



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **2.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Rain and wet conditions persisted for much of the state's major growing regions. Harvests in Delta Junction and Fairbanks were delayed by wet weather. Temperatures in the Tanana Valley were significantly below normal for the week. Temperatures in Homer and Kenai were below normal with rainfall recorded several days during the week. The Matanuska Valley received significant rainfall for the week with temperatures close to normal.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **2.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. Some moderate crop damage was reported. Some remaining grain crops were laid down by heavy rains early in the week. Rain and wet conditions significantly delayed crop harvest during the week, although some hay was cut late in the week in anticipation of drier weather. **Farm activities** for the week included spreading manure, brush mowing, moving cattle from summer rangeland to winter areas, and preparing for winter.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **3.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting vegetables, winterizing equipment, and general farm maintenance.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	40	60
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	70	30
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	25	75
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	0	65	35
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	100	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 .....	42	44	45	NA	NA	NA	54	24	0.88
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	51	53	51	50	52	51	56	31	0.40

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.28

NA – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	2021 (percent)	5 year Average <sup>1/</sup> (percent)
Barley harvest.....	90	90	98	95
Oat harvest.....	85	80	74	60
Potato harvest .....	65	55	85	83

<sup>1/</sup> excludes 2022

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