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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 53,690; Week ago 26,672; Year ago 56,009
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
363 lbs.	139.18	359 lbs.	127.18	370 lbs.	106.71
461 lbs.	127.37	455 lbs.	117.08	476 lbs.	96.98
551 lbs.	117.47	551 lbs.	109.49	536 lbs.	93.45
643 lbs.	109.76	643 lbs.	103.25	665 lbs.	86.38
743 lbs.	104.65	737 lbs.	100.18	747 lbs.	85.53
836 lbs.	102.82	815 lbs.	95.69	836 lbs.	82.27
935 lbs.	101.44				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 12,700; Week ago 3831; Year ago 11,109

Compare to last week feeder steers and heifers under 650 lbs 2.00-6.00 higher, with some 350-450 lbs 5.00-12.00 higher, heavier weights uneven steers steady to 2.00 lower, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1 and 1-2		Medium and Large 1 and 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	135.00-153.00	300-400 lbs.	119.00-132.50
400-500 lbs.	115.00-142.00	400-450 lbs.	115.00-130.00
500-550 lbs.	115.00-123.00	450-500 lbs.	110.00-120.00
550-600 lbs.	106.50-115.00	500-600 lbs.	100.00-115.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-113.00	600-700 lbs.	95.00-105.00
700-800 lbs.	100.00-106.00	700-750 lbs.	94.00-100.00
825-850 lbs.	96.50-101.50	Load 807 lbs.	93.20

Large 3 Holsteins

460-470 lbs	95.00-96.50
500-550 lbs.	87.00-90.00
650-700 lbs.	82.50-86.25
700-715 lbs.	83.00-83.75
850-900 lbs.	78.00-80.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-1900 lbs., 63.00-69.50, low dressing 54.00-61.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4-7 yrs, 1150-1250 lbs, 150-450 lbs calves, 1075.00-1190.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-54.00, high dressing 52.50-58.00. Lean (85-90%) 46.00-51.00, low dressing 39.00-45.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1150-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 825.00-950.00 per head, several bunches (mostly home raised) 1230-1410 lbs. 2nd and 3rd stage 1000.00-1075.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 18,997; week ago 12,460; year ago 19,061
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1600; week ago 1500; year ago 1427
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1073; Springfield 1/13/05

Compared to last week Feeders under 650 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 higher, over 650 lbs steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	117.50-145.00	400-500 lbs.	112.50-126.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-129.00	500-600 lbs.	101.00-115.00
600-700 lbs.	104.50-116.00	600-700 lbs.	98.25-109.50
700-800 lbs.	99.50-107.50	700-800 lbs.	96.50-104.00
800-900 lbs.	98.25-104.25	800-900 lbs.	92.00-102.50
900-1000 lbs.	97.00-103.00		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	102.00-111.00
400-500 lbs.	95.00-103.00
500-600 lbs.	91.00-98.00
600-700 lbs.	86.00-92.50
700-800 lbs.	82.50-88.25
800-900 lbs.	79.50-83.50
900-1000 lbs.	73.25-84.35

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1300 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 720.00-1050.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 6 yrs to ss, 900-1250 lbs. with baby-275 lb calves, 950.00-1275.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1800.00-2175.00, Approved 1600.00-1785.00, Bred Heifers 4 to 6 months Supreme 1875.00-1950.00, Approved 1500.00-1785.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1150.00-1340.00, 600-700 lbs 1085.00-1140.00, 500-600 lbs 925.00-1110.00, Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 240.00-485.00. Bulls 115.00-175.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 43.00-58.00, high dressing 53.00-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 43.00-51.00, low dressing 35.00-43.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1320-2300 lbs. 63.50-71.50.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,381; Week ago 9193; Year ago 10,720
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.00 higher.
 Sows 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 66.00
 Weekly top price Friday 66.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 40.00-46.00
 Over 500 lbs 47.00-49.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 4293; Week ago 2228; Year ago 3636

Compared to last week steers and heifers mostly firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	122.00-132.50
400-500 lbs.	119.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-114.75
700-800 lbs.	101.00-109.00
800-900 lbs.	100.00-108.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	114.00-130.00
400-500 lbs.	105.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	99.00-119.50
600-700 lbs.	98.50-111.75
700-800 lbs.	94.00-101.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 930-1445 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 750.00-950.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-53.25, high dressing 53.25-56.50, Lean (85-90%) 46.50-49.75

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, ScarceSLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1290-2360 lbs 62.50-69.25, high dressing 70.00-70.50

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 5132; Week ago 3157; Year ago; 5407

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers undertone firm to higher. Slaughter cows firm to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	125.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-136.00
500-600 lbs.	104.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-113.00
700-800 lbs.	99.00-109.50
800-850 lbs.	96.00-104.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	118.00-131.00
400-500 lbs.	104.00-129.00
500-600 lbs.	95.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	95.00-105.00
700-800 lbs.	93.50-101.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-4 85.00-88.00, few 88.00-90.00SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 44.00-54.00, high dressing 52.00-57.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Select and Choice 2-4 84.00-87.50SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2250 lbs, 59.50-65.50, high dressing 67.25-67.75**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4781; Week ago 1908; Year ago 6069

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 38; Week ago 59; Year ago 83

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	128.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	127.25-141.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-132.00
600-700 lbs.	108.50-118.00
700-800 lbs.	102.75-111.50
800-900 lbs.	103.75-106.75
900-950 lbs.	scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	129.00-136.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-126.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-116.75
600-700 lbs.	100.75-109.25
700-800 lbs.	99.00-105.50
800-850 lbs.	95.75-100.75

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1200 lbs 85.25-86.75SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 49.50-54.50, low dressing 45.00-49.00.SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1200 lbs 85.80-85.90SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2350 lbs 63.25-68.75.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1742; Week ago 1094; Year ago 1119

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	117.00-136.00
300-400 lbs.	115.00-138.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-122.00
600-700 lbs.	98.00-116.00
700-800 lbs.	93.00-107.00
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	110.00-127.00
300-350 lbs.	104.00-121.00
400-500 lbs.	98.00-113.00
500-600 lbs.	90.00-106.75
600-700 lbs.	90.00-105.00
700-800 lbs.	85.25-95.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 885-1330 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 730.00-890.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-51.25, high dressing 52.25-54.00, Lean (85-90%) 36.75-39.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 845-1420 lbs with 75-250 lb calves 800.00-1000.00 per pairSLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1280-1875 lbs 57.75-65.25, high dressing 68.00.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 2681; Week ago 1800; Year ago 3886

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	133.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-136.00
500-600 lbs.	108.50-123.50
600-700 lbs.	104.00-113.00
700-760 lbs.	102.00-105.50
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

330-400 lbs.	118.00-132.00
400-500 lbs.	108.00-124.00
500-600 lbs.	103.00-113.00
600-700 lbs.	97.50-107.50
700-775 lbs.	95.50-104.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1000-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 835.00-950.00 per head

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-52.00, high dressing 52.50-55.75, Lean (85-90%) 43.00-49.50, low dressing 38.00-43.50.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, ScarceSLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2100 lbs, 58.00-68.00, low dressing 55.00-59.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1000; Week ago 1600; Year ago 800

Compared to last week, trade moderate to active. Live Sales 6.00 higher and dressed sales on a grid basis 2.00 to 6.00 higher. Demand and seller interest good.

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1250-1300 lbs 92.00.STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: 50 to 60% Choice 1300 lbs 144.00.HEIFERS: No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 142.00-148.00 Select 3 550-950 lbs. 136.00-142.00

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

Receipts: 12,371 (FOB 1,317 Delivered 11,054)
 Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady. No feeder pigs to report. Compared to last week USDA National Delivered Feeder Pig Report indicates feeder pigs are from 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Good demand for light supply.
 Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
 Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.
 1,317 head 10 lbs 33.00-50.50 weighted average 10 lbs 38.29.
 Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights. (5,600 Ark to NEB, IA)
 Delivered, 22% negotiated.
 11,054 head 32.25-56.00 weighted average 10 lbs 41.70.
 Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered 0% negotiated.
 No sales to report.

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts

This week 47,000; Week ago 45,000; Year ago 50,000

Slaughter Lambs 7.00 higher Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes steady to 3.00 1-3 45.00-55.00, Cull 1 25.00-
 higher Feeder Lambs 5.00 higher 45.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
 Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 1-2 60-80 lbs 125.00-140.00, 80-
 105.00-107.00, woolled 103.00- 100 lbs 110.00-125.00.
 105.00.

WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY

Many farmers are once again fighting through the mud. A cold spell forecasted for this week should return them to chopping ice for at least a few days. Many hay sellers are moving a fair amount of hay, if they can get close enough to the barns to load. More and more hay is showing up along the roads as farmers are realizing they aren't going to be able to feed all the hay they have on hand this season. When you add in the cost of fuel no one really sees how the market can get any lower, but the large supply continues to add pressure to the market. Hay prices are steady on low to good hay, steady to firm on higher quality hay. Demand moderate. Supply moderate to heavy. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429.) (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 115.00-140.00 Premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 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 Fair quality Brome some mixed with grass round bales 10.00-25.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 2.50-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 10.00-30.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 7.00-20.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	172.20	135.00	153.50	73.50
St. Louis	180.00	131.50	152.50	69.00

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	587,000	2,045,000	47,000
Last week	574,000	1,989,000	45,000
Last Year	599,000	2,103,000	50,000
2005 yr. to date	1,161,000	4,034,000	92,000
2004 yr. to date	1,298,000	4,768,000	108,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large and Medium sharply higher. Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .27-.35, Medium .014-.19, Small .04-.06.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 75.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 135.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 83.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 62.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 33.00. Prices per ton.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .09 to .24 lower, Wheat .08 to .12 lower, Corn .9 to .10 lower, KC Wheat .10 to .17 lower, Soybean Meal .10 to 8.30 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jan	560	557 1/2	554	557 1/2	542
Mar	548 1/2	543 1/4	533 3/4	536 1/2	519 1/2
May	551	546 1/2	536 1/4	539	522 3/4
Jul	558 1/4	553	541 1/2	544 3/4	528 3/4
Aug	561	555	543 1/2	546	530 3/4
Wheat					
Mar	307 3/4	306 1/2	307 1/4	307 1/2	297 1/2
May	315 1/4	314	314 1/4	315 1/4	305 1/4
Jul	321 1/4	320 1/4	321 1/2	322 1/2	312 1/4
Sep	328	326 1/2	326 1/2	328	318 1/4
Dec	336 1/2	336 1/4	334 3/4	336	326
Corn					
Mar	206 3/4	206 3/4	200 1/2	200	197 1/4
May	214 3/4	214 1/2	208 1/4	207 1/2	204 3/4
Jul	221 1/2	221 1/2	215 1/2	241 3/4	212
Sep	228 1/4	228 1/4	222 3/4	222	219
Dec	237 1/4	237 1/4	232 1/2	231 1/2	228 1/2
KC Wheat					
Mar	339 1/4	337 3/4	340 1/4	343 1/4	334 3/4
May	333 3/4	331	332 1/4	333	326
Jul	329	324 1/2	322 1/2	322	314
Sep	335	329	327	329	319 3/4
Dec	343 1/2	340	337	337 1/2	329 1/2
SB Meal					
Jan	166.90	167.00	165.50	167.70	162.80
Mar	166.50	165.20	161.90	161.60	154.80
May	167.60	166.10	162.50	161.80	156.40
Jul	170.10	168.40	164.20	164.00	158.80
Aug	170.90	169.80	165.70	165.40	160.40

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .52 to 2.40 higher, Lean Hogs 1.58 to 4.82 higher, Pork Bellies 1.00 to 2.35 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.60 to 3.35 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Feb	90.55	91.87	92.05	91.17	91.32
Apr	88.97	90.00	89.80	89.52	89.15
Jun	82.30	83.60	83.47	83.35	83.37
Aug	81.05	81.72	81.62	81.40	81.32
Oct	82.10	83.12	82.75	82.40	81.97
Lean Hogs					
Feb	75.05	77.05	75.80	76.20	76.77
Apr	75.75	77.70	77.07	77.67	77.65
May	75.57	77.57	76.42	76.75	76.97
Jun	77.05	78.55	78.20	78.35	78.72
Jul	72.65	74.20	73.72	74.30	74.65
Prk Bel					
Feb	96.97	97.20	95.52	95.42	95.82
Mar	97.50	97.60	96.30	96.35	96.72
May	99.50	99.40	98.25	98.20	98.80
Jul	101.10	101.40	100.00	99.80	100.40
Aug	100.00	100.45	100.45	100.45	99.95
Fdr Cat					
Jan	104.82	105.65	105.75	106.15	105.85
Mar	101.35	103.07	102.37	102.40	102.15
Apr	100.12	101.20	100.92	100.82	100.60
May	99.55	100.40	100.00	100.12	99.95
Aug	101.15	101.95	101.75	101.52	101.40
Milk					
Jan	13.82	13.95	13.98	14.06	14.00
Feb	14.19	14.98	15.05	15.25	15.42
Mar	13.95	14.81	14.86	15.16	15.25

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .16 to .33 lower
 Wheat .07 to .10 lower
 Corn .03 to .12 lower
 Grain Sorghum .18 to .27 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.39	3.29	1.82	3.25
Tuesday	5.33	3.28	1.82	3.25
Wednesday	5.24	3.30	1.76	3.14
Thursday	5.23-5.26	3.33	1.80	3.13
Friday	5.12	3.25	1.77	3.07
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.84-5.85	3.48	2.15-2.16	3.76
Tuesday	5.74-5.81	3.51	2.17	3.82
Wednesday	5.72-5.73	3.50	2.09	3.62
Thursday	5.75-5.83	3.51	2.06-2.11	3.60
Friday	5.50-5.56	3.45	2.04-2.06	3.51
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.24	2.88-2.93	1.71-1.77	2.96
Tuesday	5.18	2.87-2.92	1.73-1.74	3.01
Wednesday	5.09	2.87-2.92	1.67-1.87	2.91
Thursday	5.12-5.14	2.88-2.93	1.66-1.72	2.89
Friday	4.95-5.00	2.78-2.83	1.65-1.69	2.85
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.73-5.79	3.37-3.43	2.05-2.10	3.42-3.80
Tuesday	5.66-5.73	3.37-3.41	2.05-2.12	3.42-3.80
Wednesday	5.59-5.64	3.30-3.42	1.99-2.05	3.39-3.71
Thursday	5.61-5.66	3.38-3.42	1.95-2.03	3.25-3.68
Friday	5.42-5.57	3.25-3.33	1.92-2.00	3.16-3.62

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

2004 CROP PRODUCTION SETS RECORDS

"Most Missouri crops achieved record yields throughout the State in 2004," said Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics. "The outstanding crop year can be attributed to a combination of plentiful rainfall and moderately cool temperatures during most of the growing season." **Missouri soybean production** in 2004 totaled a record 223 million bushels, up 53 percent from the 2003 crop and 20 percent above the previous record of 2001. Farmers in Missouri harvested 4.96 million of the 5.0 million acres planted in the State. Missouri yields averaged 45 bushels per acre, up 15.5 bushels from the 2003 yield and 7 bushels above the previous record yield of 38 bushels attained in 2001, 1994 and 1992. **Corn production in Missouri** during 2004 totaled 467 million bushels, 54 percent above a year earlier and 18 percent above the earlier record set in 2000. Yields for the State averaged 162 bushels per acre, up 54 bushels from 2003 and 19 bushels above the previous record, also set in 2000. Out of 2.95 million planted acres, corn for grain was produced from 2.88 million acres and 50,000 acres were cut for silage. **Missouri grain sorghum production** totaled 15.7 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2003. Of the 150,000 acres planted, 145,000 were harvested for grain, 31 percent less than a year earlier. Average yield for the State was a record 108 bushels per acre, 31 bushels above the 2003 yield and 11 bushels above the 1992 previous record yield. **Missouri cotton production** is estimated at a record 820,000 bales, 17 percent above the previous record high of 2003. The State yield is also a record at 1,041 pounds, up 179 pounds from the 2003 record. Missouri farmers harvested 378,000 of the 380,000 acres planted. **Rice production in Missouri** during 2004 totaled a record 13.3 million cwt, 26 percent above a year earlier and 7 percent above the previous record crop of 2001. A record yield of 6,800 pounds per acre is estimated, sharply above the 6,130 pound record set in 2003. Farmers harvested 195,000 of the 196,000 planted acres. **Hay production in the State** totaled a record 9.42 million tons, 16 percent above the 2003 crop. Missouri hay yields averaged a record 2.17 tons per acre, compared with 1.91 tons a year earlier. Harvested area of all hay was also a record high, at 4.35 million acres.