



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were **4.9 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Clear skies and crisp conditions prevailed for most of the growing regions of the state. Producers in the Tanana Valley were racing to harvest before forecasted snow arrived later in the week. Temperatures in the Tanana Valley were significantly below normal for the week with several areas' average temperatures almost 8 degrees below normal. Temperatures in Homer and Kenai were below normal with mostly dry conditions. The Matanuska Valley also had mostly dry conditions with average temperatures closer to normal.

TANANA VALLEY: An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. Clearer skies presented an opportunity to complete the harvest of barley, oats, canola, and field peas. Wet soil limited opportunities for baling straw, leading to expectations of lower supplies this winter. Forecasted snow for later in the week had producers working hard to get as much of their crops harvested as possible before the season ended. **Pasture condition** was 30% poor and 70% fair. **Farm activities** for the week included spreading manure, fall tillage, and preparing for winter.

MATANUSKA VALLEY: An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Farm activities** for the week included winterizing equipment and general farm maintenance.

Kenai: An average of **4.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. Wet and cool conditions for most of the year hampered growth and maturity of most crops. Wet conditions were not ideal for the potato harvest. **Pasture condition** was 50% fair and 50% good. **Farm activities** for the week included winterizing equipment and general farm maintenance.

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

Soil Temperatures (F^o) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2023	2021	2020	2023	2021	2020	High	Low	
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	48	49	51	46	49	47	56	26	T

Pan evaporation ^{1/} UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.28

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Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week (percent)	Last week (percent)	2021 (percent)	5 year Average ^{1/} (percent)
Barley harvest.....	>95	90	100	99
Oat harvest.....	>95	85	100	83
Potato harvest	>95	65	100	95

^{1/} excludes 2022

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