



# Crop Progress and Condition



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**ALASKA:** There were **6.0 days suitable for fieldwork** last week. Temperatures for July were near normal for Southcentral and the Kenai and above normal for the Tanana Valley. Precipitation for the month was below normal for most of the major growing areas except for Fairbanks which was near normal. **Rate of crop growth** was 60% moderate, 40% rapid. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 100% none.

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **5.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Rate of crop growth** was 50% moderate, 50% rapid. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 100% none. **Farm activities** for the week included finishing up first cutting of hay, harvesting grass seed and baling grass seed straw, weed spraying of summer fallow and new grass hay stands, fence maintenance and construction, CRP maintenance.

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **7.0 days was suitable for fieldwork**. **Rate of crop growth** was 75% moderate, 25% rapid. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was reported as 100% none. **Farm activities** for the week included harvesting hay, vegetables and sod, weed control, irrigation, farm maintenance. Second cutting of hay was just underway.

### Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short (percent)	Short (percent)	Adequate (percent)	Surplus (percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	25	75	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	25	75	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	30	70	0
Subsoil Moisture – State .....	0	20	80	0
Tanana Valley.....	0	25	75	0
Matanuska Valley.....	0	15	85	0

### Soil Temperatures (F<sup>0</sup>) at 4 inch depth

	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	High	Low	
Sawmill Creek .....	57	56	57	na	na	na	81	40	0.19
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	60	62	62	60	61	62	73	45	0.02

Pan evaporation <sup>1</sup>/ UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.71

na – not available.

### Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley turning color.....	20	10	43	44
Oats in dough.....	90	40	43	61
Oats turning color.....	<5%	0	0	12
Grass hay harvested .....	97	95	89	92

### Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Barley.....	0	0	10	70	20
Oats.....	0	0	0	75	25
Potatoes.....	0	0	0	60	40
Hay.....	0	0	10	70	20

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