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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 12,783; Week ago 21,605; Year ago 29,346  
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
366 lbs.	140.71	371 lbs.	125.30	270 lbs.	123.00
453 lbs.	132.19	458 lbs.	121.57	465 lbs.	92.88
548 lbs.	123.98	548 lbs.	114.80	730 lbs.	87.21
645 lbs.	115.83	640 lbs.	110.91	845 lbs.	79.00
761 lbs.	109.72	755 lbs.	101.17		
838 lbs.	104.38				
937 lbs.	100.00				

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 2617; Week ago 5240; Year ago 7137  
 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower, except 800-850 lbs steers and heifers 600-650 lbs 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00-2.00 higher, slaughter bulls 2.00-3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	135.00-145.00	350-400 lbs.	112.50-122.50
400-500 lbs.	122.50-137.50	400-500 lbs.	112.50-122.50
500-600 lbs.	115.00-127.50	500-600 lbs.	105.00-117.50
600-700 lbs.	107.50-116.00	600-700 lbs.	100.00-111.00
700-725 lbs.	104.00-112.00	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-850 lbs.	105.10-106.85	800-900 lbs.	Scarce

Large 3 Holsteins  
 Pkg. 270 lbs. 123.00  
 400-500 lbs. Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1055-1265 lbs. 2nd-3rd stage, 730.00-890.00, per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 6 to 7 yrs, 1100-1200 lbs with baby to 225 lb. calves 810.00-1010.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-56.00, high dressing 54.00-60.00. Lean (85-90%) 46.50-54.00, low dressing 39.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1550-2480 lbs., 62.00-66.00, high dressing 67.00-71.50, low dressing 56.00-60.00.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin, Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 720, Week ago 6200, Year ago 8958  
 Cows and Bulls Receipts 1500; Week ago 1300; Year ago 1900  
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1386; Springfield 05-25-2004

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady, Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce	450-500 lbs.	113.00-115.00
500-600 lbs.	115.50-117.50	500-550 lbs.	111.50-116.00
600-700 lbs.	111.00-113.50	600-700 lbs.	102.00-111.00
700-800 lbs.	105.50-111.70	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
Pkg. 859 lbs.	102.50	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce		

HOLSTEINS:  
 Large Frame 3  
 Pkg. 407 lbs. 102.00  
 400-500 lbs. Scarce  
 500-600 lbs. Scarce  
 600-700 lbs. Scarce  
 700-800 lbs. 86.00-89.25  
 Pkg. 845 lbs. 79.00  
 900-1000 lbs. Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 2, 950-1300 lbs, 2 yrs to ss, 2nd to 3rd stage, 720.00-875.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 950-1300 lbs. baby to 325 lb calves, 950.00-1300.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales  
 Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2350.00, Approved 1550.00-1875.00, Crossbred 1400.00-1560.00, Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1080.00-1270.00, 600-700 lbs 900.00-1140.00, 500-600 lbs 900.00-1040.00, Bred Heifers 4-6 months Supreme ind 1530. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 400.00-525.00, Bulls 90.00-120.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.25-57.50, Lean (85-90%) 47.00-52.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2150 lbs., 65.00-71.50, high dressing 73.50-75.50.

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 7478; Week ago 10,811; Year ago 9884  
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 higher. Sows 2.00 to 3.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:  
 Base carcass meat prices 71.00-72.00.  
 Weekly top price Friday 72.00

SOWS:  
 300-500 lbs 42.00-43.00  
 Over 500 lbs 44.00-47.00.

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 1395; Week ago 1632; Year ago 2223

Compared to last week feeders near steady on light test. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00-3.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

400-500 lbs.	125.00-137.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-129.75
600-650 lbs.	112.00-119.00
650-700 lbs.	109.00-114.85
700-800 lbs.	109.35-110.00
830-860 lbs.	102.75-105.75

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	120.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	112.00-133.50
500-600 lbs.	106.50-118.50
600-700 lbs.	103.50-111.00
700-750 lbs.	101.75-106.25

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 1075-1540 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 795.00-1050.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-53.25, high dressing 52.00-58.00. Lean (85-90%) 45.00-49.00, low dressing 38.00-44.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium

and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 990-1650 lbs, with baby to 260 lb calves, 900.00-1490.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1190-1985 lbs. 58.00-63.75, high dressing scarce.

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 3794; Week ago 3167; Year ago 3139

Compared to last week steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher.

Slaughter cows 1.00 to 5.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	130.50-147.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-140.50
500-600 lbs.	110.50-135.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-127.50
700-800 lbs.	102.50-112.50
Load 890 lbs.	102.60

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	120.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	108.00-134.50
500-600 lbs.	104.00-127.50
600-700 lbs.	98.00-116.25
Lot 725 lbs.	103.25

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** High

Select and Choice 2-3 87.50-91.75

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking,

Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 42.00-57.00, high dressing 52.00-62.25, low dressing 34.00-48.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High

Select and Choice 2-3 87.00-90.75

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1250-2105 lbs., 60.00-66.00, high dressing 68.00-75.00.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 700; Week ago 516; Year ago 1173

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 97; Week ago 46; Year ago 50

Compared to last week steers and heifers mostly steady. Slaughter cows 2.00-4.00 lower, Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	125.00-136.50
500-600 lbs.	117.00-133.50
600-700 lbs.	109.00-115.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.00-127.00
400-500 lbs.	116.00-127.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice

2-3, 1100-1400 lbs. 87.00-87.75.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.50-59.25, low dressing 48.25-53.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-

3, 925-1300 lbs. 85.50-86.60.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 990-1735 lbs. 61.00-68.00.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 350; Week ago 1246; Year ago 1369

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 1.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows 1.00 lower, Bulls steady.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs	Scarce
325-400 lbs.	118.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	105.00-117.00
500-600 lbs.	107.50-118.00
600-650 lbs.	104.00-109.50
725-750 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	107.00-117.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-113.00
500-600 lbs.	106.50-114.00
600-700 lbs.	85.00-90.50
700-750 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs 845-1235 lbs in 2nd and 3rd stage pregnancy 620.00-810.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.50-50.25, high dressing 53.50-55.50, Lean (85-90%) 37.00-41.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium

and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 895-1246 lbs with 150-200 lbs calves 710.00-860.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1250-2090 lbs 61.75-62.50, high dressing 66.00, low dressing 57.00.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 3086; Week ago 2122; Year ago 2226

Compared to last week steers steady to 8.00 higher, and heifers steady to 6.00 higher. Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	140.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	127.50-141.00
500-600 lbs.	119.25-131.25
600-700 lbs.	109.00-126.00
700-800 lbs.	106.00-111.25

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	131.50-133.50
400-500 lbs.	118.00-132.50
500-600 lbs.	112.00-121.50
600-700 lbs.	108.50-117.50
700-800 lbs.	98.75-105.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:** Me-

dium and Large 1-2, 6 yrs to bm, 1025-1450 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 600.00-800.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.75-54.50, high dressing 54.50-56.75, Lean (85-90%) 46.00-50.50.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium

and Large 1-2 ss to bm, 850-1360 lbs. with 100 to 300 lbs calves, 750.00-860.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1050-1325 lbs, 64.00-69.75, high dressing 69.00-73.50.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1400; Week ago 1200; Year ago 1400

Trade slow to moderate. Live sales 4.00 higher, dressed sales on a grid basis 4.00-7.00 higher.

**STEERS:**

Live sales: 50-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 89.00. Load 90.00

**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: no sales

**HEIFERS:**

Live Sales: 50-60% Choice 1100-1150 lbs 89.00

**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**Choice 550-950 lbs 144.00-152.00  
Select 550-950 lbs 129.00-132.00

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

Receipts: 14,575 (FOB 4007, Delivered 10,568). Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady, no feeder pigs to report. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
Fob the farm, 4% negotiated  
4007 head 10 lbs 25.00-33.00 weighted average price 29.66.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights  
Delivered, 76.8% negotiated (5535 head Ark to IL, NB)  
9568 head 28.00-34.00 weighted average 10 lbs 31.77.

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes Delivered, no sales to report

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.  
FOB the farm, Delivered to IA 100% negotiated  
1000 head 40 lbs 48.00-49.00 weighted average 40 lbs at 48.344

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	570,000	1,624,000	42,000
Last week	699,000	1,877,000	44,000
Last Year	793,000	1,830,000	52,000
2004 yr. to date	13,762,000	43,007,000	1,154,000
2003 yr. to date	15,102,000	42,080,000	1,230,000

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts

This week 42,000; Week ago 44,000; Year ago 52,000

Slaughter Lambs steady                      Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good  
Slaughter Ewes 5.00 lower                      1-3 20.00-25.00, Cull 1 15.00-  
Feeder Lambs 5.00-10.00 lower                      20.00

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and                      Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large  
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 95.00-                      1-2 60-80 lbs 100.00-110.00, 80-  
100.00, woolled 90.00-95.00. New                      100 lbs 90.00-100.00.  
Crop 10.200-104.00.

**WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY**

After a long week of sitting in the house and watching the storms, when the sun came out this week, so did every tractor and cutter in the state. After falling a bit behind the average progress, the large amount of hay harvested this week should push the state back ahead of average. The first reports of combines rolling through wheat came in this week. There were also several reports of armyworms in fields, mostly in central and north Missouri. Some cases were serious enough to require spraying. Hay supply is moderate to heavy, demand is light, and hay prices are steady to firm. \*The first fescue seed report of the season will be published next week.\* The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available, to be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429). (All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered price) Supreme quality alfalfa (RFV>185) 100.00-140.00, Premium alfalfa (RFV170-180) 80.00-110.00, Fair to Good alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 35.00-80.00, Small and Big squares 70.00-100.00, good quality mixed alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50 to 3.00 per bale, Fair to good quality prairie hay 60.00-85.00, Good quality brome 50.00-85.00, Good quality timothy hay 3.00-3.50 per small square bale, Good quality red clover hay 30.00-60.00, Good quality mixed grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale, Fair quality large round bales fescue 15.00-35.00 per bale. Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small square bale.

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Prices on large steady, medium .04 lower, small .02 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .44-.51, Medium .25-.29, Small .14-.16.

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	278.75	211.00	180.00	66.00
St. Louis	275.00	217.50	187.50	72.50

**By-Product Feed Prices**

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 80.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 130.00, Distillers Grain dried Macon MO 136.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 72.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 34.00. Prices per ton.

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .07 to .30 higher, Wheat .08 to .10 higher, Corn .04 to .13 higher, KC Wheat .06 to .10 higher, Soybean Meal 4.50 to 8.90 higher. (all price trends approximate ranges).

**Daily Grain Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jul	Holiday	864	849 1/2	80-6	838 1/2
Aug		825	818.1/4	780 1/2	805
Sept		764	755 1/2	718 1/2	731
Nov		734 1/2	719 1/4	687 1/2	698
Jan		736	721 3/4	688	695 1/2
Wheat					
Jul	Holiday	388 1/4	375	367 1/4	370
Sept		397 1/2	384 1/4	376 1/4	380 1/2
Dec		407 1/4	394 3/4	386	390 1/4
Mar		414	402	394	398 1/2
May		411	404	397	400
Corn					
Jul	Holiday	324	321	310 3/4	308 1/4
Sept		291 3/4	3/4319	310 3/4	309 1/2
Dec		317 1/4	3/4	310	310 3/4
Mar		321 1/2	319 1/4	313 1/2	315
May		325 1/2	322 1/2	316 3/4	318 3/4
KC Wheat					
Jul	Holiday	403 1/4	393	388 1/4	389
Sept		410 3/4	400	395	397 3/4
Dec		420 3/4	408 3/4	405	406 1/4
Mar		426 1/2	415	410	411
May		415	415	415	415
SB Meal					
Jul	Holiday	273.70	266.20	254.50	263.70
Aug		267.00	260.50	247.80	255.60
Sept		251.50	247.80	235.80	241.70
Oct		238.20	321.50	220.50	223.50
Dec		234.70	227.80	217.30	220.20

**WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.00 to 2.83 higher, Lean Hogs 2.43 to 4.20 higher, Pork Bellies .35 to 2.02 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.42 to 1.98 higher.

**Daily Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	Holiday	86.65	89.20	89.67	90.50
Aug		87.95	89.92	89.90	90.22
Oct		86.65	88.32	88.15	88.72
Dec		86.75	88.62	88.50	88.92
Feb		86.95	88.22	88.35	88.85
Lean Hogs					
Jun	Holiday	76.55	76.37	78.37	79.00
Jul		76.17	75.75	77.75	77.70
Aug		75.35	75.32	77.27	77.25
Oct		62.27	62.62	64.20	64.47
Dec		57.47	57.87	58.85	58.90
Prk Bel					
Jul	Holiday	116.25	115.92	116.90	114.05
Aug		112.55	112.32	113.07	110.17
Feb		98.50	98.97	98.90	98.90
Mar		96.00	96.00	96.00	96.02
May		95.00	—	102.00	102.00
Fdr Cat					
Aug	Holiday	104.72	107.17	108.07	108.62
Sep		103.15	105.70	106.70	107.50
Oct		102.22	104.62	105.70	106.42
Nov		101.30	103.57	104.70	105.10
Jan		96.80	98.65	99.75	100.20
Milk					
Jun	Holiday	16.90	17.06	17.06	17.20
Jul		14.64	14.74	14.72	14.98
Aug		14.59	14.66	14.45	14.70

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .23 to .30 higher  
 Wheat .06 to 10 higher  
 Corn .03 to .04 higher  
 Grain Sorghum .08 to .20 higher

**Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids**

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<b>Kansas City</b>				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	8.85-8.90	3.93	3.09	5.32
Wednesday	8.78-8.83	3.83	3.07	5.29
Thursday	8.41-8.46	3.78	2.96	5.09
Friday	8.65	3.79	2.93	5.04
<b>St. Louis</b>				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	8.85-8.91	3.85	3.33-3.36	5.11
Wednesday	8.69-8.74	3.72	3.31-3.32	5.07
Thursday	8.28-8.31	3.64	3.17-3.20	4.87
Friday	8.64	3.71	3.19-3.21	4.87
<b>Central</b>				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	8.66	3.58-3.63	3.06-3.09	4.96
Wednesday	8.52	3.45-3.55	3.05-3.07	4.80
Thursday	8.06-8.08	3.37-3.39	2.93-2.96	4.60
Friday	8.41	3.40-3.48	2.90-2.93	4.55
<b>S.E. MO</b>				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	8.79-8.84	3.77-3.84	3.11-3.29	5.12-5.57
Wednesday	8.65-8.67	3.64-3.71	3.20-3.25	5.16-5.53
Thursday	8.20-8.24	3.55-3.63	3.08-3.12	4.98-5.32
Friday	8.53-8.56	3.60-3.68	3.05-3.09	5.01-5.28

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

**Crop & Weather Information as of May 30, 2004**

Heavy rains over most of the northern two-thirds of the State slowed planting of soybeans and sorghum and delayed haying activities, but current progress is still near normal. High winds, hail and flooding occurred in many areas, with varying degrees of localized crop damage reported in Atchison, Clinton, DeKalb, Gentry, Livingston, Mercer, Knox, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Vernon, Miller, Franklin, Gasconade, Warren, Dunklin and several other counties. Some fields of corn or earlier planted soybeans which suffered hail or flood damage are expected to be re-planted to soybeans. An average of 2.7 days were suitable for fieldwork, ranging from 1.1 days in the east-central district to over 5 days across the southern third of the State. **Field Crops Report:** Ninety-six percent of the corn has emerged, 2 weeks ahead of last year as well as the 5-year average of 82 percent. Corn condition is rated as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 62 percent good and 13 percent excellent, with the slight decline resulting from the severe weather problems of the past week. Sixty-two percent of the expected soybean acreage is planted, about 1 day ahead of last year and the average of 57 percent. Bean planting is most advanced in the northwest district at 83 percent complete, followed by the north-central and north-east districts at around 71 percent. Many counties showed only limited progress with bean planting due to the wet weather. The southwest and south-central districts continue to be least advanced with 30 percent or less planted. Fifty-one percent of the soybeans are emerged, 9 days ahead of last year and a week ahead of the 35 percent average. Sixty-eight percent of the intended acreage of sorghum has been planted, 4 days ahead of both last year and normal. Progress varies from 30 percent planted in the east-central district to about 93 percent planted in the northwest and southeast districts. Ninety-nine percent of the winter wheat is headed and is beginning to turn color, slightly a head of normal. Condition of the crop is reported as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 56 percent good and 11 percent excellent, close to the ratings of a week earlier. Fifty-one percent of the first crop of alfalfa has been cut, 2 days behind last year and average.