



Crop Progress and Condition

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ALASKA: There were **2.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for the first four weeks of August were slightly below normal for most of the major growing areas in the state. Precipitation so far for the month was below normal for Kenai, but above normal for the Tanana Valley and Southcentral. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 85% none, 5% light, 10% moderate.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 80% none, 20% moderate. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting barley, preparing for grain/straw harvest, CRP maintenance, fence line maintenance, fence construction. Some hay was mowed at the end of the week, but cool drizzly weather continues to limit field work. Scattered frost occurred the morning of the 29th.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 10% light. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting vegetables, farm maintenance, preparing for potato and grain harvest. Second cutting of hay was underway but was slowed again by rain.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

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

Soil Temperatures (F °) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek	47	52	50	na	na	na	65	27	0.79
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	57	60	57	57	59	55	65	37	1.70

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.42

na – not available

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley ripe.....	60	0	13	67
Barley harvested.....	<5	0	0	18
Oats ripe.....	50	0	0	38
Potatoes harvested.....	5	<5	4	10
Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting.....	10	5	49	35

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	30	65	5

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