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## Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

Location	Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Joseph	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	36.00-36.50 29.00-34.00	36.00-36.50 Scarce	35.50-36.00 28.00-33.00	35.50-36.00 28.00-33.00	Closed
St. Paul	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	38.00-38.50 29.00-34.00	36.00-36.50 29.00-34.00	35.50-36.00 30.00-34.00	37.00-37.50 30.00-34.00	36.50-37.00 30.00-34.00

## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 36,300, Week ago 27,084, Year ago 33,298  
WEIGHTED AVERAGES  
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
362 lbs	126.89	367 lbs	111.68	365 lbs	86.50
451 lbs	125.93	457 lbs	104.76	446 lbs	86.50
542 lbs	108.50	543 lbs	100.72	540 lbs	84.50
648 lbs	110.89	650 lbs	101.03	638 lbs	83.20
750 lbs	113.18	736 lbs	103.27	734 lbs	76.38
826 lbs	111.57	839 lbs	92.67		
933 lbs	107.30				

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Mountain Grove and West Plains)

Cattle

Receipts 7200 Week ago 6763 Year ago 6625

Compared to last week Steers under 500 lbs and heifers under 450 lbs 3.00-10.00 higher, heavier weights steady to 6.00 higher, Holsteins firm to 3.00 higher, Slaughter Cows 2.00 to 5.00 higher, and Bulls 2.00-8.00 higher.

### STEERS:

Medium and Large 1	weight	price
300-400		110.00-132.00
400-500		110.00-128.00
500-600		100.00-113.00
600-700		100.00-112.00
700-830		98.00-106.50

### HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1	weight	price
300-400		100.00-114.00
400-500		97.00-112.00
500-600		94.50-103.50
600-700		93.50-101.00
700-800		92.75-98.00

### HOLSTEINS: Large 3

350-400	80.00-91.00
400-500	80.00-91.00
500-600	84.00-88.75
600-700	79.00-86.75
700-800	75.00-80.50
800-900	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 43.00-53.50 high dressing 48.00-57.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1100-2150 50.00-60.00, high dressing 62.00-67.00.

### COW AND CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 yrs to ss 930-1250 lbs with 100-250 lbs calves 800.00-1010.00 per pair.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 1100-1400 lbs, 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, 740.00-850.00 per head.

## WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville, Sedalia)

Cattle:

Receipts 3180, Week ago 2543, Year ago 2470

Compared to last week Steers and Heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cow and Bulls 2.00-6.00 higher.

### FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	weight	price
300-400		120.00-136.00
400-500		109.00-124.50
500-600		103.00-119.00
600-700		100.00-116.00
700-750		99.75-113.75
800-850		Scarce

### FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	weight	price
300-400		104.00-119.50
400-500		101.00-111.00
500-600		95.00-105.00
600-700		94.50-102.75
700-750		97.00-103.25
800-850		Scarce

### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking & Boning (70-85% lean) 43.00-53.00. High dressing 49.25-60.25 Lean (85-90%) 41.00-47.00

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs-ss 950-1300 lbs 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stage 700.00-825.00 per head.

### SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2; 1155-2250lbs 52.00-62.25, high dressing 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 6851	1740	Norwood
Week ago 7791	1450	1557
Year ago 7878	1000	10-09-2003

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers and Heifers 3.00-6.00 higher. Cows and Bulls 3.00 to 5.00 higher.

### STEERS:

Medium and Large 1	weight	price
300-400		119.00-136.00
400-500		108.00-128.00
500-600		100.00-110.50
600-700		98.50-111.75
700-800		107.25-109.60
800-900		104.00-106.70

### HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1	weight	price
300-400		108.00-117.00
400-500		95.00-111.00
500-600		91.50-104.50
600-700		96.50-103.75
700-800		88.50-102.85
800-900		90.00-94.50

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**HOLSTEINS:**

Large Frame 3	
Weight	price
200-300	Scarce
300-400	89.00-89.50
400-500	81.00-89.50
500-600	Scarce
600-700	79.00-84.00
700-800	Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 6 yrs, 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, 1050-1350 lbs, 775.00-870.00 per head.

**COW\CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 950-1150 lbs, 3 to 7 yrs, with baby to 300 lb calves 750.00-875.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers & Boners (70-85% lean) 47.50-56.00, Lean (85-90% lean) 41.00-49.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield grade 1-2, 1405-2185 lbs 56.50-65.00, high dressing 62.00-71.00.

**Dairy Cattle Sales**

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1625.00-1840.00, Approved 1225.00-1600.00, Replacement Cows: Springers 1275.00-1290.00, Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 900.00-1060.00, 600-700 lbs 800.00-990.00, 500-600 lbs 640.00-920.00, 400-500 lbs 630.00-780.00, 300-400 lbs 550.00-740.00.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 4386, week ago 3773, year ago 3289

Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 6.00 higher, Slaughter cows 4.00 to 6.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
330-400	122.00-129.50
400-500	108.00-125.00
500-600	103.00-115.50
600-700	102.00-115.50
700-800	103.25-109.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	108.00-114.00
400-500	101.00-113.00
500-600	98.50-107.00
600-700	94.75-105.00
700-800	Scarce
800-820	92.50-95.50

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning(70-85% lean) 47.00-54.75, high dressing 55.50-60.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2150 lbs 54.00-62.00, high dressing 65.00-67.00.

**COW\CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

**Cattle**

Receipts 4965, Week ago 4218 Year ago 3759.

Feeder Steers and Heifers firm to 10.00 higher, Slaughter cows 3.00-5.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1& 1-2	
weight	price
350-400	115.00-136.00
400-500	106.50-125.00
500-600	105.00-118.00
600-700	105.50-117.00
700-800	107.00-119.00
800-850	102.50-111.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	106.00-118.00
400-500	96.50-116.00
500-600	94.50-108.00
600-700	95.00-107.50
700-750	101.50-105.10

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs 52.75-57.75 high dressing 59.00-61.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Lean, Breaking and Boning, (70-90 percent lean) 40.00-50.00, high dressing 50.00-60.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

Choice 2-3 100.00-109.50

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High

Select and Choice 2-3 98.50-104.50

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

**Feeder Cattle:**

Receipts 5762  
Week ago 629  
Year ago 5165

**Slaughter Cattle:**

Receipts 235  
Week ago 106  
Year ago 164

Feeder Steers and Heifers under 600 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over 600 lbs 8.00-12.00 higher. Slaughter cows 4.00-5.00 higher, Slaughter Steers and Heifers 12.00-14.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	118.00-134.00
400-500	112.00-129.50
500-600	107.75-120.75
600-700	108.50-122.50
700-800	112.75-119.25
800-900	115.60-118.25

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	111.00-117.50
400-500	98.00-112.50
500-600	94.00-108.00
600-700	106.00-119.25
700-800	101.00-108.60
800-900	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 48.00-61.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2 1200-2100 lbs 54.00-62.75.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

Choice 2-3, 1100-1400 lbs 107.00-112.00

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Choice 2-3, 1000-1350 lbs 103.00-107.75

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 2171 Week ago 2054, Year ago 1858

Compared to last week Feeder Steers and Heifers 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 3.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	109.00-122.00
400-500	104.00-120.50
500-600	98.00-116.00
600-700	91.00-110.50
700-775	93.00-101.00
800-850	93.50-99.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2	
weight	price
300-400	93.00-118.00
400-500	91.00-110.00
500-600	88.50-110.00
600-700	90.00-100.00
725-800	89.75-94.50

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 41.00-50.00, high dressing 48.50-53.00.

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 870-1415 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 585.00-720.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Y.G. 1-2, 1405-1895lbs 54.00-57.00, high dressing 57.00-59.75.

**COW AND CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 940-1395 lbs, 150-300 lb calves, 625.00-880.00 per pair.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600, Week ago 800; Year ago 800

Trade moderate to active, live sales no sales, dressed sales on the grid basis 20.00 to 25.00 higher. Demand and seller interest moderate to good.

**STEERS:**

Live sales: No Sales

**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: No Sales

**HEIFERS:**

Live sales: No Sales

**GRADE AND WEIGHT: (Grid)**

Choice 550-950 lbs 182.00-187.00, load 190.00 early, few late 170.00  
Select 550-950 lbs 157.00-162.00

**INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS**

Weekly Receipts 9098 Week ago 8387 Year ago 14,352

Weekly Top: Friday 47.00

**BARROWS AND GILTS:**

1.00 higher  
Base Carcass 46.00-47.00

**SOWS:**

Steady  
300-500 lbs 27.00-29.00  
over 500 lbs 31.00-32.00

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

Receipts: 5751 [FOB 3954 Delivered 1144 compared to last week, weaner pigs 2 higher, feeder pigs not well tested undertone steady. Light demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
FOB the farm  
3954 head 10 lbs. 21.50-33.00 weighted average 30.29

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
Delivered  
677 head 10 lbs 23.65-33.29 weighted average 29.73

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:  
FOB the farm  
No sales to report

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:  
Delivered  
1120 head 45 lbs 35.00

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Week to date	620,000	2,118,000	57,000
Last Week	636,000	2,081,000	54,000
Last Year	711,000	2,024,000	60,000
2003 Yr to dt	28,510,000	77,791,000	2,249,000
2002 Yr to dt	28,360,000	78,191,000	2,462,000

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts:  
This week 57,000  
Week ago 54,000  
Year ago 60,000

Slaughter Lambs 1.00 higher  
Slaughter Ewes steady to 2.00 higher  
Feeder Lambs steady

SLAUGHTER EWES:  
Utility and Good 1-3, 27.00-32.00  
Cull 1, 22.00-27.00 (per cwt.)

FEEDER LAMBS:  
60-80 lbs 95.00-105.00, 80-100 lbs 85.00-95.00 (per cwt.)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Ch & Pr  
110-120 lbs; 83.00-85.00, 120-140 lbs 85.00-88.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY**

The weekly rains and reasonably warm weather continues to provide surplus pasture in the Show-Me state resulting in very little buyer interest and almost no movement this week to cattle producers. Straw has been in decent demand the last few weeks for lawn and landscape mulching, as well as for fall decorations. High quality grass hay continues to move to the horse and specialty markets. Hay prices this week are steady, with supply moderate to heavy and demand light. 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 .03 higher, medium .08 higher, small .08 higher. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .67-.71, Medium .62-.65, Small .39-.43.

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	228.50	195.00	222.50	70.50
St. Louis	245.00	182.50	220.00	66.00
Memphis	233.20	163.00	----	----
Decatur	229.00	----	----	----

Weekly Average Prices as of Oct 14, 2003

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans nearby .03 to .16 higher others .10-.14 lower, Wheat steady to .02 higher, Corn steady to .04 lower, Soybean meal 2.70 to 6.80 higher except May 4.20 lower, KC wheat .02 to .05 lower. (all price trends approximate ranges).

**Daily Grain Futures Closes**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Soybeans					
Nov	731 1/2	741 1/2	727 1/2	725 1/2	729 1/4
Jan	733 3/4	735 1/2	725 1/2	725 1/4	729 1/4
Mar	713 1/4	704	700 1/2	704 1/2	710 1/4
May	681	662 1/2	658	662	665 1/2
Jul	666 3/4	647	645 1/2	650 1/2	650 3/4
Wheat					
Dec	334	325 1/2	334 1/2	336 1/4	328 1/4
Mar	343 3/4	335 3/4	344 3/4	347	339 1/2
May	342	339	343 1/2	347	340
Jul	322 1/2	323	326	328 1/4	322 1/2
Sep	325 1/2	327	329	332	327 1/2
Corn					
Dec	217 1/2	218 1/2	216 1/2	214 3/4	214 1/4
Mar	224 3/4	225 3/4	223 3/4	221 3/4	221 1/4
May	230	230 1/2	228 1/4	226 1/2	225 3/4
Jul	233 1/4	233 3/4	231 1/4	229 3/4	228 3/4
Sep	234	234	232 1/2	231 3/4	230 1/2
KC Wheat					
Dec	336 1/2	332 1/4	337 1/2	336 1/4	331 1/2
Mar	346 1/2	341 1/2	346 1/4	347	338 3/4
May	346	342 3/4	347 1/2	347	341
Jul	330 1/2	329	331	328 1/4	325 1/2
Sep	334	332	332	332	330 1/4
SB Meal					
Oct	219.70	219.50	-----	-----	-----
Dec	217.10	221.20	218.40	217.90	219.50
Jan	215.70	217.80	215.60	215.40	217.90
Mar	209.90	207.70	206.80	208.60	211.10
May	199.80	195.40	194.30	195.70	197.20

**WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle nearby .08-2.03 higher, others 1.30-3.70 lower, Lean Hogs .42-1.27 higher except may .40 lower, Pork Bellies 2.00 to 2.70 lower except Aug .95 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.17 to 3.57 lower.

**Daily Live Futures Closes**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Cattle					
Oct	98.82	100.32	102.92	99.92	99.35
Nov	97.97	99.05	98.40	95.72	96.55
Dec	93.75	92.97	91.62	89.12	90.05
Jan	92.30	92.00	91.00	88.40	89.50
Feb	89.67	88.17	86.50	83.75	84.47
Lean Hogs					
Oct	54.15	53.95	-----	-----	-----
Dec	60.30	59.02	61.02	59.02	59.57
Feb	61.92	61.00	63.00	61.00	61.20
Apr	61.60	60.42	62.35	61.02	60.87
May	63.65	62.70	63.77	62.27	62.30
Prk Bel					
Feb	92.17	90.60	91.57	88.57	88.45
Mar	92.20	90.15	90.85	88.02	87.70
May	93.00	91.00	91.20	88.20	87.50
Jul	94.90	93.60	94.60	91.69	91.70
Aug	93.00	93.00	93.70	91.60	92.25
Fdr. Cat.					
Oct	108.67	107.30	106.82	105.62	106.00
Nov	105.57	104.07	102.85	101.35	101.12
Jan	100.62	99.12	97.62	96.12	95.55
Mar	95.95	94.45	92.95	91.45	91.25
Apr	93.40	91.90	90.40	88.90	88.80

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**1-573-522-9244**

**October 17, 2003**

**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .02 to .21 higher  
 Wheat uneven .09 higher to .02 lower  
 Corn uneven .02 lower to .03 higher  
 Grain Sorghum uneven .02 lower to .02 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<b>Kansas City</b>				
Monday	7.27	3.27-3.32	2.08-2.13	3.98-4.07
Tuesday	7.37	3.22-3.27	2.09-2.14	4.00-4.09
Wednesday	7.23	3.28-3.33	2.07-2.13	3.96-4.05
Thursday	7.21	3.28-3.33	2.05-2.10	3.93-4.02
Friday	7.24	3.22-3.27	2.04-2.09	4.00
<b>St. Louis</b>				
Monday	7.28-7.31	3.12-3.18	2.21	4.23
Tuesday	7.38-7.40	3.12-3.16	2.22-2.24	4.25
Wednesday	7.27-7.33	3.19-3.33	2.21-2.23	4.30
Thursday	7.25-7.28	3.19-3.39	2.21	4.27
Friday	7.29-7.33	3.13-3.20	2.21	4.25
<b>Central</b>				
Monday	7.05-7.07	3.04	2.00	3.39
Tuesday	7.17-7.18	2.96-2.98	2.01	3.41
Wednesday	7.03-7.04	3.05-3.06	1.99	3.37
Thursday	7.02-7.04	3.06-3.07	1.97	3.34
Friday	7.05-7.07	2.98-2.99	1.96	3.32
<b>S.E. Mo.</b>				
Monday	7.27-7.32	3.14-3.22	2.14-2.19	4.18-4.30
Tuesday	7.36-7.43	3.08-3.20	2.16-2.22	4.21-4.32
Wednesday	7.25-7.31	3.24-3.34	2.14-2.19	4.20-4.32
Thursday	7.21-7.29	3.29-3.36	2.13-2.18	4.16-4.30
Friday	7.23-7.31	3.21-3.28	2.12-2.18	4.14-4.28

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)  
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**Crop Production**

**Missouri Soybean Production Down 18 Percent from Last Year; Corn Production Up 8 Percent.** "Corn yields are turning out below average but still better than earlier expected," says Gene Danekas, State Statistician. "Soybean yields are turning out to be well below last year as producers begin harvest." Missouri soybean production is forecast at 139 million bushels based on October 1 conditions, down 2 percent from a month ago and 18 percent below the 2002 production of 170 million bushels. A State yield of 28 bushels per acre is expected, 1 bushel below the September forecast and 6 bushels below last year's yield. Yields in many areas are expected to be similar to the poor crop of 1999. Soybean acreage in the State is revised to 5.00 million acres planted with 4.95 million acres harvested for grain. Corn production in Missouri is forecast at 305 million bushels, up 6 percent from the September forecast and 8 percent above last year's low production. The forecast yield of 109 bushels is 8 bushels above the September forecast and 4 bushels above the 2002 yield. Of the revised 2.90 million planted acres, 2.80 million are expected to be harvested for grain. Missouri grain sorghum production is forecast at 14.9 million bushels, down 3 percent from the September forecast and 5 percent below last year. The State yield forecast of 71 bushels per acre is 4 bushels below last month's yield and 14 bushels below the yield a year earlier. Cotton production in Missouri is forecast at 600,000 bales, up 7 percent from the September 1 forecast but 2 percent below the 2002 production. The projected yield of 738 pounds is 49 pounds above a month earlier but 58 pounds lower than last year's yield. Rice production in the State is expected to total 10.4 million cwt, unchanged from September but 6 percent less than the 2002 production. A record yield of 6,100 pounds per acre is forecast which would be 50 pounds above the previous record 2002 yield. The production of all hay in Missouri is expected to total 8.90 million tons, 14 percent above a year ago. The forecast yield of 2 tons per acre is 9 percent above last year. **U.S. Soybean Production Down 10 Percent, Corn Up 13 Percent from 2002.** United States soybean production is forecast at 2.47 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the September forecast and 10 percent below 2002. If realized, this would be the lowest production since 1996.