



Crop Progress and Condition



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ALASKA: There were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending September 8. Wet weather was present in the **Matanuska Valley** last week. Potato harvest was close to halfway complete. Wet weather slowed hay cutting in many areas. Growers in the **Tanana Valley** were struggling with excess moisture last week from scattered rain showers and lack of sunshine. Barley harvest continued, with some high moisture grain bagged for ensiling. Hay that had been cut was baled and wrapped at higher moisture. Final garden harvests were underway. Other activities in the Tanana Valley included brush mowing, and fence construction and maintenance.

Soil Moisture -- Alaska

	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture – State.....	0	0	30	70
Tanana Valley.....	0	0	50	50
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	0	100
Subsoil Moisture – State	0	15	70	15
Tanana Valley.....	0	25	50	25
Matanuska Valley.....	0	0	100	0

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

	September 1						Week ending September 1		
	Grass			Fallow			Air Temperature		Precipitation (inches)
	2024	2023	2021	2024	2023	2021	High	Low	
UAF - Matanuska Experiment Farm.....	56	56	55	54	55	55	64	46	.25
Pan evaporation UAF Matanuska Experiment Farm: 0.35									

Crop Progress -- Alaska

	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	2023	5-year Average 1/
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Oat ripe.....	>95	91	96	63
Oat harvested.....	<5	<5	44	12
Barley harvest.....	45	15	61	39
Second cutting of hay.....	56	50	50	49

1/ Excludes 2022 NA-Not available

Crop Condition -- Alaska

	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley.....	0	0	15	50	35
Oats.....	0	0	0	60	40
Potato.....	0	0	10	80	10
Hay.....	0	0	15	75	10

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