# Weekly Market Summary

Published by Missouri Department Of Agriculture Division of Market Information and Outreach

Lowell Mohler, Director Loyd Wilson, Division Director Mike Davis, Editor http://www.mda.mo.gov http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm

Bob Holden, Governor

Volume XXIII, Number 26 573-751-4211, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102 Friday June 27, 2003

Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

		,,,,,	Simugator riog Qu	0 *************************************		
Location	Туре	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Joseph	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	44.50-45.00 30.00-35.00	44.50-45.50 30.00-35.00	42.00-42.50 Scarce	39.50-40.00 Scarce	Closed
St. Paul	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	45.00-46.00 33.00-35.00	43.50-44.00 33.00-35.00	41.50-42.00 33.00-37.00	41.00-40.50 31.00-37.00	39.50-40.00 31.00-37.00

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 19,031, Week ago 26,353, Year ago 17,273 WEIGHTED AVERAGES Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. ST	EERS:	Fdr. HE	IFERS:	Hols. ST	EERS
363 lbs	110.68	371 lbs	96.05	352 lbs	81.13
454 lbs	103.14	461 lbs	94.58	458 lbs	75.77
554 lbs	97.56	551 lbs	89.01	562 lbs	69.42
648 lbs	91.60	641 lbs	85.51	658 lbs	68.43
751 lbs	86.06	726 lbs	82.32	758 lbs	66.04
843 lbs	83.49	852 lbs	80.09	842 lbs	65.04
919 lbs	81.46			914 lbs	62.03

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Mountain Grove and West Plains) Cattle

Receipts 7100 Week ago 6838 Year ago 7268

Compared to last week Steers and Heifers steady to 2.00 higher, yearling heifers 2.00-3.00 higher, Slaughter Cows 2.00-4.00 higher, and Bulls 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium an	d Large 1	Medium and	Large 1
weight	price	weight	price
350-400	114.00-115.00	350-500	86.50-96.50
400-500	98.00-108.00	500-600	82.00-89.50
500-550	95.00-104.00	600-700	80.50-87.25
550-600	92.00-95.00	860 lb pkg	79.75
600-700	85.00-92.50		
700-800	82.00-86.00		
		SLAUGHTE	ER COWS: Breaking
HOLSTEIN	IS: Large 3	and Boning	(70-85% lean)42.00-
300-400	Scarce	50.00 high d	ressing 46.00-51.00
400-500	75.00-77.50	· ·	
500-600	67.50-73.75	SLAUGHTE	ER BULLS: Yield Grade
600-700	64.00-67.75	1-2, 1200-21	50 52.00-60.00 high
700-800	64.25-66.00	dressing 58.5	50-65.00.
800-925	61.00-64.25	•	
			MENT COWS:
COW AND	<u>CALF PAIRS:</u> d Large 1-2, 4-7 vrs a	Medium and	Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs,
Medium an	d Large $1-\overline{2}$ , $4-7$ yrs a	and 1025-1450 ll	os 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> stage

a few ss, 950-1250 lbs with 100 to 635.00-750.00.

250 lb calves 720.00-800.00 per

pair.

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia) Cattle:

Receipts 1276, Week ago 1669, Year ago 1088 Compared to last week: Steers and Heifers steady, Slaughter cows and bulls steady-2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:		
Medium an	d Large 1	Medium ar	nd Large 1	
weight	price	weight	price	
300-400	105.00-114.50	300-400	Scarce	
400-500	97.00-109.00	400-500	88.00-95.50	
500-600	94.50-101.50	500-600	85.00-90.75	
600-700	86.00-99.00	600-700	82.00-86.50	
700-800	82.75-89.25	700-800	Scarce	
800-900	Scarce	800-900	Scarce	

#### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking & Boning (70-85%lean) 38.50-48.00. High dressing 45.25-53.75 Lean (85-90%) 34.00- 835.00 per head. 41.25

Medium and Large 1, 2 yrs-ss 835-1465 lbs 1st-3rd stage 600.00-

REPLACEMENT COWS:

## SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2; 1210-2070lbs 47.50-57.25, high dressing 58.25.

COW AND CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 5 yrs, 750-1125 lbs with baby-275 lb calves 600.00-770.00 per pair.

#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder	Cattle	Cows and Bulls	Dairy Cattle
Receipts	6684	1200	Lebanon
Week ago	7056	1100	576
Year ago	4763	800	6-24-03

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers and Heifers steady spots of 2.00 higher on weights over 700 lbs. Slaughter Cows and Slaughter Bulls steady

500-600 600-700 86.00-97.00 500-600 84.00 700-800 83.50-87.10 600-700 82.50	0.00-95.00 1.00-98.00 4.00-93.50 2.50-87.70 1.25-83.50
---	--

S.W. Mo. Continued)

HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3 Weight price 300-400 81.00 600-700 71.00 700-800 66.25-68.25 800-900 64.50-67.40

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4–6 yrs 2nd to 3rd stage, 1000-1300 lbs, 650.00-710.00 per head.

COW\CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2; 1025-1300 lbs ss to bm, with 150-250 lb calves 680.00-830.00.

#### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breakers & Boners (70-85% lean) 41.50-50.75, Lean (85-90% lean) 37.00-45.00.

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield grade 1-2, 1200-2135 lbs 50.00-59.50, high dressing 59.50-68.00.

#### **Dairy Cattle Sales**

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1325.00-1520.00, Approved 1000.00-1300.00. Open Heifers Approved 700-800 lbs 1005.00-1030.00, 600-700 lbs 830.00-970.00, 500-600 lbs ind. 940.00. Replacement Cows Springers Approved 1000.00-1250.00. Baby Calves Holstein heifers 300.00-400.00, Holstein bulls 45.00-115.00.

#### EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville, and Columbia)

<u>Cattle</u>

Receipts 2537, Week ago 3505, Year ago 2760

Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to firm, Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-4.00 higher.

FEEDER ST	EERS:
	Large 1& 1-2
weight	price
300-400	103.00-111.50
400-500	100.00-109.00
500-600	90.00-105.00
600-700	82.00-86.50
922 pot load	82.25

 FEEDER HEIFERS:

 Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

 weight
 price

 300-400
 94.00-103.00

 400-500
 87.00-96.00

 500-600
 80.00-94.00

 600-700
 80.00-90.50

 700-750
 81.00-82.00

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2000 lbs 49.00-55.25, high dressing 57.00-58.25.

<u>SLAUGHTER STEERS:</u> Choice 2-3 1075-1400 lbs, 73.75-75.00. SLAUGHTER COWS:

Lean, Breaking and Boning, (70-90 percent lean) 40.00-45.00, high dressing 46.00-50.00, low dressing 33.00-38.00

### **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Choice 2-3 950-1350 lbs, 72.00-73.50.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder (	Cattle:	Slaughter C	attle:
Receipts	187	Receipts	45
Week ago	2498	Week ago	98
Year ago	204	Year ago	135

Feeder Steers and Heifers no trend established, Slaughter cows 3.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter Steers 1.00 higher and Heifers not established.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2	
Medium and Large 1-2			. 0
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	100.00-108.00	300-400	99.00
400-500	Scarce	400-500	Scarce
500-600	Scarce	500-600	Scarce
600-700	84.50	600-700	Scarce
700-800	82.75	700-800	79.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 44.00-49.00, low dressing 41.25-44.00, high dressing 49.00-51.25.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1050-1200 lbs 73.00-74.90. <u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2250 lbs 51.75-56.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, Scarce

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 1936, week ago 2919, year ago 1364

Feeder Steers steady to 4.00 higher, Heifers steady to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER S		FEEDER H	EIFERS:
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
weight	price	weight	price
340-380	106.00-120.00	300-400	99.00-105.00
400-500	102.00-109.75	400-500	89.25-98.50
500-600	93.50-101.00	500-600	85.50-92.00
600-700	87.00-97.00	600-700	81.00-87.50
700-750	86.00-92.10	706 lot	83.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-859)

Breaking and Boning(70-85% lean) none reported.

COW\CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, none reported.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2 none reported.

<u>REPLACEMENT COWS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2, none reported.

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 647 Week ago 1272, Year ago 817

Compared to last week Feeder Steers and Heifers 2.00 to 3.00 lower, except heifers under 400 lbs 2.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER I	HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1-2		Medium ar	nd Large 1-2
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	95.00-104.50	300-400	86.75-96.00
400-500	90.50-100.00	400-500	78.50-87.50
500-575	84.00-92.00	500-600	72.50-83.00
600-700	80.00-87.50	600-700	71.50-80.00
725-800	73.50-77.50	700-750	68.50-73.75
800-875	72.00-74.50		

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 39.00-43.50, high dressing 44.50-50.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Y.G. 1-2, 1250-2160lbs 45.25-51.50, high dressing 51.25-53.25. REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 890-1240 lbs, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd stage, 505.00-605.00 per head.

COW AND CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 5 yrs, 935-1355 lbs. 150-200 lb calves 670.00-755.00 per pair.

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 850, Week ago 1800; Year ago 900 Trade active mid-week, live sales none reported and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 1.00 lower,

STEERS:	STEERS AND HEIFERS:
Live sales: 50% Choice 1150-	Carcass sales: 80% Choice 1100-
1250 lbs no sales	1300 lbs few 118.00
HEIFERS:	GRADE AND WEIGHT: (Grid)
Live sales: 50% Choice 1050-	Choice 550-950 lbs 121.00-122.00
1150 lbs no sales	Select 550-950 lbs 106.00-112.00

#### INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8,259, Week ago 11,835; Year ago 14,381 Weekly Top: Tuesday 62.00

BARROWS AND GILTS: 4.00 to 7.00 lower Base Carcass 55.00 SOWS: steady to 2.50 higher 300-500 lbs 24.00-29.00 over 500 lbs 30.00-34.50

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 6572 [FOB 4072, Delivered 2500]

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady. feeder pigs steady, demand

and supply moderate. (Prices per head)

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights FOB the farm

3377 head 10 lbs. 22.00-33.00 weighted average 28.73

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights

Delivered to IA

1275 head 10 lbs 25.00-30.00 weighted average 28.16

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes: FOB the farm 25 cent slide

695 head 40-50 lbs 42.14 to 43.50 weighted average 43.0 lbs at 42.55

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:

Delivered

1225 head 45-50 lbs 47.00 to 50.43 weighted average 48.26 lbs at 49.24

	WEEKLY LIVE	STOCK SLAUGHTI	ER
	CATTLE	<u>HOGS</u>	SHEEP
Week to date	753,000	1,786,000	53,000
Last Week	750,000	1,795,000	54,000
Last Year	748,000	1,843,000	55,000
2003 Yr to dt	17,360,000	47,562,000	1,398,000
2002 Yr to dt	17,264,000	47,785,000	1,544,000

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: This week 53,000 Week ago 54,000 Year ago 55,000

Slaughter Lambs no trend Slaughter Ewes steady-7.00 lower Feeder Lambs 5.00-8.00 lower

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3, 23.00-28.00 Cull 1, 18.00-23.00 (per cwt.)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Ch & Pr 90-150 lbs; Wooled 88.00-92.00.

<u>FEEDER LAMBS:</u> 50-70 lbs 85.00-92.00, 70-90 lbs 80.00-85.00 (per cwt.)

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY

Rains fell over most of the state bringing hay balers a temporary stop. In the past couple weeks a tremendous amount of hay has been harvested in the state. Most second cutting Alfalfa is done in the southern part of the state and some have even taken an early second cutting of some grass and clover hay as well. As predicted many producers are running out of places to put hay, and buyers for beef cattle hay are generally still not showing a lot of interest to get hay early. Dairies and horse farmers are still buying a little hay, but they too are bulking at most asking prices. Hay prices this week were steady, supply is moderate to heavy, and demand is light. Prices per ton unless specified). Supreme quality alfalfa 110.00-160.00. Premium quality alfalfa 80.00-110.00. Prairie hay 65.00-85.00, Good quality brome hay 80.00-115.00. Good quality large round bales mixed grass hay 15.00-25.00, Good red clover hay 60.00-80.00. Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-25.00 per bale. Wheat hay 50.00-60.00. Wheat straw 1.50-2.25 per small square. Wheat straw large rounds picked up in field 20.00 per bale.

#### MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Prices on large .01 higher, medium steady, small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .47-.51, Medium .33-.35, Small .12-.16.

### Missouri Regional Fescue Seed Report

Many areas quite possibility had harvest cut short last night. Some areas In central and north of I-70 received strong winds and heavy rain, which can be disaster to a crop that becomes as sensitive as fescue right before harvest. Total extent of damage will not be known for a couple of days. This could not have come at a worse time as conditions were just becoming right, moisture content in the southwest was being measured in the high teens from standing crop. The southwest part of the state had been harvesting since right after last weeks report with more trucks arriving each day. Central and southeast had also begun. Most of the northeast and northwest areas were still waiting for less moisture. Prices this week remained steady in all areas of the state. (Dry: Moisture 12-14%-Wet: Moisture greater than 14%) (Prices per lb.)Prices: .18 wet, .20 Dry

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans july .02 higher others .04 to .11 lower, Wheat .14 to .16 lower, Corn .08 to .09 lower, Soybean meal 1.10 to 4.60 higher, KC wheat may steady, others .06 to .07 lower, (all price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Soybeans Jul Aug Sep Nov Jan	630 1/4	635 3/4	642 3/4	628 1/4	631 1/2
	628 1/2	632	638 1/2	623 3/4	624 1/2
	597 1/4	599 3/4	605 3/4	590 1/2	592 1/2
	563 3/4	566	572 1/4	556 1/4	558 1/4
	564 1/2	568	573 3/4	557 1/4	558 3/4
Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar May	307	302 1/4	301	298 1/2	295 1/4
	313 1/4	309 1/4	308 1/2	306 1/2	304 1/4
	324 1/2	319 1/2	319	316 3/4	313 1/2
	330 1/2	324 3/4	324 1/4	323	320 1/2
	328	322 1/2	332	320	318
Corn Jul Sep Dec Mar May	239 1/2	239 1/4	238 3/4	233	233 1/2
	235 1/2	234 1/2	234 3/4	228	229 3/4
	236 1/2	235	235 1/4	228 1/4	230
	242 3/4	241	241 1/4	234 1/4	236 1/2
	246 3/4	245 1/2	245 1/2	239	241 1/2
KC Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar May	304 1/4	300 1/2	302 1/4	302 1/4	300 1/4
	310 1/4	307 1/4	308	308	307
	320 1/2	318 1/4	319	319 1/4	318 1/4
	329	326	328 1/4	329 1/2	326 1/2
	327	326	328	330 1/4	330 1/4
SB Meal Jul Aug Sep Oct Dec	190.60	194.90	1975	194.30	195.00
	189.60	193.40	195.30	191.50	193.60
	183.20	185.30	187.80	184.80	186.60
	169.80	170.80	173.50	170.10	170.40
	168.80	169.10	171.70	168.50	168.60

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.17 to 2.82higher, Lean Hogs nearbys .12 to 1.63 lower, distants .07 to .32 higher, Pork Bellies july .50 lower others .48 to 2.45 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.45 to 1.60 higher.

#### Daily Live Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Cattle Jun Jul Aug Sep Dec	72.40	72.50	73.50	73.90	73.47
	70.40	69.62	71.10	71.65	72.17
	68.47	68.22	69.45	69.52	69.92
	69.20	68.95	69.80	70.15	70.25
	69.57	69.35	70.35	70.50	70.80
Lean Hogs Jul Aug Oct Dec Feb	64.82	65.07	64.72	64.37	64.67
	65.15	65.27	65.62	65.02	65.55
	56.85	57.15	57.05	59.90	57.92
	54.45	54.65	54.75	54.37	55.32
	57.50	57.62	57.75	57.90	58.50
Prk Bel Jul Aug Feb Mar May	93.52 91.65 80.30 80.70 83.00	92.72 90.85 79.75 80.70	92.25 90.70 79.85 80.70 85.75	93.12 90.92 80.55 80.75 83.97	94.42 92.70 83.25 82.50 83.90
Fdr. Cat. Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	85.40	85.17	85.92	86.02	86.32
	85.87	85.75	86.57	86.67	86.80
	86.00	85.85	86.65	86.72	86.90
	86.07	85.92	86.70	86.80	86.95
	84.10	83.90	84.62	84.80	85.00

WEEKLY MARKET SUMMARY (USPS 597250) To be published weekly by the Missouri Department of Agriculture 1616 Missouri Boulevard Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 Postmaster: Send address changes to: Missouri Department of Agriculture PO Box 630 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Periodicals Postage paid at Jefferson City, Missouri

## Toll Free Market News Hotline 1-866-704-7574

\*\*\* Due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday next weeks summary will not be printed until Monday July 7th

June 27, 2003

#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .02 lower to .05 higher Wheat .01 to .17 lower Corn .09 to .11 lower Grain Sorghum .08 to .14 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft	#2 Corn	#2 Grain
		Wheat		Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	6.45	2.90-2.95	2.42	3.93
Tuesday	6.52	2.86-2.91	2.41	4.00
Wednesday	6.59	2.87-2.92	2.41	4.00
Thursday	6.44	2.87-2.92	2.35	3.98
Friday	6.48	2.91	2.36	3.91
St. Louis				
Monday	6.44	3.07-3.11	2.56-2.57	4.20
Tuesday	6.48-6.53	3.05-3.08	2.54-2.58	4.20
Wednesday	6.53-6.60	3.05-3.08	2.53-2.58	4.18
Thursday	6.38-6.44	3.01-3.05	2.47-2.50	4.07
Friday	6.39-6.47	2.99-3.00	2.47-2.50	4.11
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	6.03-6.28	2.82	2.31-2.35	3.84
Tuesday	6.05-6.34	2.77	2.30-2.34	3.82
Wednesday	6.31-6.41	2.76	2.30-2.34	3.82
Thursday	6.15-6.26	2.74	2.24-2.28	3.71
Friday	6.18-6.30	2.70-2.75	2.25-2.29	3.73
<u>S.E. Mo.</u>				
Monday	6.37-6.41	3.03-3.11	2.48-2.50	3.91-4.11
Tuesday	6.45-6.47	3.00-3.06	2.48-2.50	3.98-4.25
Wednesday	6.51-6.54	2.99-3.06	2.40-2.50	3.98-4.11
Thursday	6.35-6.39	2.96-3.03	2.41-2.44	3.86-4.14
Friday	6.41-6.42	3.95-3.00	2.41-2.44	3.89-4.16

(PRIČES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT) \* NEW CROP

The Weekly Market Summary is available to anyone for an \$18.00 annual subscription fee. To subscribe, send your check or money order to: Weekly Market Summary, Missouri Department of Agriculture, PO Box 630, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102

Northeast Missouri Delivered Saw Logs *								
Doyle Scale		cttnwd	per log	sft mpl	per log	sycmr	per log	
	Length	DIB***	avg.	avg.	avg.	avg.	avg.	avg.
	ft.	in.	\$/MBF	\$/MBF	\$/MBF	\$/MBF	\$/MBF	\$/MBF
grade saw	10	12	163.50	6.54	236.67	9.47	165.75	6.63
logs****	10	16	174.37	15.69	394.44	35.50	196.21	17.66
	10	20	193.51	30.96	400.00	64.00	219.65	35.14
	8	16	168.80	12.15	383.33	27.60	165.20	11.89
below grade logs								
Ties	13	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
blocking	8	12	176.16	5.64	172.24	5.51	169.20	5.41
pallet	8	12	160.00	5.12	168.21	5.38	169.40	5.42

<sup>\*</sup>This is a <u>delivered</u> log report. It <u>does not</u> represent or imply prices paid for standing timber on your land. Values of standing timber can vary significantly from delivered due to the following: proximity to solid roads and saw mills, size of offering and proximity to other offerings, land terrain, prevailing conditions, quality, size, density, and species of timber.

#### **Definitions:**

\*\* **DIB** = diameter inside bark at small end

\*\*\* MBF = 1,000 board feet

\*\*\*\* Weighted Average = value of logs at the weighted average board foot price figured at Doyle Scale

Logs = The prices in this report are for logs that are classified as U.S. Foresty grade one logs and more specifically described by the DIB and length in the report, as well as by:. three sides clear • both ends solid • determined to be sound and of good quality by buyer Buyers use many criteria to determine the soundness and quality of a log, including, but not limited to: ring size, frost cracks, sweep, stain, back thickness,scars, crook, and color. To realize the most from the sale of timer, it is recommended to seek the advice of a professional forester. For more information call 1-800-328-1165.