



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for August were slightly below normal for most of the major growing areas in the state. Temperatures for the first five days of September were generally above normal. Precipitation during August was below normal for Kenai and Kodiak, but above normal for the Tanana Valley and Southcentral. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 95% none, 5% light. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 15% fair, 75% good, 10% excellent.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 100% none. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting barley, baling straw, baling hay, general farm maintenance. Fieldwork was slowed by weekend rains.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0 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, cutting/baling second cutting hay, farm maintenance, preparing for harvest. Fieldwork was slowed by weekend rains.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

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

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

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	53	50	50	na	na	na	72	31	0.38
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	55	57	57	55	56	56	69	41	1.47

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.40

na – not available

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	Last year (percent)	5 year average (percent)
Barley harvested.....	20	<5	0	42
Oats ripe.....	80	50	13	57
Potatoes harvested.....	10	5	5	22
Hay harvested, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting.....	25	10	63	49

### Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	20	60	20
Oats.....	0	0	0	75	25
Potatoes.....	0	0	0	55	45
Hay.....	0	0	30	65	5

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