

Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **6.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week, but some fields remain too wet or cold to be worked. Temperatures for May to date were above normal for Fairbanks and Palmer and below normal for parts of Kodiak, Delta Junction and the Kenai. May precipitation to date was above normal for Delta Junction and Kodiak but near normal for the rest of major growing areas. **Progress** of fieldwork was reported as three to four days behind normal statewide. Legal have supplies were reported as 15% short 80%

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TANANA VALLEY: An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork. Progress of fieldwork** was reported as slightly behind normal. **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 still constrained by fieldsconditions but planting of small grains was underway. Fertilization of hay fields occurred.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of 7.0 days was suitable for fieldwork, however some fields remain too cool or wet to work. Progress of fieldwork was reported as three days behind normal. Local hay supplies were reported as 35% short, 65% adequate. Condition of livestock was reported as 5% fair, 65% good, 30% excellent. Range and pasture condition was reported as 5% poor, 15% fair, 80% good. Farm activities for the week included planting commercial vegetables and small grains, managing livestock, fertilizing, irrigation activities. Local greenhouses are open for business. Hay fields and pastures continue to green up.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State	0	0	85	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 0) at 4 inch depth

	Grass		Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation	
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	(inches)
Sawmill Creek	37	35	36	na	na	na	66	27	0.80
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm	33	32	35	33	35	44	64	37	0.18

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.95

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed					
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley planted	15	0	9	35		
Oats planted	5	0	4	40		
Potatoes planted	<5%	0	4	14		

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