



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **5.5 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for May to date were above normal for Fairbanks and Palmer and below normal for Delta Junction and Kenai. May precipitation was above normal for Delta Junction and Kodiak, near normal for Fairbanks and Palmer and slightly below normal for Fairbanks. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 35% fair, 60% good, 5% excellent.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 50% fair, 50% good. **Farm activities** for the week included seeding small grains, fertilizing perennial grasses, weed spraying on grass hay and pasture. Some fields still have wet areas. Cattle are being put on pasture. Cool temperatures are slowing development of small grain crops.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Range and pasture condition** was reported as 20% fair, 65% good and 15% excellent. **Farm activities** for the week included planting commercial vegetables, potatoes, fertilizing, weed control, irrigation. Local greenhouses and farmers markets are open for business.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	95	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	0	95	5
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	95	5
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0

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

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	38	42	43	na	na	na	68	28	0.53
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	40	36	45	48	44	51	76	35	0.76

Pan evaporation <sup>1/</sup> UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 1.26

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley planted.....	90	60	93	98
Barley emerged .....	30	na	43	59
Oats planted.....	95	30	89	93
Oats emerged .....	45	na	34	55
Potatoes planted.....	70	50	74	80

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