

## **Crop Progress and Condition**



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**ALASKA:** There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. 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, near normal for Fairbanks and slightly below normal for the rest of major growing areas. **Range and pasture condition** 

was reported as 55% fair, 40% good, 5% excellent.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork. Range and pasture condition** was reported as 100% fair. **Farm activities** for the week were seeding small grains, planting peas, fertilizing hay ground, preparing sprayers for weed management. Some fields still have areas of frost, causing wet areas that are still not workable.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0** days was suitable for fieldwork. Range and pasture condition was reported as 20% fair, 65% good and 15% excellent. Farm activities for the week included planting commercial vegetables, potatoes and small grains, fertilizing, irrigation. Local greenhouses and farmers markets are open for business.

## Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley	0	0	90	10
Matanuska Valley	0	5	95	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley	0	0	90	10
Matanuska Valley	0	0	100	0

Soil Temperatures (F º) at 4 inch depth

	Grass		Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation	
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	(inches)
Sawmill Creek	37	37	42	na	na	na	65	31	0.77
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm	37	34	39	43	43	47	64	33	trace
Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Expe	riment Fari	m: 1.10			•				

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed					
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley planted	60	15	70	81		
Oats planted	30	5	44	73		
Potatoes planted	50	<5%	35	47		

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