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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 30,180; Week ago 31,850; Year ago 25,338  
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
357 lbs.	159.37	362 lbs.	140.89	273 lbs.	126.94
451 lbs.	145.76	451 lbs.	130.97	369 lbs.	121.31
549 lbs.	135.80	551 lbs.	121.81	450 lbs.	113.08
646 lbs.	123.27	648 lbs.	113.14	557 lbs.	107.04
737 lbs.	113.65	733 lbs.	104.73	664 lbs.	98.95
837 lbs.	108.77	823 lbs.	96.40	733 lbs.	90.92
913 lbs.	103.35			851 lbs.	83.85

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 5300; Week ago 4424; Year ago 3848

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 8.00 higher, bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	147.50-172.50	300-400 lbs.	136.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	139.00-150.00	400-500 lbs.	121.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	121.00-142.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-124.00
600-650 lbs.	118.00-127.00	600-700 lbs.	102.00-112.00
650-800 lbs.	107.00-114.50	700-800 lbs.	97.50-105.00
800-850 lbs.	Scarce		

### Large 3 Holsteins

400-500 lbs	110.50-117.50
Few 540 lbs	107.00-108.50
Lot 863 lbs.	84.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1100-2200 lbs., 70.00-79.00, high dressing 79.50-85.00, low dressing 64.00-67.50.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to 7 yrs 1050-1200 lbs with baby to 200 lb calves 1100.00-1350.00 per pair.

### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 58.00-67.00, high dressing 63.00-74.00. Lean (85-90%) 56.00-62.00, low dressing 48.00-57.00.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 to 7 yrs, 1050-1330 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 880.00-1000.00 per head. .

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7700; week ago 11,340; year ago 5673

Cow and Bull Receipts 1434; week ago 1495; year ago 1087

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1234; Springfield 03/22/05

Compared to last week, feeder steers steady 6.00 higher, holsteins steady to 4.00 higher, heifers steady to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	145.00-172.00	300-400 lbs.	126.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	136.00-155.00	400-500 lbs.	118.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	122.50-142.50	500-600 lbs.	110.00-130.00
600-700 lbs.	111.50-129.00	600-700 lbs.	103.50-121.00
700-800 lbs.	104.50-122.00	700-800 lbs.	96.00-108.50
800-900 lbs.	108.00	800-900 lbs.	96.00-96.50

### HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	115.00-125.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-118.50
500-600 lbs.	100.00-110.00
600-700 lbs.	97.25-102.50
700-800 lbs.	86.75-93.50
800-900 lbs.	82.50-85.00
900-1000 lbs.	scarce

### Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2200.00, Approved 1700.00-1875.00, Medium 1375.00-1685.00. Replacement Cows: Springer Supreme 1540.00-1600.00, Approved 1150.00-1440.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1310.00-1440.00, 600-700 lbs 1290.00-1400.00, 500-600 lbs 1050.00-1280.00, 400-500 lbs 850.00-1090.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 300.00-410.00. Bulls 130.00-165.00.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1250 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 755.00-1075.00 per head.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1350 lbs. with baby-400 lb calves 1025.00-1350.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 55.50-68.50, high dressing 63.00-74.50, Lean (85-90%) 52.50-59.50, low dressing 45.00-52.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1180-2230 lbs. 68.00-81.00, high dressing 83.00-86.00.

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,025; Week ago 9609; Year ago 7966

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

Sows steady.

### BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 59.00-61.00  
 Weekly top price Monday 63.00

### SOWS:

300-500 lbs 39.00-43.00  
 Over 500 lbs 44.00-47.00.

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 2562; Week ago 2630; Year ago 2496

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1&amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	143.00-160.00
400-500 lbs.	133.00-155.50
500-600 lbs.	125.00-145.00
600-700 lbs.	117.00-136.00
700-800 lbs.	104.75-117.25
800-900 lbs.	94.25-103.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	130.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-148.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-135.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-124.50
700-750 lbs.	100.75-111.00
800-850 lbs.	95.50-99.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to ss, 850-1525 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 775.00-1100.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 53.00-63.00, high dressing 58.75-72.50, Lean (85-90%) 51.00-57.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2 3 yrs to ss 800-1250 lbs with 100 to 250 lb calves, 960.00-1150.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1280-2205 lbs 69.00-77.50, high dressing 78.50-80.00, low dressing 58.00-67.00.

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 5847; Week ago 4912; Year ago; 5828

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows firm to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1&amp; 1-2

325-400 lbs.	142.00-168.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-154.00
500-600 lbs.	125.00-147.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-129.50
700-800 lbs.	107.50-117.25
800-850 lbs.	101.00-109.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

325-400 lbs.	134.00-149.00
400-500 lbs.	124.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-131.00
600-700 lbs.	106.50-123.50
700-750 lbs.	103.0-109.50
800-900 lbs.	

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few High Select and Choice 2-3 90.00-94.00SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 50.00-60.50, high dressing 56.50-66.50, low dressing 42.00-52.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few High Select and Choice 2-3 90.00-91.25.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2050 lbs, 64.50-73.50, high dressing 75.00-81.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2549; Week ago 2458; Year ago 1669

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 48; Week ago 27; Year ago 69

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 3.00 to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	152.00-160.00
400-500 lbs.	141.00-158.00
500-600 lbs.	133.75-144.00
600-700 lbs.	125.25-133.85
700-800 lbs.	108.10-121.40
800-900 lbs.	108.50-111.20

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	134.50-145.00
400-500 lbs.	128.80-143.50
500-600 lbs.	116.50-129.25
600-700 lbs.	111.35-121.25
700-800 lbs.	105.10-109.50
800-900 lbs.	101.10-102.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1450 lbs 91.50-92.75SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 56.00-64.00, low dressing 51.00-56.00.SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1050-1450 lbs 91.00-94.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1600-2000 lbs 66.50-76.25.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1526; Week ago 1830; Year ago 1599

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady, except 500 to 600 lbs steers 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 5.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	138.00-160.00
300-400 lbs.	142.00-159.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-143.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-123.00
700-800 lbs.	100.00-108.50
800-900 lbs.	95.75-100.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

200-300 lbs.	132.00-145.00
300-400 lbs.	122.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-121.50
600-700 lbs.	98.00-113.00
700-750 lbs.	96.00-103.00
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 840-1420 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 750.00-900.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-59.75, high dressing 55.50-67.50, Lean (85-90%) 38.25-47.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 895-1430 lbs with 70-150 lb calves 915.00-1200.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1425-2325 lbs 62.25-72.25, high dressing 75.50, low dressing 58.50-59.00.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 3211; Week ago 2838; Year ago 33493

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, with some 600 lb heifers 2.00 to 4.00 higher, and several light calves under 400 lbs 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cows 2.00 to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	145.00-176.00
400-500 lbs.	138.00-157.50
500-600 lbs.	128.00-144.00
600-700 lbs.	116.00-135.00
720-760 lbs.	109.75-112.10
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	137.50-160.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-134.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-123.85
700-740 lbs.	106.00-108.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1, Package 4 to 5 yrs 1175-1200 lbs 2nd stage 1045.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 53.00-59.00, high dressing 61.00-65.25, Lean (85-90%) 48.00-55.50, low dressing 42.00-49.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, few short solid, 1050-1175 lbs baby to 200 lb calves 995.00-1025.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1375-2100 lbs, 65.00-73.00, high dressing 76.00-79.00, low dressing 60.00-65.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 1600; Year ago 600

Compared to last week, trade turning moderate to active on Wednesday. No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on grid basis few 6.00 to 8.00 higher. Demand and seller interest moderate to good mid-week.

STEERS: No SalesSTEERS AND HEIFERS:

Carcass sales: No Sales

HEIFERS: No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 152.00-156.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs. 144.00-148.00.

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

Receipts: 16601 (FOB 4028 Delivered 12573)  
Compared to last week, weaner pigs and feeder pigs steady to 1.00 lower.  
Good demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Fob the farm, 6% negotiated.  
4028 head 10 lbs 32.00-47.00 weighted average 10 lbs 33.85.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Delivered, 43% negotiated.  
10771 head 32.25-51.25 weighted average 10 lbs 39.08

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.  
Delivered 100% negotiated  
1802 head 40-45 lbs 68.00-81.35 weighted average 42.9 lbs 77.60

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts: 44,000; Week ago 52,000; Year ago 78,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00 lower      Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good  
Slaughter Ewes steady to 10.00      1-3 35.00-45.00, Cull 1 25.00-  
lower.      35.00.

Feeder Lambs steady

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and      Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large  
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 106.00-      1-2 60-80 lbs 125.00-140.00, 80-  
108.00, woolled 104.00-106.00.      100 lbs 110.00-125.00.

**Missouri Weekly Hay Summary**

Grass has began to grow and the cattle have been chasing it, cutting off each new blade about as fast as it can grow. Give another couple weeks however and most pastures will be growing much faster than the cattle can digest. A few farmers throughout the state have gotten a head start and put corn seed in the ground, although it may be early it is hard to sit and do nothing when the weather is so good knowing it very easily could rain the whole month of April. Most hay farmers are currently ordering new oil filters, disc blades, twine and other supplies doing all the normal pre-season preparation as cutting time isn't to far away. Hay prices are reported as mostly steady to weak, Demand is light. Supply is moderate. (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 20.00-40.00 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 10.00-25.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 7.00-12.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00

**Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)**

Receipts: 89

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 40-60 lbs 137.00. Selection 1-2 80-100 lbs 97.00 per cwt. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 128.00; 60-80 lbs 119.00. Selection 3 40-60 lbs 100.00; 60-80 lbs 90.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: yearlings pkg 83 lbs 85.00; medium 75.00; thin 60.00 per cwt. Slaughter Bucks: pkg pygmy 68 lbs 65.00. Slaughter Lambs: Choice 108 lbs 95.00. Slaughter Ewes: Good 3 pkg 190 lbs 50.00; Utility 2 couple 168 lbs 45.00.

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	566,000	1,974,000	44,000
Last week	572,000	1,955,000	52,000
Last Year	573,000	1,930,000	78,000
2005 yr. to date	7,568,000	25,799,000	666,000
2004 yr. to date	7,941,000	26,220,000	736,000

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Large .02 lower, Medium steady to .01 lower, and Small steady.  
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .18-.27, Medium .06-.11, Small .06-.10.

**By-Product Feed Prices**

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 70.00, 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 .04 to .14 lower, Wheat .12 to .16 lower, Corn .02 to .04 higher, KC Wheat .12 to .17 lower, Soybean Meal 2.90 to 4.60 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
May	625 3/4	624	641	627 1/2	614
Jul	631 1/2	629 1/4	646	636	623 1/2
Aug	627 3/4	627 1/4	642 3/4	629 1/2	620
Sep	611 1/2	609 1/2	623	619	606 1/4
Nov	601	597 1/2	611 1/4	605 1/2	600 1/4
Wheat					
May	336	334 1/2	333 1/2	331	322 1/2
Jul	345 1/2	343 1/2	342 1/2	341	333
Sep	351 1/4	349 1/2	348 1/2	346	339 1/4
Dec	359	358 1/4	356 3/4	355 1/2	346 1/2
Mar	364	364 1/2	363	361 1/2	353 1/2
Corn					
May	212 3/4	213	212 1/2	231	212 3/4
Jul	220 1/2	221	220 1/4	221	221
Sep	226 1/4	226 1/2	226 1/4	227 1/2	228
Dec	234 3/4	234 1/2	234 1/4	234 3/4	237
Mar	240 3/4	240 1/2	240	241	243 1/2
KC Wheat					
May	346 1/4	343 3/4	338 1/2	338	331 1/2
Jul	344	342	336 3/4	336 1/2	329 1/4
Sep	352	348	345 1/4	344 1/2	337 1/2
Dec	361	358	355 1/2	355	349
Mar	366	366	361	361	356
SB Meal					
May	186.10	186.60	190.00	187.00	183.80
Jul	187.60	187.70	192.40	188.80	185.70
Aug	188.50	188.10	192.40	189.00	186.50
Sep	186.20	186.00	190.00	186.50	184.50
Oct	182.80	182.50	186.20	185.00	182.70

**WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .40 to 1.37 higher, Lean Hogs Apr .15 lower, others 2.18 to 3.85 higher, Pork Bellies .55 to 3.05 higher, Feeder Cattle 2.58 to 4.18 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Apr	89.80	90.10	89.75	89.82	89.72
Jun	85.77	85.82	85.17	85.25	85.42
Aug	84.05	83.90	83.45	83.82	84.10
Oct	84.85	84.90	84.82	84.97	84.60
Dec	86.17	86.20	86.07	86.20	86.12
Lean Hogs					
Apr	69.65	69.27	68.70	68.70	70.15
May	76.75	77.05	76.55	77.00	78.60
Jun	78.32	79.42	78.90	79.27	80.80
Jul	76.40	77.65	77.47	77.90	79.57
Aug	73.45	74.65	74.65	75.20	76.82
Prk Bel					
Mar	91.92	—	—	—	—
May	95.15	97.65	96.20	96.25	96.92
Jul	95.35	97.57	96.30	96.60	97.20
Aug	91.70	92.00	90.80	90.80	91.00
Feb	87.00	87.00	87.02	87.05	90.05
Fdr Cat					
Mar	106.35	106.27	—	—	—
Apr	106.15	106.90	106.40	107.67	109.10
May	104.92	105.50	104.85	104.95	105.85
Aug	106.85	107.37	106.97	107.25	108.20
Sep	105.62	106.00	105.60	105.77	106.70
Milk					
Mar	14.05	14.07	14.05	14.05	14.08
Apr	14.60	14.65	14.71	14.67	14.40
May	14.80	14.90	14.91	14.88	14.44

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .08 to .19 lower  
 Wheat .17 to .26 lower  
 Corn .02 lower to .05 higher  
 Grain Sorghum .06 lower to .05 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.03	3.41	1.91-1.93	3.36
Tuesday	6.04	3.39	1.91-1.93	3.36
Wednesday	6.21	3.34	1.91-1.93	3.36
Thursday	6.08	3.33	1.91-1.93	3.36
Friday	5.94	3.27	1.91-1.93	3.36
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	6.29-6.32	3.54	2.24-2.25	3.83
Tuesday	6.27-6.32	3.49	2.25	3.80
Wednesday	6.44-6.46	3.42	2.23-2.24	3.80
Thursday	6.29	3.37	2.21	3.80
Friday	6.11-6.12	3.25	2.19-2.22	3.73
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.87-5.96	3.11-3.13	1.80-1.85	3.07
Tuesday	5.85-5.94	3.10-3.12	1.80-1.85	3.09
Wednesday	6.02-6.11	3.09-3.11	1.80-1.83	3.09
Thursday	5.93-5.98	3.06-3.08	1.83-1.85	3.09
Friday	5.79-5.84	2.98-3.00	1.83-1.85	3.09
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	6.23-6.28	3.39-3.48	2.15-2.21	3.70-3.71
Tuesday	6.18-6.29	3.39	2.15-2.20	3.70-3.71
Wednesday	6.36-6.45	3.34-3.47	2.13-2.18	3.70-3.71
Thursday	6.23-6.27	3.32-3.42	2.12-2.17	3.70-3.71
Friday	6.06-6.14	3.23-3.33	2.13-2.17	3.70-3.71

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)  
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**MISSOURI PLANTING INTENTIONS**

Missouri farmers reported their first plans for the upcoming growing season in a survey conducted by the Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. "Producers indicate they planted substantially less winter wheat but hope to plant more soybeans, corn, cotton and rice than last year, while holding the acreage levels for sorghum and hay unchanged," said Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics. "Although fuel and fertilizer continue to trend upward, producers are looking at long range price predictions as a positive factor." Nationally, corn acreage is expected to be up 1 percent from last year while a 2 percent decline is indicated for soybeans. **Soybean** planted acres in Missouri in 2005 are expected to total 5.1 million, up 2 percent from the level of the past 2 years. Due to the discovery of Asian soybean rust in the United States, producers were also asked if it would influence their planting decisions. Most soybean growers were aware of a potential rust problem but only a small minority of respondents indicated it would affect their plantings. Missouri farmers intend to plant 3.1 million acres of **corn** in 2005, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent more than in 2003. **Sorghum** is expected to be planted on 150,000 acres in Missouri, unchanged from 2004 but 30 percent below the level of 2 years ago. **Winter Wheat** plantings in Missouri are estimated at 700,000 acres, 33 percent below the planted acres for last year's crop but unchanged from the December forecast. **Cotton** producers in Missouri intend to plant 410,000 acres of cotton this year, 8 percent above last year and 3 percent more than in 2003. **Rice** is expected to be planted on 206,000 acres in Missouri this year, up 5 percent from 2004 and 17 percent more than in 2003. Missouri **tobacco** acres are projected at 1,400, down 3 percent from 2004 but unchanged from 2 years ago. **Hay** is expected to be harvested from 4.35 million acres in Missouri, unchanged from last year's record high level but 2 percent above 2003.