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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 17,492; Week ago 19,425; Year ago 26,108
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
354 lbs.	153.82	351 lbs.	139.36	455 lbs.	104.29
444 lbs.	142.05	448 lbs.	131.92	540 lbs.	99.16
543 lbs.	135.40	548 lbs.	125.58	625 lbs.	102.44
643 lbs.	131.11	647 lbs.	120.92	746 lbs.	92.68
744 lbs.	123.90	735 lbs.	113.82	804 lbs.	91.32
848 lbs.	117.88	837 lbs.	109.41	935 lbs.	86.39
940 lbs.	109.41				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 5038; Week ago 5067; Year ago 3128

Compared to last week steers 300-500 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, 500-900 lbs 2.00-4.00 higher, Heifers 300-500 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, 500-800 lbs 3.00-5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows steady with lean cows 2.00-3.00 lower, Bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
275-350 lbs.	152.00-171.00	300-400 lbs	127.00-146.00
350-400 lbs.	145.00-164.00	400-500 lbs.	125.00-139.50
400-450 lbs.	140.00-152.00	500-600 lbs.	117.50-127.50
450-500 lbs.	138.00-146.00	600-650 lbs.	118.00-123.00
500-600 lbs.	121.00-130.00	650-700 lbs.	109.00-114.00
600-700 lbs.	123.00-133.00	700-800 lbs.	110.00-117.00
700-800 lbs.	114.00-125.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

Few 450 lbs.	104.00
500-600 lbs.	98.00-104.50
600-650 lbs.	98.75
700-800 lbs.	87.50-94.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:
 Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1125-1525 lbs. 2nd and 3rd stage, 850.00-1025.00, per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, few 2 yrs to ss, 1000 lbs with babies -340 lb. calves 750.00-1220.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 53.00-59.00, high dressing 60.00-62.50. Lean (85-90%) 52.00-59.00, low dressing 48.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1365-2080 lbs., 67.00-72.50, high dressing 75.00-78.50, low dressing 57.00-65.00.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4400, week ago 3270, year ago 4964
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1200; week ago 1190; year ago 1125
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1703; Norwood 08/12/04

Compared to last week steers under 650 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher, except 500-600 lbs steady, heavy weight steers and heifers fully steady. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower, bulls 1.00-2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
400-450 lbs.	144.00-152.50	300-400 lbs.	135.00-148.00
500-600 lbs.	125.00-136.00	400-500 lbs.	126.50-136.50
600-700 lbs.	118.00-130.00	500-600 lbs.	117.00-127.00
700-800 lbs.	116.50-122.50	600-700 lbs.	108.00-118.00
800-900 lbs.	107.25-116.50	Lot 712 lbs.	104.00

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

430-610 lbs.	103.50-111.00
760-960 lbs.	87.70-95.25

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1800.00-2100.00, Crossbreds 1430.00-1585.00, Approved 1525.00-1785.00, Bred Heifers 4 to 6 months Supreme 1785.00-1950.00, Approved 1500.00-1790.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1210.00-1415.00, 600-700 lbs 980.00-1240.00, 500-600 lbs 940.00-1050.00, Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 385.00-870.00. Bulls 140.00-210.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 1000-1500 lbs, 2 to 7 yrs, 3rd stage, 870.00-1150.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 57.00-62.00, high dressing 61.00-66.00. Lean (85-90%) 50.00-56.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 950-1350 lbs. with 100 to 350 lb calves, some rebred, 1150.00-1500.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2500 lbs., 74.00-79.50, high dressing 80.00-84.50, low dressing 68.00-73.50.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 11,976; Week ago 8272; Year ago 8971
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 3.00 lower.
 Sows 2.00-3.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 66.00-69.00
 Weekly top price Monday 69.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 41.00-45.00
 Over 500 lbs 46.00-49.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 1139; Week ago 1385; Year ago 3992
 Compared to last week feeder steers steady and heifers 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 3.00 to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs 145.00-175.00
 400-500 lbs. 135.00-153.00
 500-600 lbs. 129.00-141.00
 600-700 lbs. 125.00-137.50
 700-760 lbs. 118.25-126.00
 800-900 lbs 110.00-113.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

400-500 lbs. 129.00-141.50
 500-600 lbs. 124.75-135.00
 600-700 lbs. 116.50-127.00
 700-800 lbs. 107.00-120.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, few 2 yrs to ss, 900-1430 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 870.00-1085.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.50-59.00, high dressing 57.25-62.75, Lean (85-90%) 48.00-51.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1570-2325 lbs. 64.35-73.75

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 4893; Week ago 2485; Year ago; 4238
 Compared to last week steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows mostly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs. 142.00-158.00
 400-500 lbs. 132.50-151.50
 500-600 lbs. 127.00-148.50
 600-700 lbs. 124.00-140.50
 700-800 lbs. 118.00-132.50
 800-900 lbs. 110.00-119.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs. 130.00-140.00
 400-500 lbs. 123.00-137.00
 500-600 lbs. 118.00-140.00
 600-700 lbs. 110.50-126.50
 700-800 lbs. 107.00-120.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 84.25-88.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-58.00, high dressing 57.00-66.00, low dressing 44.00-54.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4, 83.25-85.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs, 67.00-76.00, high dressing 79.25-81.25.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3883; Week ago 350; Year ago 4545
 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 89; Week ago 91; Year ago 163
 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter steers and heifers 2.00-3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs. 145.00-158.00
 400-500 lbs. 145.00-156.00
 500-600 lbs. 134.50-150.00
 600-700 lbs. 128.00-141.50
 700-800 lbs. 117.75-130.00
 800-900 lbs. 116.40-123.30

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs. 123.00-126.00
 400-500 lbs. 126.50-129.00
 500-600 lbs. 115.50-124.00
 600-700 lbs. 117.00-128.50
 700-800 lbs. 108.00-122.50
 800-850 lbs. Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1050-1400 lbs 86.00-88.75

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 56.50-62.50, low dressing 51.25-57.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1000-1300 lbs. 84.00-86.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2300 lbs. 68.00-73.50.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1554; Week ago 1141; Year ago 1201
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter Cows 1.00 higher and Bulls 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs 150.00-167.50
 300-400 lbs. 130.00-154.00
 400-450 lbs. 126.00-139.00
 500-600 lbs. 120.50-132.50
 600-700 lbs. 106.00-117.50
 700-800 lbs. 104.00-117.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs. 127.00-141.00
 300-400 lbs. 123.00-147.00
 400-500 lbs. 115.00-135.00
 500-600 lbs. 108.00-119.00
 600-700 lbs. 102.00-114.00
 700-800 lbs. 95.50-110.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs 910-1505 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 745.00-975.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.75-58.75, high dressing 55.50-60.50, Lean (85-90%) 41.50-47.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs 920-1235 lbs with 150-350 lbs calves 950.00-1200.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1340-2190 lbs 58.00-72.25, high dressing 74.50.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 2217; Week ago 3333; Year ago 2738
 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 145.00-155.25
 400-500 lbs. 140.00-146.25
 500-600 lbs. 133.50-145.25
 600-700 lbs. 125.00-138.50
 700-800 lbs. 119.00-124.50
 800-900 lbs. 112.00-117.85

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 134.75-152.00
 400-500 lbs. 121.00-146.50
 500-600 lbs. 119.00-139.75
 600-700 lbs. 115.00-128.50
 700-800 lbs. 106.50-121.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 950-1300 lbs, 1st to 3rd stage, 910.00-1150.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.75-57.75, high dressing 56.00-65.00, Lean (85-90%) 45.00-52.00, low dressing 39.00-45.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 1000-1400 lbs with baby-350 lb calves, few rebred, 850.00-1310.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 950-2200 lbs, 64.25-75.00, high dressing 72.50-83.75.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 1200; Year ago 1000
 Compared to last week, trade slow to moderate. No confirmed live sales dressed sales on a grid basis steady to 1.00 higher. Demand and Seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: No salesSTEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No Sales.HEIFERS: No sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):
 Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 134.00-138.00, few early 143.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs few 130.00-132.00.

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

Receipts: 12679 (FOB 2801 Delivered 9878).
 Compared to last week, weaner steady to 1.00 lower. No feeder pigs last week for a test, undertone 1.00 lower.
 Moderate demand for moderate supply.
 Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
 Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.
 2801 head 10 lbs 28.20-33.62 weighted average price 30.26.
 Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
 Delivered, 39.3% negotiated.
 9020 head 31.25-34.13 weighted average 10 lbs 33.43.
 Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered
 858 head 40-50 lbs 40.00-44.00 weighted average 41 lbs 41.28

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts

This week 51,000; Week ago 52,000; Year ago 53,000

Slaughter Lambs steady, Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-
 Slaughter Ewes steady, 3 35.00-45.00, Cull 1 25.00-35.00.
 Feeder Lambs steady to 5.00 higher.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 woolled 110-120 lbs 86.00-
 88.00, 120-140 lbs 88.00-90.00. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
 1-2 60-80 lbs 95.00-105.00, 80-100
 lbs 90.00-95.00.

WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY

A mixed week as far as haying goes in the state. A few areas in central and south central Missouri received moderate to heavy rain, while others are going on a two week drought. Unlike normal years when August is dry, with all the moisture this year it seems that plants hadn't prepared for dry soil and are really starting to show signs of little moisture. A good rain to get pastures back in the growing mode would definitely put a smile on the faces of cattle farmers. There is still hay being baled, a good track of brome hay went up locally this week and some farmers are still baling alfalfa. Movement remains light some hay is moving out of the fields when possible many producers running short on storage space. Hay prices are steady, movement light, and supply 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 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 straw 1.50-3.00 per small square.

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	214.00	170.00	177.50	64.50
St. Louis	222.50	180.00	175.00	62.50

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	636,000	2,025,000	51,000
Last week	643,000	1,932,000	52,000
Last Year	732,000	1,877,000	53,000
2004 yr. to date	20,748,000	63,600,000	1,687,000
2003 yr. to date	23,108,000	61,909,000	1,789,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

All classes of eggs were unchanged except for large, which were .01 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .24-.31, Medium .10-.14, Small .03-.05.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 70.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 115.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 88.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, IL 61.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 34.00. Prices per ton.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .05 to .08 higher, Wheat .07 to .13 higher, Corn .11 to .14 higher, KC Wheat .04 to .10 higher, Soybean Meal Sept 12.10 higher others .60 lower to .10 higher. (All price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Sep	575 1/2	591 3/4	600 1/4	598 1/4	594 3/4
Nov	568 3/4	584	590 3/4	589 1/2	585
Jan	575	590	596 3/4	595	591 3/4
Mar	581 3/4	596	603 1/2	603 1/4	597 1/2
May	586 1/2	600	606 3/4	608 1/2	602 3/4
Wheat					
Sep	302 3/4	308 3/4	301 3/4	309 1/2	312
Dec	316 3/4	322 1/2	315 1/2	323 1/2	324 1/2
Mar	328 3/4	335	328	336 1/4	336
May	334 1/2	340 1/2	333 1/4	341 1/4	340 1/2
Jul	338 1/2	343 3/4	337	326 3/4	342
Corn					
Sep	222 1/4	228 1/2	225 1/2	229 1/4	231 1/4
Dec	233	239 3/4	236 1/4	240 1/4	241 3/4
Mar	241 1/2	247 1/4	244 1/4	248 1/2	249 3/4
May	247	252 1/2	250	254 1/4	255
Jul	251 3/4	257 3/4	254 1/2	258 3/4	259 1/2
KC Wheat					
Sept	318	324	318	323 3/4	326 1/2
Dec	330 3/4	336 1/4	330 1/4	336 3/4	338 1/4
Mar	340	346 1/2	341	346 1/2	347 1/2
May	345	352	347	351 1/2	352 1/2
Jul	352 1/2	356 1/2	352	356	354
SB Meal					
Sep	189.50	198.00	200.50	200.70	200.00
Oct	173.90	180.20	181.60	180.40	176.60
Dec	171.90	177.60	179.40	178.10	174.70
Jan	173.50	179.20	180.60	179.80	176.50
Mar	177.50	182.50	183.80	183.10	179.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.77 to 3.53 lower, Lean Hogs .65 to 2.55 lower, Pork Bellies .02 to 4.33 lower, Feeder Cattle August 1.62 higher others .35 to 1.43 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	87.32	87.22	87.17	85.40	85.02
Oct	89.35	89.02	88.67	86.55	86.57
Dec	90.92	90.97	90.57	88.85	88.47
Feb	91.32	91.30	90.87	89.80	89.50
Apr	88.75	88.87	88.55	87.62	87.60
Lean Hogs					
Oct	66.32	65.20	64.80	65.32	65.77
Dec	62.95	62.10	62.12	62.07	62.80
Feb	62.07	61.60	61.32	61.07	62.10
Apr	60.02	60.17	60.10	60.22	60.75
May	61.50	61.05	61.02	60.82	60.95
Prk Bel					
Aug	90.60	87.60	86.70	86.27	89.27
Feb	93.15	94.35	93.57	92.92	94.20
Mar	95.10	95.10	95.00	95.00	95.00
May	94.55	94.50	94.45	94.50	94.50
Jul	—	—	—	95.80	95.80
Fdr Cat					
Aug	117.05	117.27	117.85	117.72	118.17
Sep	115.35	115.72	115.72	114.35	114.77
Oct	114.92	115.07	114.87	113.17	113.12
Nov	113.30	112.77	112.90	111.45	111.55
Jan	108.30	107.95	107.80	107.30	107.20
Milk					
Aug	14.02	14.04	14.10	14.10	14.10
Sep	14.68	14.94	15.17	15.43	15.19
Oct	14.21	14.28	14.24	14.44	14.14

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans uneven, .04 lower to .39 higher
 Wheat .11 to .20 higher
 Corn .03 to .13 higher
 Grain Sorghum .25 to .32 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	6.24	3.08	2.17	3.71
Tuesday	6.54	3.14	2.24	3.83
Wednesday	6.70	3.08	2.11-2.21	3.77
Thursday	6.75	3.14	2.14-2.24	3.84
Friday	6.75	3.17	2.16-2.26	3.88
St. Louis				
Monday	5.86-5.90	3.20	2.38-2.41	4.00
Tuesday	6.17	3.31	2.47	4.20
Wednesday	6.11-6.21	3.23	2.40-2.41	4.21
Thursday	6.06-6.17	3.31	2.43-2.45	4.25
Friday	5.97-6.03	3.34	2.45-2.47	4.23
Central				
Monday	5.59	3.08	2.09-2.14	3.16
Tuesday	5.73-5.74	3.14	2.16-2.19	3.28
Wednesday	5.81	3.02-3.07	2.16	3.23
Thursday	5.80	3.09-3.15	2.16-2.19	3.46
Friday	5.75	3.12	2.18-2.21	3.46
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.54-5.79	2.98-3.03	2.16-2.21	3.80-4.12
Tuesday	5.70-5.94	3.07-3.09	2.21-2.27	3.92-4.23
Wednesday	5.77-6.01	3.01-3.03	2.19-2.23	3.85-4.12
Thursday	5.76-5.99	3.08-3.11	2.22-2.27	3.92-4.12
Friday	5.71-5.95	3.11-3.13	2.25-2.29	3.96-4.16

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

Weekly Crop Report

Crop development was slowed by the cool temperatures of the past week but condition of crops remains above normal in most areas. An average of 6.6 days were suitable for fieldwork, as rainfall was nearly non-existent. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 2 percent very short, 24 percent short, 71 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus. Moisture shortages are showing up in a large number of counties, although adequate ratings are still predominant in all districts. Field Crops Report: Eighty-nine percent of the corn has reached the dough stage or beyond, 65 percent is dented and 11 percent is mature. Denting progress is 4 days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average of 56 percent dented. Reporters rated corn condition as 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 55 percent good and 28 percent excellent, virtually unchanged from a week earlier. Eighty-nine percent of the soybeans are blooming and 69 percent are setting pods. The growth process is 2 days ahead of last year but the same as the 5-year average, as the abnormally cool weather slowed development. Podding progress varies by area from 47 percent in the southwest district to 80 percent in the north-central district. Soybean condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 55 percent good and 15 percent excellent, similar to the averages of a week ago. Bean fields with varying degrees of Sudden Death Syndrome are causing concern in several north central and northeastern counties, although the over-all effect on a State basis still appears to be minor. Eighty-nine percent of the sorghum has headed and 28 percent is turning color. While progress of heading continues to proceed slightly ahead of normal, the coloring process is 2 days behind average due to cool weather. Development is least advanced in the central district, at 71 percent headed and 8 percent turning color, while the southeast district is most advanced at 97 percent headed and 45 percent turning color. Sorghum condition is rated as 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 64 percent good and 14 percent excellent, close to the ratings of a week ago.