



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 18. Rain continued early in the week in **Matanuska Valley**. Drier conditions were present during the weekend, just in time for the opening weekend of the Alaska State Fair. Potatoes looked to be in good condition. Parts of the **Tanana Valley** remained dry again this week. Areas east of Delta Junction were very dry, while areas in the Tanana Loop received excess moisture. Activities in the Tanana Valley included continued grass seed harvest, start of second cutting of hay, preparing for grain harvest, and CRP and general farm maintenance.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	5	35	40	20
Tanana Valley.....	10	60	25	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Kenai.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	25	60	15
Tanana Valley.....	0	50	45	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	75	25
Kenai.....	0	0	80	20

Soil Temperatures (F^o) at 4-inch depth and weekly conditions

	August 18						Week ending August 18		
	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2024	2023	2021	2024	2023	2021	High	Low	
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	57	59	57	55	58	58	68	42	0.31
Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.93									

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	2023	5-year Average 1/
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oat ripe.....	77	7	36	9
Barley ripe.....	76	5	36	17

1/ Excludes 2022

Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	0	0	15	55	30
Oats.....	0	0	0	60	40
Potato.....	0	0	5	85	10
Hay.....	0	0	20	75	5

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