



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **3.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first three weeks of August were near normal for the Tanana Valley and Southcentral but were below normal for the Kenai and Kodiak. Precipitation so far for the month was below normal for Kodiak and Kenai, near normal for Delta Junction and above normal for Southcentral and Fairbanks. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 5% light, 5% moderate.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 10% moderate. **Farm activities** for the week included preparing for grain harvest, tillage, tedding hay, CRP mowing, general farm maintenance. Some high moisture hay was baled. Cool drizzly weather continues to limit field work.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **3.5 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting vegetables, weed control, farm maintenance, preparing for potato and grain harvest. Second cutting of hay was underway but was slowed by rain.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	95	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	10	90	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	20	80	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0

Soil Temperatures (F⁰) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	50	54	50	na	na	na	65	35	0.87
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	57	60	58	58	59	56	68	39	0.63

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.63

na – not available.

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley turning color	95	95	89	97
Oats turning color.....	95	90	9	71
Potatoes harvested.....	<5	0	0	4
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting.....	5	5	37	24

Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	20	55	25
Oats.....	0	0	0	75	25
Potatoes.....	0	0	0	55	45
Hay.....	0	0	20	70	10

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