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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 29,407; Week ago 51,004; Year ago 19,790
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
360 lbs.	143.26	353 lbs.	126.92	342 lbs.	105.40
457 lbs.	132.46	455 lbs.	121.19	467 lbs.	102.52
554 lbs.	121.55	543 lbs.	112.39	544 lbs.	92.48
655 lbs.	109.29	641 lbs.	102.89	647 lbs.	89.09
739 lbs.	103.20	727 lbs.	96.41	769 lbs.	84.05
824 lbs.	99.81	822 lbs.	92.26	841 lbs.	79.30
943 lbs.	92.29			975 lbs.	76.50

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 3850; Week ago 6857; Year ago 2535

Compare to last week steers under 550 lbs steady, heifers under 550 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heavier weights steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter Cows 1.00 to mostly 2.00 higher, Bulls firm to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	142.00-151.00	300-400 lbs.	120.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-141.00	400-500 lbs.	107.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-128.00	500-600 lbs.	102.00-113.50
600-700 lbs.	104.00-108.50	600-700 lbs.	95.00-104.00
700-800 lbs.	97.00-105.00	700-750 lbs.	86.00-90.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce		

Large 3 Holsteins

475-550 lbs.	94.00-101.00
625-700 lbs.	85.00-93.00
700-800 lbs.	86.00-90.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2350 lbs., 64.00-72.00, high dressing 75.00, low dressing 58.00-65.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Few 4 yrs to ss with baby to 250 lbs calves 950.00-1100.00 per pair, few bred back with 250 to 400 lbs calves 1050.00-1230.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-57.00, high dressing 57.00-58.50. Lean (85-90%) 48.00-55.00, low dressing 43.00-48.50.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, including some ss 1000-1550 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 850.00-940.00 per head, few 2 to 6 yrs 1000-1300 lbs 3rd stage 995.00-1050.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6395; week ago 12,175; year ago 2105
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1190; week ago 1820; year ago 700
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1073; Norwood 1/13/05

Compared to last week feeder steers under 700 lbs steady to 1.00 lower, heifers under 700 lbs steady, steers and heifers over 700 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	128.00-146.00	300-400 lbs.	115.00-131.00
400-500 lbs.	131.50-136.00	400-500 lbs.	112.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	109.00-128.50	500-600 lbs.	106.50-117.50
600-700 lbs.	100.00-113.00	600-700 lbs.	96.50-104.50
700-800 lbs.	96.50-106.00	700-800 lbs.	92.00-97.50
800-900 lbs.	93.50-98.75	800-900 lbs.	90.25-92.00
900-1000 lbs.	90.00-91.50		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	105.00-106.00
400-500 lbs.	103.00-109.00
500-600 lbs.	94.00-103.00
600-700 lbs.	86.00-95.00
700-800 lbs.	82.00-89.00
800-900 lbs.	81.00
900-1000 lbs.	76.50

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1800.00-2225.00, Approved 1400.00-1785.00, Bred Heifers 4 to 6 months Supreme 1700.00-2125.00, Approved 1475.00-1700.00. Replacement Cows: Springer Supreme 1575.00-1875.00. Open Heifers; Approved, 500-600 lbs 995.00-1130.00, lot 12 Jersey 523 lbs 1115.00, 300-400 lbs 700.00-720.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 160.00-390.00. Bulls 855.00-130.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1300 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 800.00-1110.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 850-1100 lbs. with 100-300 lb calves, 10250.00-1235.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.50-59.50, high dressing 56.00-63.00, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-53.5, low dressing 39.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1285-2180 lbs. 64.00-72.00, high dressing 74.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9762; Week ago 8687; Year ago 7594
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 4.00 to 5.00 lower.
 Sows steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 64.00
 Weekly top price Monday 64.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 42.00-46.00
 Over 500 lbs 47.00-49.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 3469; Week ago 4470; Year ago 2177

Compared to last week steers under 650 lbs and heifers under 500 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, heavier weights mostly steady. Slaughter cows firm to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-159.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-146.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-134.25
600-700 lbs.	106.00-117.00
700-800 lbs.	99.00-107.25
800-900 lbs.	98.75-102.75
900-985 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	139.25-148.00
400-500 lbs.	113.00-140.00
500-600 lbs.	104.00-126.00
600-700 lbs.	96.00-108.50
700-800 lbs.	95.00-98.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1135-1650 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 750.00-955.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.25-54.25, high dressing 53.00-62.75, Lean (85-90%) 46.00-51.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1405-2495 lbs 62.00-68.75, high dressing 69.25-70.25, low dressing 47.50-55.00.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 5236; Week ago 5567; Year ago; 2054

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 650 lbs steady to firm, over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	135.00-156.00
400-500 lbs.	123.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	111.00-132.50
600-700 lbs.	100.00-118.25
700-800 lbs.	98.00-103.00
800-900 lbs.	93.75-101.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	120.00-133.00
400-500 lbs.	108.50-127.50
500-600 lbs.	100.00-117.50
600-700 lbs.	97.00-108.50
700-800 lbs.	94.00-99.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-4 84.00-87.50**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 44.00-55.00, high dressing 52.50-58.50, low dressing 32.00-45.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Select and Choice 2-3 84.00-87.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2300 lbs, 62.50-68.50, high dressing 68.50-74.50**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3476; Week ago 5355; Year ago 2365

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 93; Week ago 46; Year ago 49

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers .50 to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	132.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	133.00-148.00
500-600 lbs.	118.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	105.85-120.00
700-800 lbs.	102.25-110.80
800-900 lbs.	93.10-101.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	116.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	99.50-109.10
700-800 lbs.	95.00-99.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1300-1400 lbs 85.10-87.00**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-58.00, low dressing 47.00-52.00.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3, 1100-1300 lbs 85.25-86.25**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs 60.00-68.75**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1531; Week ago 2030; Year ago 1460

Compared to last week steers and heifers uneven, 4.00 lower to 2.00 higher, Slaughter Cows steady, Bulls 3.00 higher. Demand and Supply light.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

225-250 lbs.	138.00-147.50
300-400 lbs.	125.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	103.00-113.50
600-700 lbs.	95.50-105.50
700-800 lbs.	94.00-101.50
800-850 lbs.	94.25-99.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	117.00-135.00
300-400 lbs.	1009.00-119.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-117.00
500-600 lbs.	89.50-101.00
600-700 lbs.	85.50-97.75
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 890-1415 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 690.00-950.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-52.75, high dressing 51.50-57.50, Lean (85-90%) 37.00-42.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, yrs to ss, 850-1150 lbs with 200-450 lb calves 670.00-1040.00 per pair.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2285 lbs 59.25-66.00, high dressing 68.00-72.00, low dressing 50.00-53.50.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 1675; Week ago 3940; Year ago 693

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

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	123.75-135.00
500-600 lbs.	111.50-126.50
600-700 lbs.	105.00-113.25
700-800 lbs.	100.00-104.00
870-950 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	111.00-129.00
500-600 lbs.	104.50-114.50
600-700 lbs.	97.25-106.00
700-750 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, scarce.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-54.00, high dressing 55.00-57.75, Lean (85-90%) 45.00-50.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2200 lbs, 62.00-70.75, high dressing 72.25, low dressing 52.00-61.75.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1600; Week ago 400; Year ago 400

Compared to last week, trade turned active Thursday. Live sales under-tone 2.00 higher and dressed sales on a grid basis 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Demand and seller interest moderate to good.

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1200-1300 lbs. 90.00**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: 50-70% Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 141.00-143.00

HEIFERS: 50-60% Choice 1100-1200 lbs. 90.00**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 142.00-145.00. Select 3 550-950 lbs. 137.00-140.00

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

Receipts: 13,201 (FOB 2,533 Delivered 10,668)
Compared to last week, weaner pigs and feeder pigs steady. Compared to last week USDA National Delivered Feeder Pig Report indicates weaner and feeder pigs steady with a weak undertone. Good demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.
2,533 head 10 lbs 33.00-39.57 weighted average 10 lbs 35.20.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Delivered, 42.5% negotiated. (3,000 Ark to IA)
9,204 head 32.25-56.00 weighted average 10 lbs 39.05.

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes. Delivered 100% negotiated.
1600 head 40 lbs 86.00 2400 head 55 lbs 91.57

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts

This week 48,000; Week ago 47,000; Year ago 51,000

Slaughter Lambs steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes steady 1-3 45.00-55.00, Cull 1 25.00-45.00.
Feeder Lambs steady

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 108.00-110.00, woolled 106.00-108.00. 1-2 60-80 lbs 125.00-140.00, 80-100 lbs 110.00-125.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Weather once again touched on about every spot of the spectrum this week. One Farmer in the Ozarks told me he couldn't understand why when its time to drive fence post he makes it about 6 inches and hits solid rock, but currently mud is so deep that the axles are dragging on the feed truck. This supply of mud seems to be common throughout the whole state. Hay movement is moderate in between winter storms, prices this week were steady with some weakness as prices are leaning closer to the low end of the ranges on most types of hay. Supply is light on high quality hay, moderate to heavy on low to good hay. 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 Bromo 50.00-85.00 Fair quality Bromo 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 10.00-25.00 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 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	169.70	131.50	135.00	59.50
St. Louis	168.50	130.50	160.00	62.00

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	583,000	1,966,000	48,000
Last week	589,000	1,986,000	47,000
Last Year	600,000	1,934,000	51,000
2005 yr. to date	2,920,000	9,979,000	233,000
2004 yr. to date	3,121,000	10,632,000	259,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large steady to 01 lower, Medium and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .42-.51, Medium .33-.39, Small .08-.12.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 75.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 135.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 84.00, 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 .11 to .15 lower, Wheat .01 to .03 lower, Corn unch to .01 lower, KC Wheat unch to .02 lower, Soybean Meal 3.70 to 5.30 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Mar	514 3/4	507	505 1/4	502	499 1/2
May	512 1/2	507	506 1/4	504 1/4	502 1/4
Jul	517 1/2	513	512 1/4	509 3/4	507
Aug	520	517	515	513	510 1/4
Sep	522	519	518 1/4	515 1/4	512 1/4
Wheat					
Mar	291	292 1/4	288 1/4	289 3/4	287 3/4
May	298 3/4	300 3/4	296 3/4	298 1/2	296 1/2
Jul	305 1/2	307 1/4	303 1/4	305	303 1/4
Sep	311	313	308 3/4	311	308 1/2
Dec	320	320 1/4	317	319 1/4	315 3/4
Corn					
Mar	197	197	195 1/4	195	195
May	204 1/2	204 3/4	203 1/4	203	203
Jul	211 3/4	212	210 1/2	210 1/2	210 1/4
Sep	219 1/4	219 1/2	218	218	217 3/4
Dec	228 3/4	229 1/4	227 3/4	228	227 1/2
KC Wheat					
Mar	325 3/4	326 1/4	323 1/2	324 1/4	322 1/4
May	317	318 1/2	315 3/4	316 1/2	316
Jul	308	308 1/2	305 1/2	307	305 1/2
Sep	315	316	313 1/2	313	312
Dec	322 1/2	323	323	322	322 1/2
SB Meal					
Mar	153.80	152.70	152.20	150.70	148.80
May	153.00	152.40	152.60	151.50	150.10
Jul	155.30	154.70	155.40	154.10	152.40
Aug	156.60	156.10	156.60	155.50	153.80
Sep	157.80	157.50	158.30	156.80	155.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .05 to 1.15 higher, Lean Hogs 1.58 to 3.27 lower, Pork Bellies 5.20 to 6.57 lower, Feeder Cattle .25 to 1.08 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Feb	90.22	90.77	90.70	91.00	90.92
Apr	88.32	88.50	88.25	88.25	88.17
Jun	82.62	82.87	82.45	82.75	82.42
Aug	80.67	80.90	80.50	80.75	80.47
Oct	82.40	82.57	82.20	82.25	81.92
Lean Hogs					
Feb	73.77	73.62	71.62	71.75	70.85
Apr	75.55	75.12	73.12	73.20	73.00
May	76.22	75.97	74.10	74.35	74.40
Jun	78.35	77.97	76.07	76.75	76.35
Jul	74.62	74.45	72.62	73.40	72.97
Prk Bel					
Feb	94.00	93.80	90.92	87.92	88.10
Mar	95.05	94.52	92.20	89.20	88.60
May	96.60	96.25	94.12	91.12	91.10
Jul	98.80	98.60	95.90	92.90	92.85
Aug	98.00	97.30	96.50	93.50	93.40
Fdr Cat					
Mar	100.52	100.92	99.95	99.80	99.27
Apr	100.27	100.75	99.77	99.55	98.97
May	99.55	100.02	99.17	98.97	98.50
Aug	100.57	101.00	100.47	100.42	100.00
Sep	100.25	100.45	100.00	100.00	99.85
Milk					
Jan	14.21	—	—	—	—
Feb	15.48	15.15	15.09	15.10	14.90
Mar	14.46	13.93	13.79	13.91	13.80

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .13 to .26 lower
 Wheat .01 to .03 lower
 Corn unchanged to .01 lower
 Grain Sorghum .05 to .08 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.15	3.16	1.77-1.79	3.16
Tuesday	5.07	3.16	1.77-1.79	3.16
Wednesday	5.05	3.14	1.75-1.77	3.13
Thursday	5.02	3.14	1.75-1.77	3.13
Friday	5.00	3.12	1.75-1.77	3.13
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.50-5.51	3.39	2.06-2.07	3.85
Tuesday	5.33-5.38	3.48	2.05-2.06	3.75
Wednesday	5.30-5.38	3.48	2.04-2.05	3.77
Thursday	5.28-5.35	3.45	2.05-2.06	3.77
Friday	5.32	3.46	2.03-2.05	3.83
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	4.92-5.00	2.71-2.76	1.71-1.75	2.89
Tuesday	4.84-4.92	2.72-2.77	1.72-1.75	2.89
Wednesday	4.86-4.90	2.68-2.73	1.70-1.73	2.91
Thursday	4.83-4.87	2.70-2.75	1.70-1.73	2.89
Friday	4.81-4.85	2.68-2.73	1.70-1.73	2.89
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.43-5.51	3.29-3.31	1.94-1.99	3.25-3.62
Tuesday	5.25-5.30	3.30-3.34	1.92-2.00	3.25-3.64
Wednesday	5.28-5.33	3.23-3.32	1.90-1.98	3.21-3.66
Thursday	5.25-5.30	3.25-3.30	1.90-1.98	3.21-3.67
Friday	5.22-5.27	3.23-3.34	1.90-1.97	3.21-3.67

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

Missouri Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

The January 1, 2005 inventory of all cattle and calves in Missouri totaled 4.45 million head, up 100,000 head from January 1, 2004. Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics said, "As many expected, the report shows an increase in the Missouri cattle and calf numbers and the consensus is that some expansion may be starting to occur. Missouri continues it's number 2 ranking among states with 2.16 million beef cows." Beef cows are up 36,000 from the previous year, while milk cows are down by 6,000 from last year to 119,000 head. Other class estimates on January 1, 2005 and percent changes from 2004 were as follows: beef replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 4 percent from last year; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent from last year, other heifers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent from last year; steers 500 pounds and over, up 5 percent; bulls 500 pounds and over, unchanged; and calves under 500 pounds, up 2 percent. The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 2.06 million, slightly down from the previous year. Cattle on feed for the slaughter market at 70,000 was 8 percent higher than a year ago.

Missouri Goat Inventory Pegged at 45,000 Head

"January 1 marked the inaugural effort by USDA-NASS to determine the Missouri population of goats on farms," according to Gene Danekas, Director of Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. The January 1, 2005 inventory of all goats and kids totaled 45,000 head. January, 2005 marks the first year for an expanded national goat survey that included all states. All meat/other goats, at 34,800 head, made up the largest portion of the all goat and kids inventory. All milk goats and kids totaled 8,600 head, and all angora goats and kids totaled 1,600.

First Sheep Inventory Increase in 6 Years

The January 1, 2005 inventory of all sheep and lambs in Missouri totaled 65,000 head, up 8 percent from January 1, 2004. This is the first increase in all sheep and lamb inventory since 1999. The number of breeding sheep and lambs was up 7 percent. There was a 23 percent increase in the number of replacement lambs. The number of ewes one year old and older increased 4 percent to 47,000 head. The number of market sheep and lambs totaled 7,500 head.