## ALASKA CROP-WEATHER

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GENERAL: There were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Topsoil and Subsoil moisture supplies were both reported as 10% short, 90% adequate. Barley and oats were reported as 100% in the pre-boot stage. Condition of the barley crop was reported as 10% fair, 40% good, 50% excellent. Condition of the oat crop was reported as 10% fair, 60% good, 30% excellent. Potato planting was listed as 98% complete, 15% emerged. Condition of the hay crop was reported as 5% poor, 10% fair, 55% good, 30% excellent. Crop growth was rated as 20% slow, 50% moderate, 30% rapid. Wind and rain damage to crops was listed as 95% none, 5% moderate. The main farm activities for the week were planting small grains, hay and potatoes, spraying weeds, irrigating and equipment repair.

CROP WEATHER SUMMARY June 4 – June 10, 2007								
DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK: 5.0								
CROP	TOPSOIL MOISTURE	SUBSOIL MOISTURE						
SHORT	10%	10%						
ADEQUATE	90%	90%						
SURPLUS	0%	0%						
PAN EVAPORATION FOR 06/04- 06/10 MAT AES SITE: +1.52								

**TANANA VALLEY:** An average of **4.0 days were suitable for fieldwork** last week as some needed rain fell in the Tanana Valley. **Topsoil moisture** supplies were reported as 95% adequate, 5% surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were reported as 100% adequate. **Barley** and **oats** were reported as 100% pre-boot stage. **Potato** planting was 98% complete, 5% emerged. Condition of the **hay** crop was reported as 5% poor, 5% fair, 50% good and 40% excellent. **Crop growth** was rated as 45% moderate, 55% rapid. **Wind and rain damage to crops** was listed as 100% none. **Farm activities** for the week included finishing up potato planting, spraying weeds, seeding pasture, hay and forage oats

**MATANUSKA VALLEY:** An average of **6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture** was reported as 30% short, 70% adequate. **Subsoil moisture** was reported as 20% short, 80% adequate. **Small grains** were 100% pre-boot. **Potatoes** were reported as 99% planted, 20% emerged. Condition of the **hay** crop was reported 25% fair, 60% good and 15% excellent. **Crop growth** was rated as 40% slow, 60% moderate. No **wind or rain damage to crops** was reported. Major **farm activities** during the week included planting potatoes, vegetables and small grains, spraying weeds, irrigation activities and tilling fields.

**KENAI PENINSULA:** An average of **5.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil and subsoil moistures** were both reported as 100% adequate. **Potatoes** were reported as 90% planted, 10% emerged. Condition of the **hay** crop was reported as 10% poor, 25% fair, 45% good and 20% excellent. **Crop growth** was rated as 100% slow. **Wind or rain damage to crops** was reported as 10% light, 80% moderate, 10% severe. Major **farm activities** for the week included planting/transplanting vegetables and getting equipment ready for harvest.

Soil Temperatures ( $F^0$ ) at 4 inch depth

	<u>Grass</u>			<u>F</u>	'allow lan	ı <u>d</u>	<u>Temperature</u>		Precip (inches)
	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005	High	Low	
<b>UAF-AFES, Trunk Road</b>	52	50	54	57	55	53	72	40	0.00
Sawmill Creek	44	45	46	na	na	na	80	29	1.16
<b>Plant Materials Center</b>	48	46	59	na	na	na	71	38	0.00

## PAN EVAPORATION

Pan evaporation is an indirect estimation of evapotranspiration or consumptive water use by plants. For purposes of watering or irrigation of plants, it is a good indicator of climatic effects on water use by crops. A positive reading indicates that evaporation exceeded precipitation.

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For the Period: Monday June 4, 2007 To: Sunday June 10, 2007

	LAST WEEK WEATHER SUMMARY			May 1, 07 - June 10, 07					GDD			
	TEMPERATURE PRECIPITATION			PRECIPITATION GDD BASE 50F					BASE			
												<b>40</b> F
STATION	ΗI	LO	AVG	DFN	TOTAL	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	DAYS	TOTAL	DFN	TOT
Fairbanks_Intl	81	45	59	+2	0.93	3	1.79	+0.79	9	192	+72	509
Fairbanks/Eiels	82	41	57	-1	1.41	3	2.52	+1.37	12	178	+65	478
Nenana_Muni_AM	80	41	57	+0	0.35	2	1.16	+0.57	7	149	+56	462
Ftgreely/Allen	77	41	57	+3	0.69	4	2.28	+0.87	11	149	+27	442
<pre>Healy_River_Air</pre>	75	46	60	+7	0.35	3	1.25	-0.11	17	177	+115	481
Gulkana_Arpt_A	75	33	52	+1	0.06	1	0.64	-0.38	12	31	-3	250
Sutton	70	32	51	+0	0.92	4	2.67	+1.45	27	23	-17	265
Palmer_Municipa	69	40	53	-1	0.00	0	0.45	-0.56	5	54	-19	387
Talkeetna	75	37	55	+3	0.12	3	0.77	-1.59	11	75	+22	385
Willow_Airport	68	43	56	+4	0.96	4	2.68	+1.78	25	116	+74	463
Anchorage_Intl	66	40	52	-2	0.00	0	0.62	-0.38	8	37	-23	331
Kenai_Municipal	72	41	54	+6	0.10	3	1.28	+0.03	13	58	+36	311
Homer	61	37	47	-2	0.35	5	0.67	-0.70	13	3	-14	177
Kodiak	51	36	44	-4	2.67	7	14.66	+6.41	31	0	-20	99

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