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## Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

Location	Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Joseph	B & G Bulk & Top	34.00-35.00	37.50-38.00	40.50-41.00	39.50-40.00	Closed
	Sows - Range	28.00-33.00	29.00-33.00	29.00-33.00	30.00	
St. Paul	B & G Bulk & Top	37.00-37.50	39.00-39.50	40.00-41.00	40.50-42.00	40.50-41.00
	Sows - Range	29.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	30.00-33.00	31.00-34.00

## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 30,037, Week ago N/A, Year ago 26,647  
WEIGHTED AVERAGES  
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
356 lbs	123.07	361 lbs	108.27	361 lbs	87.68
455 lbs	111.95	450 lbs	102.85	472 lbs	79.21
542 lbs	107.60	544 lbs	98.79	549 lbs	80.52
646 lbs	104.39	651 lbs	96.73	646 lbs	79.33
740 lbs	100.13	748 lbs	92.08	750 lbs	76.73
836 lbs	98.68	829 lbs	90.08	939 lbs	73.91
955 lbs	88.89				

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Mountain Grove and West Plains)  
Cattle  
Receipts 7150 Week ago 3316 Year ago 5100

Compared to last week Steers 2.00 to 7.00 higher, some 10.00 higher, Holsteins 2.00 to 5.00 higher, Heifers 2.00 to 5.00 higher, Slaughter Cows firm to 2.00 higher, and Bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	113.00-135.00	350-400	100.00-112.00
400-500	106.00-119.00	400-500	94.00-106.00
500-600	97.00-112.00	500-600	92.50-101.00
600-700	96.00-108.00	600-700	94.00-99.00
700-750	98.00-103.50		

HOLSTEINS: Large 3

300-350	88.00-92.25
400-500	77.00-83.00
500-600	73.50-80.00
600-700	74.00-79.75
745-785	72.50-78.75

COW AND CALF PAIRS:  
Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs, 985-1300 lbs with baby to 450 lb calves 740.00-900.00 per pair

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 42.00-50.50 high dressing 47.00-55.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1230-2125 52.00-61.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:  
Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 1090-1400 lbs, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> stage, 600.00-720.00 per head.

## WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville, Sedalia)  
Cattle:

Receipts 3293, Week ago 1884, Year ago 4158  
Compared to last week: Steers and Heifers 2.00 to 5.00 higher, instances over 600 lbs 9.00 higher, Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-5.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1& 1-2		Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	110.00-129.00	300-400	103.00-117.00
400-500	105.00-122.00	400-500	98.00-112.00
500-600	100.00-109.00	500-600	90.00-101.00
600-700	95.00-104.00	600-700	88.00-98.00
700-800	95.75-106.25	700-800	87.00-99.75
800-900	94.00-105.00	800-860	86.00-96.50

SLAUGHTER COWS:  
Breaking & Boning (70-85%lean) 45.00-53.00. High dressing 52.00-61.25 Lean (85-90%) 38.00-46.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:  
Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7yrs 850-1435 lbs 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stage 700.00-875.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:  
Yield Grade 1-2; 1245-2210lbs 52.00-64.00.

COW AND CALF PAIRS:  
Medium and Large 1-2, scarce.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle	Cows and Bulls	Dairy Cattle
Receipts 9367	1350	Springfield
Week ago 729	1000	1827
Year ago 6971	1025	09-12-2003

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers and Heifers 3.00-7.00 higher, spots of as much as 10.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady to 3.00 higher.

STEERS:

Medium and Large 1	
weight	price
300-400	106.50-131.00
400-500	104.50-114.00
500-600	98.00-108.00
600-700	96.00-106.25
700-800	95.00-102.75
800-900	90.00-98.00

HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1	
weight	price
300-400	104.00-109.50
400-500	98.00-106.00
500-600	96.50-102.00
600-700	94.00-99.50
700-800	88.00-96.00
800-900	84.00-89.00

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**HOLSTEINS:**

Large Frame 3	
Weight	price
200-300	93.00
300-400	86.50
500-600	79.00-84.00
600-700	Scarce
700-800	Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to ss, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, 850-1350 lbs, 600.00-825.00 per head.

**COW\CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1, 1000-1250 lbs, 2 yrs to ss, with 100 to 350 lb calves 700.00-975.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers & Boners (70-85% lean) 47.00-54.50, Lean (85-90% lean) 39.00-44.50.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield grade 1-2, 1185-1965 lbs 55.00-59.50, high dressing 64.00-68.00.

**Dairy Cattle Sales**

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1490.00-1740.00, Approved 1200.00-1480.00, Replacement Cows: Approved 1050.00-1090.00, Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 950.00-1095.00, 600-700 lbs 850.00-1070.00, 500-600 lbs 800.00-950.00, 400-500 lbs 670.00-890.00, 300-400 lbs 600.00-790.00.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 3916, week ago 2747, year ago 2448

Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 4.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	110.00-121.00
400-500	105.00-120.00
500-600	103.50-116.00
600-700	101.50-107.75
700-800	97.00-101.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	102.00-112.00
400-500	97.00-108.50
500-600	96.00-106.50
600-700	93.00-103.25
700-850	84.00-91.00

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-51.00, high dressing 52.00-54.75.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-1900 lbs 56.00-63.55.

**COW\CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1, Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium 1, Scarce

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

**Cattle**

Receipts 3742, Week ago 5247 Year ago 2404.

Feeder Steers and Heifers firm to 2.00 higher, Slaughter cows firm to 2.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
350-400	118.00-125.00
400-500	105.00-117.00
500-600	100.00-115.00
600-700	95.00-112.50
700-800	94.00-103.00
800-875	88.00-95.75

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	100.50-113.50
400-500	97.00-107.00
500-600	93.00-106.00
600-700	90.00-99.00
700-775	92.50-95.50

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2050 lbs 52.00-58.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Lean, Breaking and Boning, (70-90 percent lean) 40.00-50.00, high dressing 50.00-57.00, low dressing 34.00-44.00

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

Choice 2-3 84.75-89.25.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Choice 2-3 84.75-89.25.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

**Feeder Cattle:**

Receipts 1013  
Week ago 5197  
Year ago 823

**Slaughter Cattle:**

Receipts 195  
Week ago 122  
Year ago 219

Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter Steers and Heifers 2.50-3.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	116.00-132.00
400-500	104.50-121.00
500-600	104.25-107.75
600-700	100.50-105.80
700-800	97.25-99.50
800-900	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	109.00-124.00
400-500	103.25-109.00
500-600	95.00-100.00
600-700	95.80-97.00
700-800	Scarce
800-900	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 46.00-54.75.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2 1300-2050 lbs 55.00-62.25.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

Choice 2-3, 1050-1400 lbs 86.50-89.75

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Choice 2-3, 1000-1350 lbs 84.50-86.80.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1888 Week ago 393, Year ago 1636

Compared to last week Feeder Steers and Heifers 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 3.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	105.00-114.00
400-500	99.00-111.00
500-600	95.00-106.50
600-700	85.00-96.50
700-800	82.00-94.00
800-900	scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	92.50-104.00
400-500	89.00-99.00
500-600	87.50-95.00
600-700	87.50-93.00
700-800	scarce

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 41.00-50.50, high dressing 51.50-55.75.

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 865-1380 lbs, 2 nd and 3rd stage, 595.00-690.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Y.G. 1-2, 1385-2250lbs 45.25-56.50, high dressing 55.00-58.00.

**COW AND CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 845-1435 lbs, 125-250 lb calves, 750.00-920.00 per pair.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1200, Week ago 800; Year ago 1400

Trade moderate to active, live sales 5.00 higher, dressed sales on the grid 7.00-9.00 higher.

**STEERS:**

Live sales: 40-60% Choice 1200-1300 lbs 88.00-89.00

**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: No Sales

**HEIFERS:**

Live sales: No Sales

**GRADE AND WEIGHT: (Grid)**

Choice 550-950 lbs 145.00-149.00  
Select 550-950 lbs 130.00-134.00

**INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS**

Weekly Receipts 9,877 Week ago 9,144; Year ago 9,906

Weekly Top: Friday 54.00

**BARROWS AND GILTS:**

8.00 to 10.00 higher  
Base Carcass 52.00-54.00

**SOWS:**

steady to 1.00 higher  
300-500 lbs 25.00-29.00  
over 500 lbs 30.00-33.00

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

Receipts: 12,015 [FOB 5617, Delivered 6398]  
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 2.00 higher, feeder pigs 1.00 lower to 2.00 higher, light demand and supply moderate. (per head)

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
FOB the farm 66.8% formulated sales  
5014 head 10 lbs. 19.00-33.00 weighted average 25.87

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
Delivered 66.7% formulated sales  
4950 head 10 lbs 23.00-33.38 weighted average 31.18

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:  
FOB the farm 31% formulated sales  
603 head 40-50 lbs 23.40-30.00, weighted average 43.7 lbs at 25.86

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:  
Delivered 25 cent slide 30% formulated sales  
1448 head 45-50 lbs 29.00-47.00, weighted average 46.6 lbs at 32.82

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Week to date	747,000	1,962,000	59,000
Last Week	641,000	1,746,000	49,000
Last Year	674,000	2,044,000	62,000
2003 Yr to dt	25,187,000	67,563,000	1,965,000
2002 Yr to dt	24,879,000	68,055,000	2,150,000

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts:  
This week 59,000  
Week ago 49,000  
Year ago 62,000

Slaughter Lambs 1.00 higher  
Slaughter Ewes 2.00 higher  
Feeder Lambs steady

SLAUGHTER EWES:  
Utility and Good 1-3, 25.00-30.00  
Cull 1, 20.00-25.00 (per cwt.)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Ch & Pr  
110-120 lbs; 82.00-84.00, 120-140  
lbs 84.00-85.00.

FEEDER LAMBS:  
50-70 lbs 90.00-100.00, 70-90  
lbs 85.00-90.00 (per cwt.)

**MISSOURI WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY**

Well seems mother nature is going to allow us to harvest a pretty good last cutting of Alfalfa in most of the state; or at least she is letting it grow if only weather will allow for baling. Straw is starting to move down the road a bit better as landscapers are getting fall work and many retailers are getting ready for fall yard decorating. Hay movement is really quite slow in the state, a lot of farmers are still feeding some hay but relying on the hay they baled early and not ready to replenish their supply yet, even as most sellers are taking much below normal prices for the top quality hay. Everyone is still more than ready to welcome more forecasted rain for the upcoming weekend, with hopes it will add some water to creeks and ponds before winter. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available, to be listed or for a directory call 1-800-877-HAY(4429) (All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered price) Unless specified prices per ton and reflect delivered price. Supreme quality alfalfa 110.00-140.00. Premium quality alfalfa 80.00-110.00. Prairie hay 65.00-85.00. Good quality brome hay 60.00-100.00. Good quality timothy hay 3.00-3.50 per small square. Good large round bales mixed grass hay 15.00-25.00. Good red clover hay 50.00-75.00. Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 per bale. Wheat straw 1.50-2.50 per small square.

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Prices on large steady, medium .01 higher, small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .59-.63, Medium .38-.40, Small .20-.24.

**WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES  
(DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)**

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	226.50	171.50	207.50	76.50
St. Louis	222.50	162.50	215.00	69.50
Memphis	230.80	150.00	----	78.00
Decatur	227.00	----	----	----

Weekly Average Prices as of Sep 09, 2003

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .26 to .40 higher, Wheat .01 to .08 lower, Corn .09 to .15 lower, Soybean meal nearby 3.80 to 6.40 higher, others .90-1.50 lower, KC wheat steady to .06 lower. (all price trends approximate ranges).

**Daily Grain Futures Closes**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Soybeans					
Sep	605 1/4	615 1/2	616 1/2	637 1/2	648
Nov	590	598 1/2	596 1/2	615 3/4	623
Jan	592 1/4	599 3/4	599	616 3/4	624 1/2
Mar	590 1/4	595 1/4	594 3/4	610 3/4	617 1/2
May	581 1/2	587 1/2	585 1/4	599	604 1/2
Wheat					
Sep	348 1/2	347	345	340	338 1/2
Dec	361 3/4	358 1/2	356 3/4	351 3/4	351 1/2
Mar	371 1/2	369	367 1/4	361 1/2	361 1/2
May	357 1/4	354 1/2	346 3/4	351 1/4	351 1/4
Jul	333	330 1/4	330 3/4	328 1/2	328 3/4
Corn					
Sep	233	234 1/4	235	227 1/2	227
Dec	240 1/4	242 3/4	242 1/4	233	228
Mar	246 3/4	249	249 1/4	240 1/2	235 3/4
May	250 1/4	252 1/4	252	244	239 1/2
Jul	252	254	254	246 1/2	242
KC Wheat					
Sep	346 1/2	344 1/2	345	340 1/2	342
Dec	359	356 3/4	357 1/4	351 3/4	351
Mar	365 1/2	365 3/4	365 1/2	361	358
May	353	353	353	349 1/2	349
Jul	353	334	332 3/4	331 1/2	331
SB Meal					
Sep	205.80	205.80	205.60	206.00	211.50
Oct	187.20	189.20	187.90	192.20	191.40
Dec	185.20	188.10	186.60	190.40	190.10
Jan	184.60	187.60	186.40	190.00	188.70
Mar	183.80	186.90	185.30	188.20	185.70

**WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .10 to 3.23 higher, Lean Hogs nearby .08 to .60 higher, others 1.03 to 1.15 lower Pork Bellies .77 to 2.20 higher, Feeder Cattle nearby .82 to 3.35 higher, others .22 to 1.00 lower.

**Daily Live Futures Closes**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Cattle					
Sep	87.85	89.25	89.50	90.65	89.70
Oct	86.32	87.02	86.80	88.07	86.57
Dec	84.15	84.07	84.07	85.20	83.80
Feb	81.97	81.85	81.70	82.92	81.55
Apr	79.55	79.42	79.27	79.97	78.82
Lean Hogs					
Oct	58.82	58.55	59.22	60.37	58.40
Dec	57.47	57.17	58.35	59.05	57.17
Feb	58.52	58.20	58.52	59.42	58.20
Apr	60.32	59.90	59.85	60.25	59.12
May	63.50	63.15	63.20	63.45	62.70
Prk Bel					
Feb	90.15	87.72	88.97	90.20	87.15
Mar	89.15	88.50	88.90	89.85	86.15
May	89.60	89.60	89.60	89.60	87.40
Jul	92.40	92.40	92.40	93.60	89.40
Aug	86.00	-----	-----	92.50	87.95
Fdr. Cat.					
Sep	98.37	98.80	99.00	100.37	100.50
Oct	96.60	96.42	96.27	97.77	96.60
Nov	95.37	95.27	94.92	96.35	94.97
Jan	91.25	91.02	90.32	91.35	89.85
Mar	88.90	88.77	87.70	88.50	87.00

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .17 to .40 higher  
 Wheat .06 to .13 lower  
 Corn .12 to .19 lower  
 Grain Sorghum .27 to .30 lower

**Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids**

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.35	3.52-3.54	2.28-2.30	4.29
Tuesday	6.44	3.50-3.52	2.31-2.33	4.34
Wednesday	6.42	3.51-3.53	2.30-2.32	4.32
Thursday	6.59-6.61	3.45-3.47	2.21-2.23	4.16
Friday	6.68	3.44-3.46	2.16-2.18	4.07
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.99-6.13	3.43-3.52	2.40-2.41	4.50
Tuesday	6.08-6.19	3.39-3.45	2.43	4.50
Wednesday	6.04-6.24	3.45-3.46	2.43	4.46
Thursday	6.22-6.25	3.36-3.38	2.31-2.33	4.35
Friday	6.30-6.39	3.32-3.37	2.25-2.29	4.23
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.93-6.10	3.30-3.32	2.12-2.15	3.66
Tuesday	6.02-6.19	3.29-3.30	2.18-2.21	3.71
Wednesday	6.00-6.17	3.28-3.29	2.18-2.21	3.70
Thursday	6.16-6.31	3.22-3.23	2.09-2.12	3.53
Friday	6.13-6.23	3.22-3.23	2.04-2.07	3.44
<u>S.E. Mo.</u>				
Monday	5.92-5.98	3.44-3.52	2.32-2.40	4.41-4.50
Tuesday	6.01-6.06	3.40-3.48	2.34-2.40	4.46-4.55
Wednesday	5.98-6.04	3.35-3.48	2.32-2.37	4.44-4.53
Thursday	6.16-6.20	3.29-3.42	2.22-2.29	4.28-4.37
Friday	6.22-6.27	3.27-3.41	2.16-2.27	4.19-4.28

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**Weekly Crop Report**

Pastures and late soybeans are showing some improvement since the general rains of a week ago. The topsoil moisture supply was reported as 10 percent very short, 23 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus, with the northwest district indicated as the driest area at 90 percent short or very short. The most excess moisture was reported in the north-central and southeast districts with ratings of 13 percent surplus. An average of 4.8 days were suitable for fieldwork. Ninety-two percent of the corn has reached the dent stage and 67 percent is mature, with maturity averaging 2 days ahead of the 5-year average of 64 percent. Development ranges from 71 percent dented and 42 percent mature in the northeast district to 100 percent dented and 96 percent or more mature in the southwest and southeast. Corn condition is rated at 28 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 17 percent good and 4 percent excellent, similar to a week earlier. Fifteen percent of the corn has been harvested, 4 days behind last year and normal. Harvesting is most advanced in the southwest at 37 percent complete, followed by the west-central at 32 percent and southeast at 29 percent. Corn harvesting in the southeast would normally be well ahead of the rest of the State but wet weather and muddy fields have delayed progress. Ninety-five percent of the soybeans are setting pods or beyond, 24 percent are turning color and 8 percent are dropping leaves. The improved moisture supply and cooler weather have slowed the coloring process to 3 days behind average but many reporters indicated the pod-filling process will benefit from the additional moisture. Condition of the crop is rated as 24 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 15 percent good and 4 percent excellent, a minor gain from a week earlier. Sixty-nine percent of the sorghum is turning color and 20 percent is mature, 6 days behind last year and 9 days behind the average of 85 percent turning color. Condition of the crop is rated as 10 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 25 percent good and 5 percent excellent, with several areas showing a slight improvement from a week ago. The third cutting of alfalfa is 86 percent complete, a few days behind last year and normal. Pasture growth is in the recovery process following the weekend rain of a week ago. Condition ratings averaged 34 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 9 percent good and 1 percent excellent, with most areas showing significant improvement from a week ago. The northwest district still shows the lowest ratings at 25 percent poor and 70 percent very poor.