slightly warmer than normal for the major growing areas. Precipitation for September was below normal for the Mat-Su and Kenai Peninsula and slightly above normal for the Tanana Valley. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 25% short, 75% adequate.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 0% light, 10% moderate. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 50% short, 50% adequate. **Farm activities** for the week included combining barley and oats, baling straw and high moisture hay, harvesting potatoes. There are still oats, wheat, peas and straw yet to be harvested.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **7.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Winter supplies of hay** was reported as 5% short, 95% adequate. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting small grains, hay, potatoes and vegetables, farm maintenance.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	5	85	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	5	95	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	5	85	10
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	10	90	0

Soil Temperatures (F°) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2020	2019	2018	2020	2019	2018	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	43	41	40	na	na	na	54	28	0.28
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	51	50	na	49	47	na	56	33	0.10

Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.17

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley harvested.....	90	80	98	99
Oats harvested.....	20	0	94	70
Potatoes harvested	95	55	92	88
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting	90	80	82	81

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