



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **4.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures so far for September were below normal for most of the major growing areas in the state. Temperatures last week were well below normal with temperatures dipping into the low twenties across the major growing areas. Precipitation during September was below normal for Kenai and the Tanana Valley, but above normal for parts of the Matanuska Valley. Many areas across the state received snow. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 40% none, 30% light, 15% moderate, 15% severe as snow slowed or stopped harvest of hay and straw. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 10% short, 90% adequate.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **3.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 50% light, 25% moderate, 25% severe as six to eight inches of snow fell in the Delta Junction area. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 100% adequate **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting small grains, potatoes and hay, cleaning feed yards, spreading manure, winterizing equipment, moving livestock from summer rangelands, general farm maintenance.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **4.5 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 90% none, 10% light. **Local hay supplies** were reported as 25% short, 75% adequate **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting potatoes and vegetables, cutting/baling hay, winterizing equipment, general farm maintenance.

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 | 100 | 0 |
| Subsoil Moisture – State | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Tanana Valley..... | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Matanuska Valley..... | 0 | 5 | 95 | 0 |

Soil Temperatures (F⁰) at 4 inch depth

| | Grass | | | Fallow | | | Air Temperature | | Precipitation (inches) |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|------|--------|------|------|-----------------|-----|---------------------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | High | Low | |
| Sawmill Creek | 39 | 43 | 41 | na | na | na | 50 | 16 | 0.70 |
| UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm..... | 49 | 51 | 50 | 45 | 49 | 47 | 58 | 24 | 0.44 |

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.27

na – not available

Crop Progress -- Alaska

| | Percent completed | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | This week (percent) | Last week (percent) | Last year (percent) | 5 year average (percent) |
| Barley harvested..... | 98 | 98 | 89 | 97 |
| Oats harvested..... | 80 | 60 | 17 | 70 |
| Potatoes harvested..... | 95 | 60 | 89 | 89 |
| Hay harvested, 2 nd cutting..... | 90 | 75 | 89 | 84 |

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