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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 39,582; Week ago 12,203; Year ago 25,031
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
353 lbs.	161.32	356 lbs.	141.23	358 lbs	125.22
458 lbs.	147.13	457 lbs.	135.19	455 lbs.	117.87
548 lbs.	138.04	552 lbs.	127.42	549 lbs.	106.49
635 lbs.	128.12	638 lbs.	121.36	647 lbs.	96.52
752 lbs.	118.74	743 lbs.	111.37	752 lbs.	91.99
849 lbs.	113.59	847 lbs.	102.92	843 lbs.	90.62
926 lbs.	109.32	900 lbs.	97.75	938 lbs.	87.81

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 10,500; Week ago 4524; Year ago 5806

Compared to last week, steers and heifers were steady to 2.00 higher, although majority steers 650-800 lbs and heifers 550-700 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower, bulls fully steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	149.00-165.00	400-500 lbs.	127.00-143.00
400-500 lbs.	143.00-156.00	500-600 lbs.	117.50-130.00
500-600 lbs.	127.00-147.50	600-700 lbs.	114.00-124.50
600-700 lbs.	117.00-130.50	700-750 lbs.	105.00-110.50
700-800 lbs.	111.00-118.50	800-900 lbs.	97.00-103.50
800-900 lbs.	106.25-111.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

Pkg 488 lbs.	111.50
750-800 lbs.	90.50-94.00
800-900 lbs.	87.50-92.75
Lot 941 lbs.	89.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2350 lbs., 68.00-76.50, high dressing 78.00-82.00, low dressing 60.00-67.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-6 yrs some ss, 700-1300 lbs with baby to 300 lb calves 1000.00-1320.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.00-63.00, high dressing 59.00-65.00. Lean (85-90%) 48.00-57.00, low dressing 43.50-50.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4-7 yrs. including some ss 1050-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 790.00-930.00 per head, couple lots blk/blkaldie 2-6 yrs 1085-1200 lbs mostly 2nd stage 1000.00-1060.00 per head. Medium 1-2, 3-7 yrs 935-1100 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 700.00-870.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 11,300; week ago 2025 year ago 9950

Cow and Bull Receipts 2234; week ago 2182; year ago 1300

Dairy Cattle Receipts 1281; Norwood 06/09/05

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers mostly steady with some instances 1.00-3.00 lower on lesser quality offerings and holsteins. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	170.00-179.00	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	141.00-151.00	400-500 lbs.	133.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	131.00-145.00	500-600 lbs.	117.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	119.00-129.00	600-700 lbs.	117.00-125.00
700-800 lbs.	115.00-122.50	700-800 lbs.	103.50-110.00
800-900 lbs.	105.00-114.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	120.00-132.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-126.00
500-600 lbs.	102.00-113.00
600-700 lbs.	90.00-103.00
700-800 lbs.	87.50-93.75
Pkg 807 lbs.	89.75
Pkg 935 lbs.	86.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 915-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-1150.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 980-1300 lbs. with baby-300 lb calves 925.00-1500.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2125.00, Approved 1725.00-1875.00, Medium 1400.00-1675.00. Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1900.00-2225.00, Approved 1700.00-1890.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1300.00-1485.00, 600-700 lbs 1290.00-1535.00, 500-600 lbs 1200.00-1350.00, 400-500 lbs 1025.00-1210.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 550.00-700.00. Bulls 195.00-250.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 56.00-67.50, high dressing 64.00-72.50, Lean (85-90%) 52.00-59.50, low dressing 42.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1315-2195 lbs. 70.00-77.50, high dressing 77.00-83.50, low dressing 63.00-70.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 7330; Week ago 7064; Year ago 6498

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 lower.

Sows steady to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 59.00
 Weekly top price Monday 61.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 40.00-44.00
 Over 500 lbs 45.00-47.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 2682; Week ago 1637; Year ago 1826

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers near steady, except five weight steers 2.00-3.00 lower, and four weight heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls uneven 1.00 lower to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	149.00-170.00
400-500 lbs.	137.00-151.00
500-600 lbs.	126.25-141.75
600-700 lbs.	115.00-135.75
700-800 lbs.	110.50-121.25
800-900 lbs.	106.75-112.00
900-915 lbs.	105.00-108.25

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-152.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-142.50
500-600 lbs.	117.25-131.50
600-700 lbs.	113.00-124.50
700-800 lbs.	105.50-113.75
800-850 lbs.	101.25-106.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, few 2-6 yrs 965-1455 lbs 1st-3rd stage 750.00-940.00 per head

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.50-61.50, high dressing 60.75-68.50, Lean (85-90%) 49.25-57.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, none reported.SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1110-2455 lbs 68.00-77.25, high dressing 77.75-70.25.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 4795; Week ago 2308; Year ago; 4916

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to firm. Slaughter cows mostly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	145.00-161.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-159.50
500-600 lbs.	125.00-146.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-138.00
700-800 lbs.	110.00-119.25
800-850 lbs.	100.00-116.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	130.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-131.50
700-800 lbs.	102.00-112.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 82.00-85.00.SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-62.00, high dressing 57.00-65.00, low dressing 42.00-52.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 82.00-83.00.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs, 68.00-75.00, high dressing 75.50-76.75.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City) (w/e 05/27/05)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 5571; 2 weeks ago 2339; year ago 1698

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 67; 2 weeks ago 53; year ago 69

Compared to the sales 2 weeks ago feeder steers and heifers steady.

Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	163.00
400-500 lbs.	145.75-162.00
500-600 lbs.	136.50-152.00
600-700 lbs.	122.75-138.25
700-800 lbs.	114.25-125.25
800-900 lbs.	107.75-121.10
900-950 lbs.	108.50-111.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	145.50
400-500 lbs.	131.50-146.00
500-600 lbs.	121.50-137.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-125.50
700-800 lbs.	109.00-120.35
800-900 lbs.	99.75-104.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1200-1350 lbs 84.75-85.75SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 57.50-65.25, low dressing 52.00-57.50SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1000-1400 lbs 83.00-84.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2400 lbs 72.00-79.50**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1453; Week ago 427; Year ago 1346

Compared to last week too small of an offering last week to establish trend undertone of 4.00 higher under 500 lbs, and 3.00 lower over 500 lbs. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	160.00-170.00
300-400 lbs.	137.00-161.00
475-500 lbs.	128.50-149.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-119.50
700-800 lbs.	104.00-112.50
800-900 lbs.	94.25-110.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	155.00-168.00
300-400 lbs.	130.00-145.00
450-500 lbs.	120.00-142.00
500-525 lbs.	108.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	103.00-116.25
700-800 lbs.	94.00-100.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 890-1360 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 800.00-900.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-57.25, high dressing 58.00-64.00, Lean (85-90%) 37.00-46.25.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 915-1425 lbs with 75-220 lb calves 970.00-1100.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1280-2150 lbs 66.50-70.00, high dressing 74.25-75.00, low dressing 62.50-64.75.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 3497; Week ago 1606; Year ago 2042

Compared to last week steers and heifers mostly steady. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	140.00-154.00
500-600 lbs.	126.50-141.00
600-700 lbs.	123.00-139.60
725-550 lbs.	115.25-118.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	140.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-139.50
500-600 lbs.	120.50-137.75
600-700 lbs.	115.00-132.00
Lot 759 lbs.	113.00
Pkg 878 lbs.	105.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, none reported

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 56.00-63.00, Lean (85-90%) 50.00-57.50, low dressing 45.00-51.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1 blacks 4-5 yrs 1250-1300 lbs with 150-200 lb calves 1535.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs, 65.00-73.00, high dressing 77.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 800; Week ago 400; Year ago 1200

Compared to last week, trade very slow. Live sales 1.00-2.00 lower and dressed sales on grid basis 1.00-3.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: Few 50-70% Choice 85.00-86.00STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No SalesHEIFERS: no salesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 135.00-138.00 Select 3 550-950 lbs. 128.00-130.00.

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

Receipts: 14,542 (FOB 1,717 Delivered 12,825)
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower. Feeder pigs 2.00 lower. USDA National Feeder Pig Report indicates weaner pigs 2.00 lower and feeders pigs steady to 4.00-6.00 lower.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Fob the farm, 0.% negotiated.
1,717 head 10 lbs 28.74-33.00 weighted average 10 lbs 31.54

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Delivered, 13% negotiated.
12,677 head 10 lbs 30.29-38.00 weighted average 10 lbs 32.21

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.
100% negotiated
Delivered 148 head 50 lbs 52.25

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 47,000; Week ago 42,000; Year ago 49,000

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 new crop 110-120 lbs 1-2 50-70 lbs 125.00-150.00, 70-90
114.00-116.00, 120-140 lbs lbs 110.00-125.00.
116.00-118.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Several areas of the state have finally received rain, in some cases there is even water standing in the fields. One should not get real excited though, because there are still many other areas in the state that received little to none of the much needed rain. Pond water is right on the edge of major concern for some areas in the southern part of the state. Since the last report we have had areas report anywhere from almost no rain to 6 inches or more. Wheat harvest has started in the southeast and fescue swathing also. Much of the rest of the state will be doing the same in the next couple of weeks. Hay supply and movement moderate, prices steady to firm. (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 115.00-135.00 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 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.00 per bale 20.00-50.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 35.00-60.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 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 10.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small bale.

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	216.70	160.50	205.00	41.50
St. Louis	216.50	157.50	207.50	45.00

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	659,000	1,914,000	47,000
Last week	568,000	1,653,000	42,000
Last Year	690,000	1,913,000	49,000
2005 yr. to date	13,812,000	44,774,000	1,140,000
2004 yr. to date	14,428,000	45,041,000	1,206,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large and Medium steady and Small steady to .02 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .14-.23, Medium .05-.09, Small .05-.07.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 50.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 150.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 90.00, 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 .01 to .09 lower, Wheat .05 to .10 lower, Corn .05 to .08 lower, KC Wheat .06 to .11 lower, Soybean Meal .50 to 2.90 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jul	677 3/4	674 3/4	667 1/2	673 1/4	666 1/4
Aug	680 1/2	677 3/4	669 3/4	676 1/4	669 1/2
Sep	681 1/2	679 3/4	672 1/4	677 3/4	671
Nov	686	685 1/2	678	684 1/4	678
Jan	686 1/2	684 3/4	677 3/4	684 1/4	678 1/4
Wheat					
Jul	322 1/2	319 1/4	313 1/4	314 1/4	313 1/2
Sep	332 1/4	329 1/4	324 1/4	324 1/2	324 1/2
Dec	341 1/4	340	334 1/2	335 3/4	335 1/2
Mar	352	349 3/4	345 1/2	347 1/2	348 1/4
May	355	353 1/2	349	351	
Corn					
Jul	220 3/4	220 1/4	216	215 1/2	210
Sep	229 3/4	229 3/4	225 1/2	225	220 1/4
Dec	238 1/2	238 1/4	234 3/4	234 1/2	230 1/4
Mar	246 1/2	246 1/2	243	242 1/2	238 1/4
May	251 1/2	251 1/4	247 1/4	246 1/4	243
KC Wheat					
Jul	326	320 3/4	315 1/2	316 1/2	317
Sep	334	329 1/2	323 1/2	325 1/2	323 3/4
Dec	343	339 1/4	334 1/4	336	334 3/4
Mar	351	349	343 1/2	347	345
May	358 1/2	352 1/2	349	347	
SB Meal					
Jul	215.20	214.20	211.10	212.90	211.40
Aug	215.40	214.00	211.40	213.40	212.40
Sep	215.50	214.10	211.30	213.50	212.90
Oct	215.20	213.80	211.00	213.60	212.70
Dec	215.70	213.10	211.60	214.10	213.60

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .78 to 1.30 lower, Lean Hogs Jun .95 lower others .37 to 1.28 higher. Pork Bellies unch to 2.20 lower, Feeder Cattle .45 to 1.15 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	85.30	85.05	84.60	83.62	83.80
Aug	83.57	83.42	83.22	82.12	82.12
Oct	85.65	85.45	85.07	84.27	84.32
Dec	87.42	87.27	87.02	86.20	86.35
Feb	88.65	88.52	88.42	87.55	87.77
Lean Hogs					
Jun	68.40	66.82	67.12	67.17	67.25
Jul	68.60	68.07	69.05	68.85	68.32
Aug	67.02	67.20	68.17	68.02	67.97
Oct	58.45	58.77	59.42	59.17	59.05
Dec	56.55	57.15	57.47	57.12	56.87
Prk Bel					
Jul	72.17	71.75	71.72	70.60	69.25
Aug	69.90	69.15	69.10	67.96	66.00
Feb	82.45	82.45	82.35	81.50	80.85
Mar	80.10	80.10	80.10	80.10	80.10
May	81.50				
Fdr Cat					
Aug	113.25	113.52	112.80	111.20	111.25
Sep	112.00	112.12	111.67	110.10	110.07
Oct	110.55	110.75	110.30	108.62	108.60
Nov	109.50	109.70	109.17	107.47	107.70
Jan	106.50	106.25	106.00	104.55	104.55
Milk					
Jun	13.95	13.95	13.93	13.87	13.87
Jul	14.90	14.23	14.04	13.95	13.87
Aug	14.65	14.58	14.38	14.40	14.35

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .07 to .14 lower
 Wheat unchanged to .18 lower
 Corn .08 to .13 lower
 Grain Sorghum .13 to .14 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.59	3.26-3.31	2.01	3.52
Tuesday	6.63	3.31	2.00	3.50
Wednesday	6.56	3.326	1.96	3.43
Thursday	6.61	3.27	1.96-1.98	3.43
Friday	6.54	3.27	1.90-1.92	3.32
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	6.84-6.85	3.38	2.25-2.26	4.21
Tuesday	6.81-6.83	3.35	2.23-2.25	4.20
Wednesday	6.75-6.76	3.23	2.18-2.19	4.10
Thursday	6.80	3.21	2.17-2.18	4.14
Friday	6.70-6.71	3.20	2.08-2.10	4.03
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	6.53-6.63	2.92-2.98	1.91-1.96	3.14
Tuesday	6.50-6.60	2.88-2.94	1.92-1.95	3.13
Wednesday	6.43-6.53	2.82-2.88	1.88-1.91	3.05
Thursday	6.50-6.58	2.83-2.94	1.84-1.91	3.05
Friday	6.41-6.51	2.83-2.89	1.82-1.85	2.94
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	6.79-6.84	3.28-3.32	2.18-2.21	3.96-4.12
Tuesday	6.76-6.79	3.24-3.28	2.17-2.20	3.96-4.14
Wednesday	6.68-6.70	3.14-3.19	2.12-2.14	3.92-4.07
Thursday	6.72-6.77	3.16-3.20	2.11-2.12	3.94-4.12
Friday	6.62-6.68	3.15-3.19	2.02-2.07	3.85-4.05

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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Crop & Weather Information as of June 5, 2005

Crops and pastures in the northwest, north-central and west-central counties received major benefit from substantial rainfall of the past week, while moisture remains urgently needed in many central, east-central and southern counties. Some flash flooding occurred in lowland areas where the heaviest rains occurred. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 24 percent very short, 32 percent short, 37 percent adequate and 7 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture is rated as 15 percent very short, 39 percent short, 44 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus. Farmers averaged 5.5 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 39 percent good and 5 percent excellent, a slight decline from a week earlier. The crop is making good response to the recent rains in most northwest and north-central counties but growth has been slowed by the dry weather in many other areas. Soybean planting reached 91 percent complete, over 2 weeks ahead of last year as well as the 70 percent average for this date. Seventy-five percent of the beans have emerged, 9 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 52 percent average, as germination continues to advance less rapidly than planting progress. Soybean condition is rated as 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 45 percent fair, 38 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Sorghum planting is 96 percent complete, over 2 weeks ahead of the 77 percent normal for this date. The winter wheat crop is 75 percent turning color, several days behind last year and 1 day behind the 77 percent average. Condition of wheat is rated as 3 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 47 percent good and 5 percent excellent, virtually unchanged from a week earlier. The wheat harvest is just beginning in the southeast. Eighty percent of the first crop of alfalfa hay is cut, over a week ahead of last year and average. Cutting of other hay is 48 percent complete, 5 days earlier than average. Pasture condition is reported as 11 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 24 percent good and 1 percent excellent, continuing the decline of recent weeks as moisture shortages are restraining growth in many areas. Temperatures during the past week ranged from normal to slightly above average over most of the State.