



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **3.2 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Wet weather was reported in the Matanuska and Tanana Valley this week. Temperatures in Palmer were above average in the beginning of the week but cooler later in the week. Both Fairbanks and Delta Junction had significant daily temperature variation from average. Homer had dry and cool conditions. Kenai had almost half an inch of moisture with cool temperatures.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. Some mild wind damage was reported. Grain combining and straw baling was slowed by frequent rains. Some mowing of second cutting is underway. Hay shortages are reported due to less favorable second cutting of hay. **Farm activities** for the week included CRP mowing, fence construction and general farm maintenance.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. Rain slowed field progress for much of the region. Several potato fields have been prepped for harvest, but rain is delaying harvest. **Farm activities** for the week included field preparation, farm maintenance, and preparing for harvest.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	60	40
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	0	100
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	20	50	30
Tanana Valley.....	0	40	60	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	25	75

### Soil Temperatures (F<sup>o</sup>) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2023	2021	2020	2023	2021	2020	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	50	48	46	NA	NA	NA	60	30	0.85
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	56	55	54	55	55	53	62	39	0.56

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.23

NA – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	2021 (percent)	5 year Average <sup>1/</sup> (percent)
Barley ripe.....	>95	90	99	94
Barley harvest.....	65	50	49	47
Oats ripe .....	>95	85	87	69
Oat Harvest.....	45	40	0	5
Potato harvest .....	20	5	14	28

<sup>1/</sup> excludes 2022

NA – not available.

**Crop Condition -- Alaska**

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes.....	0	5	15	75	5

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