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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 17,963; Week ago 20,231; Year ago 28,446
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
350 lbs.	150.04	359 lbs.	135.15	381 lbs.	108.22
447 lbs.	140.36	454 lbs.	127.13	451 lbs.	100.00
553 lbs.	130.98	548 lbs.	120.98	547 lbs.	91.58
646 lbs.	124.87	643 lbs.	116.01	636 lbs.	95.09
743 lbs.	118.81	733 lbs.	109.29	763 lbs.	89.15
839 lbs.	114.53	816 lbs.	107.37	873 lbs.	86.25
902 lbs.	111.85				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 4850; Week ago 5213; Year ago 5378
Compared to last week steers under 500 lbs and heifers under 650 lbs
early 1.00-3.00 lower, later sales steady to 2.00 higher closing 2.00-
6.00 higher, Slaughter Cows steady, Bulls 1.00-3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
350-400 lbs.	145.00-155.00	300-400 lbs.	129.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-140.00	400-500 lbs.	115.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-133.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-122.00
600-700 lbs.	114.50-129.00	600-700 lbs.	106.50-116.00
700-800 lbs.	110.00-120.50	700-760 lbs.	105.00-110.00

Large 3 Holsteins		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 55.00- 61.50, high dressing 60.00-66.00. Lean (85-90%) 52.00-58.00, low dressing 46.00-53.00.	
Pkg 461 lbs.	100.00		
600-650 lbs.	95.50-98.50		
750-780 lbs.	86.00-89.00		

REPLACEMENT COWS:		SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield	
Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1035-1550 lbs. 2nd and 3rd stage, 885.00-1070.00, per head.		Grade 1-2, 1300-2150 lbs., 73.50- 81.50, high dressing 82.00-87.00, low dressing 65.50-73.50.	

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium
and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 900-
1300 lbs with baby-300 lb. calves
1000.00-1325.00 per pair.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3000, week ago 2760, year ago 4737
Cow and Bull Receipts 700; week ago 860; year ago 1064
Dairy Cattle Receipts 756; Springfield 07/27/04

Compared to two weeks ago steers and heifers 2.00-6.00 higher except
500-600 lbs steady, Slaughter cows steady and bulls 3.00-5.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	153.00-169.00	300-400 lbs.	128.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	132.00-145.00	400-500 lbs.	126.00-136.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-134.00	500-600 lbs.	117.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	114.00-126.50	600-700 lbs.	109.00-119.00
700-800 lbs.	112.00-123.25	700-825 lbs.	103.50-107.75
800-900 lbs.	106.50-113.25		

HOLSTEINS:		Dairy Cattle Sales	
Large Frame 3		Springer Heifers: Supreme	
Lot 383 lbs.	113.00	1825.00-1980.00, Crossbreds	
630-873 lbs.	86.25-93.25	1580.00-1650.00, Approved	
		1530.00-1775.00, Bred Heifers 4	
		to 6 months Supreme 1700.00-	
		2050.00, Approved 1400.00-	
		1675.00. Open Heifers; Approved	
		700-800 lbs 910.00-1260.00, 600-	
		700 lbs 1050.00-1150.00, 500-	
		600 lbs 900.00-1080.00, Baby	
		Calves: Holstein Heifers 230.00-	
		460.00.	
REPLACEMENT COWS:		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking	
Medium and Large 1-2, 900-1500		and Boning (70-85% lean) 63.50-	
lbs, 2 to 7 yrs few ss, 2nd and 3rd		68.50, high dressing 69.00-72.50	
stage, 880.00-1170.00 per head.		Lean (85-90%) 57.00-60.50.	

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium		SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield	
and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-		Grade 1-2, 1360-2135 lbs., 77.00-	
1200 lbs. with 150 to 250 lb		84.50, high dressing 86.00-90.00.	
calves, 1225.00-1325.00 per pair.			

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8,900; Week ago 10,429; Year ago 8933
Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 3.00 higher.
Sows .50 to 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:		SOWS:	
Base carcass meat prices 70.00-		300-500 lbs 45.00-49.00	
71.00		Over 500 lbs 51.50-53.50.	
Weekly top price Wednesday			
72.00			

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 1064; Week ago 1703; Year ago 2631

Compared to last week feeders had a higher undertone. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	129.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-138.00
600-700 lbs.	119.00-129.75
700-800 lbs.	109.50-119.50
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.00-133.50
400-500 lbs.	117.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-121.50
600-700 lbs.	107.00-111.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 6 yrs, 1195-1575 lbs, 3rd stage, 940.00-1100.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.50-64.00, high dressing 63.00-74.75. Lean (85-90%) 52.00-58.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 950-1200 lbs, with 190 to 420 lb calves, 1035.00-1350.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1215-2220 lbs. 69.75-76.25, high dressing 77.25-82.50.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 3131; Week ago 3770; Year ago 4111

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

Slaughter cows firm to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	135.00-155.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-146.50
500-600 lbs.	125.00-145.00
600-700 lbs.	119.00-137.00
700-750 lbs.	117.00-126.50
800-825 lbs.	111.00-114.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	125.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-131.00
500-550 lbs.	115.00-131.50
600-700 lbs.	110.00-127.00
700-725 lbs.	Lot 110.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3, 83.00-85.00, Select 1-2 79.00-82.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-65.00, high dressing 60.00-69.00, low dressing 45.00-55.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3, 82.00-84.00, Select 1-2 80.00-82.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs, 70.00-78.00, high dressing 79.75-83.75.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 119; Week ago 1183; Year ago 217

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 177; Week ago 25; Year ago 125

Compared to last week steers and heifers scarce. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers 2.00-2.50 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	Scarce
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-950 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	Scarce
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1450 lbs 83.75-86.50**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 58.00-63.75, low dressing 54.75-58.00.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-1000-1350 lbs. 82.75-85.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2100 lbs. 70.75-72.50.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1071; Week ago 1351; Year ago 1611

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

Slaughter Cows and Bulls 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	140.00-146.00
300-400 lbs.	135.00-148.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-125.50
600-700 lbs.	104.50-115.00
700-750 lbs.	105.50-115.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	128.00-153.00
300-400 lbs.	117.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	109.00-121.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-121.00
600-700 lbs.	100.50-115.00
Pkg. 734 lbs.	102.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 840-1320 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 730.00-960.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.00-60.50, high dressing 59.75-66.50, Lean (85-90%) 42.50-48.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 985-1235 lbs with 100-150 lbs calves 910.00-1020.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2170 lbs 65.00-76.00, high dressing 79.00.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 2559; Week ago 2236; Year ago 3421

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

Slaughter Cows 2.00-5.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	137.50-158.00
400-500 lbs.	132.00-144.00
500-600 lbs.	129.00-144.00
600-700 lbs.	125.00-140.00
700-800 lbs.	117.00-127.85
Pkg 902 lbs.	111.85

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	130.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	122.50-138.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-134.00
600-700 lbs.	114.50-126.00
700-765 lbs.	106.50-115.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 5 yrs, 1050-1325 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 1000.00-1235.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 56.00-63.50, high dressing 63.50-67.00, Lean (85-90%) 51.00-58.75, low dressing 45.00-52.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 900-1275 lbs with 175-350 calves 1125.00-1400.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs, 66.00-73.25, high dressing 75.75, low dressing 64.00-65.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1200; Week ago 600; Year ago 800

Compared to last week, trade light. No confirmed live sales, sales on grid or dressed basis 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Demand and Seller interest light.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1200-1300 lbs 85.00**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: 70% Choice 1100-1200 lbs 134.00

HEIFERS:

No Sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 134.00-142.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs few 131.00-134.00.

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 18465 (FOB 3673 Delivered 14792). Compared to last week, weaner steady and feeder pigs steady to 2.00 lower. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.

Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.

3873 head 10 lbs 30.49-33.73 weighted average price 31.68.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.

Delivered, 28.2% negotiated.

12712 head 26.50-36.80 weighted average 10 lbs 32.54.

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.

Delivered 100% negotiated

2080 head 40-45 lbs 36.00-44.00, weighted average 40.5 lbs 41.59

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts

This week 51,000; Week ago 49,000; Year ago 52,000

Slaughter Lambs 1.00 lower,

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-

Slaughter Ewes steady

3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00-30.00

Feeder Lambs steady.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large

2-3 woolled 110-120 lbs 88.00-

1-2 60-80 lbs 95.00-100.00, 80-100

90.00, 120-140 lbs 90.00-92.00

lbs 90.00-95.00.

WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY

What a change in the weather this week. Below average temperatures and high humidity made curing hay difficult. Many tractors and balers are starting to get tired from all the work this year, as it seems baling will never stop. As we have been saying for weeks, the only problem is a shortage of high quality hay. The good news for cattle producers worried about high quality hay is corn prices. At some elevators, corn is now below \$2.00. Pastures remain very green and lush for this time of year, unlike last year when some areas were already adding hay to the herd's diet. Hay prices remain steady, movement is light to moderate, and supply is heavy. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429) (All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered prices) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 100.00-140.00 Premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 80.00-110.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 35.00-80.00 Small, Big squares and baleage (dry weight) 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.00 per bale 30.00-45.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 55.00-75.00 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 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small square bale

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	224.00	198.75	249.50	57.00
St. Louis	227.5.00	207.50	255.50	57.50

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE

HOGS

SHEEP

Week to date	634,000	1,896,000	51,000
Last week	641,000	1,892,000	49,000
Last Year	712,000	1,812,000	52,000
2004 yr. to date	18,880,000	57,778,000	1,535,000
2003 yr. to date	20,929,000	56,254,000	1,628,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Prices on large .02 higher, all other sizes of eggs steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .46-.53, Medium .21-.25, Small .10-.12.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 70.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 120.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 106.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, IL 63.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 34.00. Prices per ton.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .40 to .70 lower, Wheat .16 to .20 lower, Corn .06 to .07 lower, KC Wheat .15 to .36 lower, Soybean Meal 13.30 to 21.70 lower. (All price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	669	665 1/2	627	624 1/2	599 1/2
Sep	610 3/4	609	582 1/2	590	574 1/2
Nov	597	597	575 3/4	584 3/4	569
Jan	604	603	583 1/2	392 1/4	577
Mar	612	611	590 3/4	600 1/2	585 1/2
Wheat					
Sep	323 3/4	321 1/4	314 3/4	312 3/4	312 1/4
Dec	337 1/2	335	327 1/2	326 1/4	325 1/2
Mar	349 1/4	346 1/2	339 1/4	337 1/2	337
May	352	351	345 1/4	343	340 1/2
Jul	354	353	350	349 3/4	348
Corn					
Sep	223 1/4	222 1/4	218 1/2	218 1/2	217 1/4
Dec	231 3/4	230 3/4	226 3/4	227	225 1/4
Mar	293 3/4	239 1/4	235 1/2	235 1/2	234 1/4
May	246 1/4	245 1/4	241 1/2	242	240 1/4
Jul	251 1/4	250	246 1/4	246 3/4	245 1/4
KC Wheat					
Sept	352 1/2	350 1/4	343	342 3/4	333 1/4
Dec	364 1/2	361	354 1/2	354	348 1/2
Mar	373 1/2	370 3/4	364	364 1/2	357 1/4
May	375	373	368 1/2	367 1/2	360
Jul	374	372	368 1/2	367	363
SB Meal					
Aug	211.80	212.70	198.80	200.10	198.00
Sep	199.30	200.00	188.80	192.20	187.00
Oct	186.10	186.20	178.80	181.50	175.50
Dec	185.50	184.80	177.90	181.20	175.50
Jan	186.30	185.30	178.50	181.70	176.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .45 to 1.18 lower, Lean Hogs 1.17 to 3.75 higher, except April .43 lower, Pork Bellies .50 to 3.77 lower, Feeder Cattle nearby .05 to .75 lower, others .05 to .38 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jul	85.00	85.00	86.00	86.00	86.00
Aug	87.67	88.47	87.77	86.87	85.72
Oct	90.72	90.95	90.35	89.45	88.75
Dec	90.85	91.45	90.85	89.87	89.50
Feb	91.32	91.50	90.77	90.02	89.92
Lean Hogs					
Aug	76.52	76.80	76.92	115.47	77.75
Oct	67.47	69.27	68.65	113.90	69.22
Dec	62.75	64.02	63.95	113.07	64.75
Feb	61.57	61.72	61.27	109.50	62.42
Apr	61.20	61.22	61.00	105.25	60.67
Prk Bel					
Jul	116.35	113.35	—	—	—
Aug	108.82	106.32	104.00	105.05	104.10
Feb	94.65	93.30	92.50	94.00	92.95
Mar	93.05	92.50	91.75	93.30	92.55
May	94.75	94.25	93.75	92.75	92.75
Fdr Cat					
Aug	115.30	115.42	115.82	115.47	114.65
Sep	114.90	115.32	114.97	113.90	112.97
Oct	113.80	114.27	114.00	113.07	112.10
Nov	110.12	110.67	110.40	109.50	109.10
Jan	105.95	106.00	106.00	105.25	104.60
Milk					
Jul	14.84	14.84	14.84	14.84	—
Aug	14.35	14.20	14.30	14.37	14.25
Sep	15.60	15.56	15.70	15.88	15.92

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .62 to 1.08 lower
Wheat .19 to .25 lower
Corn .06 to .07 lower
Grain Sorghum .11 to .18 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	6.57	3.43	2.08	3.70
Tuesday	6.57	3.40	2.07	3.68
Wednesday	6.13-6.16	3.33	2.04	3.61
Thursday	6.15	3.33	2.04	3.61
Friday	5.94	3.23	2.02	3.59
St. Louis				
Monday	6.91-6.94	3.32	2.35-2.36	3.75
Tuesday	6.86	3.30	2.37	3.71
Wednesday	6.27-6.51	3.25	2.31-2.34	3.64
Thursday	5.87-6.46	3.27	2.28-2.33	3.64
Friday	5.78-5.79	3.18	2.30	3.57
Central				
Monday	6.50-6.59	3.24-3.29	2.13-2.15	3.21
Tuesday	6.47-6.56	3.21-3.26	2.14	3.19
Wednesday	5.97-6.18	3.15-3.20	2.11-2.14	3.14
Thursday	5.95	3.13-3.18	2.11-2.14	3.14
Friday	5.70	3.08-3.08	2.12-2.16	3.10
S.E. MO				
Monday	6.72-6.89	3.18-3.27	2.21-2.29	3.42-4.00
Tuesday	6.67-6.80	3.15-3.26	2.21-2.28	3.41-3.98
Wednesday	6.29-6.32	3.11-3.20	2.19-2.24	3.33-3.98
Thursday	5.60-6.26	3.09-3.16	2.18-2.20	3.33-3.94
Friday	5.66-5.74	3.07-3.08	2.12-2.16	3.20-3.92

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

Weekly Crop Report

Crop conditions are continuing favorable over most of the State, with the major crops developing a few days ahead of average. An average of 4.8 days were suitable for fieldwork, ranging from 3.2 days in the northwest district to about 5.5 days in the northeast, southwest and south-central districts. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 7 percent short, 82 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. The north-central district continues as the wettest area, with a rating of 25 percent surplus, while the northeast district shows the lowest moisture ratings, averaging 25 percent short. Ninety-five percent of the corn is silked and 52 percent has reached the dough stage, about 8 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 40 percent in the dough stage. Corn development by area ranges from about 34 percent in the dough stage in the north-central and northeast districts to 90 percent in the southeast. Condition of the crop is reported as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 55 percent good and 27 percent excellent, virtually the same as a week earlier and showing only minor variations among districts compared with past years. Fifty-eight percent of the soybeans are blooming and 22 percent are setting pods. Development is a week ahead of last year and 3 days ahead of the normal pace of 53 percent blooming and 19 percent setting pods. Development by area varies from 24 percent blooming and 5 percent setting pods in the southwest district to 73 percent blooming and 34 percent setting pods in the southeast district. Soybean condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 52 percent good and 16 percent excellent, holding nearly steady with a week ago. Grasshoppers are showing up in some bean fields. Forty-two percent of the sorghum has headed, 2 days ahead of last year but equal to the average for this date. About 10 percent of the crop is coloring in the south-central and southeast districts but most other districts have less than 3 percent coloring. Sorghum condition is rated as 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 62 percent good and 12 percent excellent, a minor improvement from a week ago.