



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were 7 days suitable for fieldwork last week, but many fields remained too wet or cold to be worked. May temperatures were above normal for Fairbanks, near normal around Palmer and below normal for parts of Southcentral, Delta Junction and the Kenai. May precipitation was near normal for most of the major growing areas. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 4 days behind normal statewide. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 15% short, 80% adequate, 5% surplus. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% fair, 60% good, 35% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 5% poor, 50% fair, 45% good.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of 7 days was suitable for fieldwork. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as 4 days behind normal. Some fields remain too cold or wet to work. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 85% adequate, 15% surplus. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 50% good, 50% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 100% fair. **Farm activities** for the week were constrained by wet conditions in low areas and frost in some areas of fields. A limited amount of fertilization of hay fields occurred.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of 6.5 days was suitable for fieldwork however many fields remain too cool or wet to work. **Progress of fieldwork** was reported as four days behind normal. There is still standing water in some low spots. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 30% short, 70% adequate. **Condition of livestock** was reported as 5% fair, 65% good, 30% excellent. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 10% poor, 10% fair, 80% good. **Farm activities** for the week included planting commercial vegetables, managing livestock, cleaning up fields, fertilizing, setting up irrigation systems, preparing for spring planting. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	80	15
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	95	5
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	0	85	15
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	80	20
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	95	5

### Soil Temperatures (F°) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	34	35	34	na	na	na	65	22	0.08
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	32	32	32	32	34	38	61	33	0.03

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm : 0.88

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	0	0	0	9
Oats planted.....	0	0	0	7
Potatoes planted.....	0	0	0	2

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