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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 15,824; Week ago 25,734; Year ago 30,039  
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
353 lbs.	143.61	367 lbs.	132.71	248 lbs	118.57
463 lbs.	131.20	450 lbs.	127.34	367 lbs.	113.86
549 lbs.	127.74	542 lbs.	120.20	453 lbs.	104.81
640 lbs.	120.34	648 lbs.	112.11	551 lbs.	95.85
743 lbs.	115.23	744 lbs.	109.46	638 lbs.	92.64
847 lbs.	108.53	865 lbs.	99.04	744 lbs.	84.13
952 lbs.	104.00			819 lbs.	85.90

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 3828; Week ago 6325; Year ago 7385  
 Compared to last week steers under 550 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 550 lbs 1.00-2.00 lower, heifers under 500 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, over 500 lbs 2.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter Cows 1.00-3.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	138.00-152.00	300-400 lbs	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	122.00-141.00	400-500 lbs.	116.00-136.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-131.00	500-600 lbs.	108.00-115.00
600-700 lbs.	107.50-119.50	600-700 lbs.	100.00-109.50
700-800 lbs.	110.50-115.00	700-725 lbs.	103.00-105.00
800-810 lbs.	105.00-108.50	800-900 lbs.	97.50-99.50
Pkg 952 lbs.	104.00		

### Large 3 Holsteins

Pkg 344 lbs.	111.00
Lot 424 lbs.	108.00
500-600 lbs.	91.50-95.00
700-820 lbs.	84.50-87.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1275-2355 lbs., 65.00-70.00, high dressing 70.00-75.00, low dressing 55.00-63.50.

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

### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.00-58.50, high dressing 57.50-58.00. Lean (85-90%) 47.50-53.00, low dressing 46.00-48.50.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2yrs to ss, 1020-1250 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage, 750.00-850.00. Package black 3 yrs 1370 lbs 3rd stage 1020.00 per head.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1375, week ago 6300, year ago 9367  
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1087; week ago 870 ; year ago 1150  
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1440; Norwood 09/09/04

Compared to last week steers 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower, bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	Pkg 350 lbs.	129.00
400-500 lbs.	Scarce	400-500 lbs.	118.00-126.00
500-600 lbs.	123.50-128.00	500-600 lbs.	112.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	107.00-115.50	600-700 lbs.	110.00-115.00
Pkg 758 lbs.	111.50	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
Pkg 856 lbs.	109.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce

### HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	115.00-122.00
300-400 lbs.	115.00-116.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-108.00
500-600 lbs.	94.00-105.00
600-700 lbs.	93.50-99.00
700-800 lbs.	84.50-85.00

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 1000-1300 lbs, 2 to 7 yrs, 3rd stage, 875.00-1100.00 per head.

### COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 950-1300 lbs. with 150-400 lb calves, few rebred, 1000.00-1250.00 per pair.

### Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1700.00-2125.00, Crossbred 1400.00-1525.00, Approved 1500.00-1725.00, Bred Heifers 4 to 6 months Supreme 1675.00-1935.00, Approved 1300.00-1685.00. Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1110.00-1270.00, 600-700 lbs 1030.00-1175.00, 500-600 lbs 885.00-1090.00, Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 330.00-500.00. Bulls 150.00-190.00

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 53.00-59.50, high dressing 60.00-63.00. Lean (85-90%) 49.00-55.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1060-1990 lbs., 69.50-74.50, high dressing 75.00-79/50, low dressing or fleshy 65.00-69.50.

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9331; Week ago 13,286; Year ago 11,567  
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower.  
 Sows steady.

### BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 64.00-65.00  
 Weekly top price Wednesday 66.00

### SOWS:

300-500 lbs 37.00-42.00  
 Over 500 lbs 43.00-44.00.

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 2056; Week ago 1924; Year ago 3293

Compared to last week feeder calves under 500 lbs 4.00-10.00 lower, over 500 lbs 2.00 to 8.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1&amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs	131.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	123.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-132.50
600-700 lbs.	109.00-125.00
700-800 lbs.	106.00-118.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.00-132.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-120.25
600-700 lbs.	106.00-115.75
700-800 lbs.	97.00-111.25

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1100-1450 lbs, 3rd stage, 910.00-1150.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.25-59.50, high dressing 60.00-65.50, Lean (85-90%) 51.00-57.50.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 1075-1300 lbs, with 150 to 500 lb calves, 1185.00-1375.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2100 lbs, 68.75-74.00, high dressing 74.75-78.75.

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 4770; Week ago 3782; Year ago; 3742

Compared to last week feeders steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 5.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	125.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-134.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	110.00-118.00
800-900 lbs.	109.00-114.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	120.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-124.00
700-800 lbs.	102.00-110.00

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

High Select and Choice 2-3, 77.00-83.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 45.00-55.00, high dressing 53.00-61.50, low dressing 40.00-50.00

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

Few Select and Low Choice 2-3, 74.00-78.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs, 63.00-69.00, high dressing 69.50-71.50.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1470; Week ago 1938; Year ago 4706

Slaughter Cattle Receipts No Sale; Week ago 88; Year ago 195  
Compared to last week steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady.**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	132.00-135.50
500-600 lbs.	128.00-138.75
600-700 lbs.	120.00-133.25
700-800 lbs.	116.25-117.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	119.75-130.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-122.50
600-700 lbs.	113.00-119.50
700-800 lbs.	109.30-113.70
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice 2-3, No Sale**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 55.00-62.25, low dressing 50.00-55.00.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3, No Sale**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2200 lbs. 66.00-74.00.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 424; Week ago 1880; Year ago 393

Compared to last week, steers and heifers 2.00-5.00 lower except 300-500 lb heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter Cows 1.00 lower and Bulls 4.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs	145.00-146.00
300-400 lbs.	126.00-150.00
400-450 lbs.	120.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	102.50-113.50
700-750 lbs.	100.00-107.00
800-825 lbs.	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	121.00-131.00
300-400 lbs.	120.00-131.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-107.00
600-650 lbs.	103.00-105.00
700-750 lbs.	95.00-96.25
800-825 lbs.	Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 7 yrs 970-1390 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 675.00-920.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.25-54.00, high dressing 55.00-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 40.50-43.50.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 7 yrs 925-1315 lbs with 170-225 lbs calves 980.00-1085.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1320-1995 lbs 60.00-63.00, high dressing 65.50-69.50.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 2227; Week ago 2906; Year ago 3028

Compared to last week steers under 500 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, over 500 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers under 500 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher, over 500 lbs 4.00 lower to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	138.00-149.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-132.00
600-700 lbs.	114.50-123.50
700-750 lbs.	114.00-116.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	131.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-134.50
500-600 lbs.	111.00-125.00
600-730 lbs.	107.25-115.00
750-790 lbs.	96.50-98.50
800-830 lbs.	Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 6 yrs, blk/bwf 1075-1300 lbs, 3rd stage, 1250.00-1310.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-54.00, high dressing 55.00-58.00, Lean (85-90%) 46.00-51.00, low dressing 41.00-46.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 6 yrs blk/bwf, 1075-1200 lbs, 250 to 300 lbs calves, rebred in 1st stage 1520.00-1650.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2300 lbs, 63.50-71.50, high dressing 71.50, low dressing 55.00-62.75.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 800; Week ago 400; Year ago 120

Compared to last week, trade slow to moderate. Live sales 2.00 higher. Dressed sales on a grid basis unevenly steady. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

**STEERS:**

Few 50-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 82.00

**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: load 60% Choice steers 1250 lbs 127.00.

**HEIFERS:**

Few 50-60% Choice 1100-1150 lbs 82.00

**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 125.00-133.00. Select 3 550-950 lbs few 122.00-126.00.

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

Receipts: 13176 (FOB 2088 Delivered 11,628).  
Compared to last week, weaner mostly steady to 1.00 lower. Feeder pigs steady.  
Moderate demand for moderate supply.  
Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Fob the farm, 0.9% negotiated.  
2088 head 10 lbs 30.24-33.00 weighted average price 31.03.  
Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Delivered, 31.9% negotiated.  
9,878 head 30.12-34.13 weighted average 10 lbs 33.29.  
Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered 4.8% negotiated  
1750 head 40 lbs 43.00-44.00 weighted average 43.86

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts

This week 48,000; Week ago 54,000; Year ago 56,000

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

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large  
Prime 2-3 woolled 110-120 lbs 1-2 60-80 lbs 100.00-110.00, 80-  
84.00-86.00, 120-140 lbs 86.00- 100 lbs 90.00-100.00.  
88.00.

**WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY**

Summer seems to have skipped the state this year, as we are now experiencing fall like weather. Corn harvest is now underway in a few areas of the state. The potential for huge yields has pushed cash prices just on either side of \$2. This should be very attractive in winter, as farmers can do a little mixing of corn and lower quality hay to keep feed costs down. Prices are steady to weak, movement is mostly 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 30.00-80.00 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 50.00-75.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-85.00 Good quality Timothy Hay 2.50-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-60.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale .25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 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	186.40	167.25	205.00	63.00
St. Louis	222.50	175.00	195.00	61.00

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	541,000	1,879,000	48,000
Last week	640,000	2,037,000	54,000
Last Year	749,000	1,963,000	56,000
2004 yr. to date	22,588,000	69,488,000	1,838,000
2003 yr. to date	25,240,000	67,538,000	1,950,000

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Large eggs .04 higher, other classes of eggs were unchanged. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .28-.35, 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 59.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 34.00. Prices per ton.

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .35 to .52 lower, Wheat .09 to .15 higher, Corn .08 to .13 lower, KC Wheat .12 to .18 higher, Soybean Meal 4.00 to 6.00 lower. (All price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Sep	holiday	588	581 1/2	581 1/4	563
Nov		583 1/2	583 1/2	582	572
Jan		591	590 1/2	589	580 1/2
Mar		597 1/4	597 1/4	596 1/2	587 1/2
May		601 3/4	603	601 1/4	593 1/2
Wheat					
Sep	holiday	305 3/4	309 1/4	311 1/2	323
Dec		317 1/4	319 3/4	320 1/4	332 1/2
Mar		327 3/4	330	330 1/4	343 1/4
May		329 1/2	333 3/4	333 1/4	347 1/2
Jul		332 1/2	335 1/2	333 1/4	347 1/2
Corn					
Sep	holiday	219 1/4	217	217 1/2	210 3/4
Dec		226 1/2	226 3/4	226 1/2	222 1/4
Mar		234 1/2	235 1/2	235 1/4	231 1/4
May		240 3/4	241 3/4	241 1/2	237 1/2
Jul		245 3/4	247	246 1/4	242 1/4
KC Wheat					
Sept	holiday	324	326 3/4	332.1/2	340
Dec		335 1/2	338 3/4	339	356 1/4
Mar		344 3/4	347	347 1/4	362
May		349	352	351 1/2	367
Jul		351	353 1/2	352	365
SB Meal					
Sep	holiday	173.40	171.90	172.20	170.30
Oct		167.80	169.20	168.40	166.30
Dec		168.70	170.70	170.30	167.80
Jan		170.40	173.00	172.10	169.30
Mar		174.20	176.00	175.40	172.80

**WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.70 to 2.30 higher, Lean Hogs unchanged to 1.10 higher, Pork Bellies .30 to 3.40 lower except May .10 higher, Feeder Cattle 2.50-4.07 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Oct	holiday	82.37	82.90	82.60	85.02
Dec		85.90	86.37	86.47	88.10
Feb		86.57	87.20	87.35	89.00
Apr		84.67	85.05	85.15	86.40
Jun		81.52	81.90	81.90	82.90
Lean Hogs					
Oct	holiday	65.12	64.55	65.60	66.05
Dec		63.27	62.00	63.65	63.92
Feb		62.32	61.42	62.40	63.30
Apr		60.85	60.57	61.10	61.47
May		62.05	62.00	61.92	62.20
Prk Bel					
Feb	holiday	95.75	96.05	94.17	93.70
Mar		96.55	96.50	94.80	93.25
May		94.00	96.90	95.25	94.00
Jul		94.32	94.32	94.35	94.00
Aug		---	---	---	---
Fdr Cat					
Sep	holiday	109.52	110.85	110.44	112.30
Oct		106.57	108.07	107.75	110.32
Nov		105.97	107.45	107.12	109.25
Jan		502.82	103.70	103.50	105.10
Mar		95.57	99.80	99.47	101.20
Milk					
Sep	holiday	14.56	14.50	14.58	14.62
Oct		13.35	13.18	13.30	13.25
Nov		12.48	12.39	12.40	12.40

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .30-.46 lower  
 Wheat .05 to .18 higher  
 Corn .09 to .15 lower  
 Grain Sorghum .16 to .25 lower

**Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids**

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	holiday			
Tuesday	6.14	3.21	2.07	3.61
Wednesday	6.14	3.24	2.07	3.61
Thursday	6.22	3.24	2.07	3.61
Friday	6.12	3.41	2.02	3.52
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	holiday			
Tuesday	5.82-5.88	3.30	2.24-2.27	4.02
Wednesday	5.84	3.34-3.40	2.26	4.05
Thursday	5.78-5.84	3.33	2.25	4.00
Friday	5.66-5.70	3.41	2.18	3.87
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	holiday			
Tuesday	5.64-5.84	3.04-3.05	2.07-2.15	3.25
Wednesday	5.64-5.74	3.07-3.08	2.05-2.12	3.25-3.60
Thursday	5.62-5.72	3.07-3.20	2.05-2.12	3.25
Friday	5.52-5.62	3.17-3.22	2.00-2.10	3.16
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	holiday			
Tuesday	5.72-5.79	3.12-3.17	2.09-2.14	3.82-3.95
Wednesday	5.72-5.79	3.17-3.20	2.11-2.15	3.84-3.98
Thursday	5.71-5.78	3.17-3.20	2.11-2.14	3.78-3.94
Friday	5.59-5.66	3.27-3.33	2.03-2.08	3.62-3.87

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

**Weekly Crop Report**

Corn, soybeans, sorghum and rice are progressing toward maturity at an average pace while cotton is about a week behind normal. Harvest is under way for corn, sorghum and rice in the earliest areas. An average of 5.7 days were suitable for fieldwork. Ninety-one percent of the corn has reached the dent stage or beyond and 60 percent is mature, similar to both last year and the 5-year average for this date. Progress by area ranges from 31 percent mature in the northeast district and 45 percent in the north-central to 99 percent mature in the southeast district. Reporters rated corn condition as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 56 percent good and 24 percent excellent, virtually the same as a week earlier. Twelve percent of the crop is harvested, nearly the same as last year but 3 days behind average. Harvesting by area ranges from barely beginning across the northern third of the State and about 5 percent across the central districts, to 48 percent complete in the southeast district. Ninety-eight percent of the soybeans are setting pods, 28 percent are turning color and 10 percent are dropping leaves. The maturing process is about 3 days ahead of last year but similar to the average pace. Beans are turning color most rapidly in the northwest and west-central districts at 42 and 36 percent respectively, while all other districts average in the 20's. Soybean condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 53 percent good and 13 percent excellent, a minor decline from a week earlier. Soybean harvesting is expected to begin in the earliest areas this week. Ninety-nine percent of the sorghum has headed, 84 percent is turning color and 26 percent is mature. Although the coloring process has moved ahead of both last year and normal, sorghum is still about 5 days behind normal in reaching maturity. The crop is most advanced in the northwest and southeast districts, at 47 percent mature, while all other districts average 20 percent or less mature. Sorghum condition is rated as 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 60 percent good and 14 percent excellent.