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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 22,635; Week ago 32,420; Year ago 17,963
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
358 lbs.	143.36	284 lbs.	135.87	282 lbs.	119.91
445 lbs.	132.79	352 lbs.	129.90	335 lbs.	113.62
550 lbs.	123.78	455 lbs.	120.94	453 lbs.	109.35
648 lbs.	118.39	542 lbs.	117.57	548 lbs.	105.51
757 lbs.	108.66	630 lbs.	108.41	638 lbs.	87.64
852 lbs.	103.82	750 lbs.	101.11	738 lbs.	82.99
930 lbs.	99.83	847 lbs.	94.73	849 lbs.	81.73

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3850; Week ago 5047; Year ago 5540
 Compared to last week, steers steady to 3.00 higher, with 350-450 lbs 3.00 to 8.00 higher, heifers under 650 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 higher, with 500-600 lbs. 5.00-8.00 higher, over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	140.00-151.00	300-400 lbs.	130.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	123.00-150.00	400-500 lbs.	115.00-127.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-127.00	500-600 lbs.	114.00-122.50
600-700 lbs.	110.00-121.00	600-700 lbs.	102.00-116.00
700-800 lbs.	102.50-111.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

400-500 lbs. 100.00-110.00
 Pkg 680 lbs. 85.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs., 62.00-73.00, high dressing 70.00-74.00, low dressing 58.00-64.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 6 yrs to ss, 1050-1350 lbs with baby to 250 lb calves 900.00-1110.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-56.00, high dressing 52.00-57.50. Lean (85-90%) 46.00-50.00, low dressing 38.00-45.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4-7 yrs. 935-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 750.00-900.00 per head, some 3-7 yrs 950-1235 lbs in 1st stage 650.00-830.00, lot 14 head 4-7 yrs 995 lbs 830.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4686; week ago 6220, year ago 3958
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1400; week ago 1700; year ago 700
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1062, (Springfield 07/26/05)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady, Heifers steady, Holsteins under 550 lbs to 4.00 higher, over 550 lbs 3.00-4.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	133.00-143.00	400-500 lbs.	120.00-124.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-132.00	500-600 lbs.	113.00-125.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-125.00	600-700 lbs.	111.50-124.00
700-800 lbs.	103.50-110.00	700-800 lbs.	100.00-112.00
800-900 lbs.	102.50-107.00	800-900 lbs.	97.50-100.00
900-1000 lbs.	100.00-101.75		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	119.00-121.00
300-400 lbs.	114.00-118.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-121.00
500-600 lbs.	95.00-110.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	80.00-86.00
800-900 lbs.	79.75-86.00
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2075.00, few 2225.00-2300.00, Approved 1700.00-1875.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1885.00-2450.00, Approved 1675.00-1875.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1200.00-1510.00, 600-700 lbs 1300.00-1520.00, 500-600 lbs 1160.00-1345.00, 400-500 lbs 1000.00-1220.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 310.00-630.00. Bulls 150.00-190.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to short solid, 950-1445 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-975.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 975-1415 lbs. with baby-350 lb calves 885.00-1275.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-58.00, high dressing 56.50-61.00 Lean (85-90%) 46.50-51.50, low dressing 40.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1215-2445 lbs. 65.00-73.50, high dressing 73.50-79.50, low dressing 58.00-66.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 7705; Week ago 8690; Year ago 8790
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Sows .50 to 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 64.00
 Weekly top price Thursday 65.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 31.00-35.00
 Over 500 lbs 36.00-38.50

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia and Kingsville)

Receipts 1067; Week ago 1654; Year ago 1064

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs had a lower undertone, over 500 lbs steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady to weak.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-146.00
400-500 lbs.	124.00-133.00
500-600 lbs.	131.75-133.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-127.00
700-800 lbs.	104.00-110.75
800-900 lbs.	98.00-106.85
925-980 lbs.	94.00-96.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	129.00-137.00
450-500 lbs.	117.50-130.00
500-600 lbs.	108.50-123.25
600-700 lbs.	103.50-120.25
700-800 lbs.	95.00-104.00
835-900 lbs.	92.00-95.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-55.25, high dressing 53.25-58.50, Lean (85-90%) 48.25-52.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs, 1100-1225 lbs 250-320 lbs calves 1000.00-1175.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1235-2295 lbs 62.75-69.75, low dressing 60.75-61.00.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 2821; Week ago 4267; Year ago; 3131

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady. Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	127.00-149.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-135.00
600-650 lbs.	110.00-125.50
700-800 lbs.	105.00-112.50
800-825 lbs.	100.00-104.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	120.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-118.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-116.00
700-775 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 74.00-76.00SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-55.00, high dressing 51.50-61.50, low dressing 36.00-46.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: few high Select and Choice 2-3 72.00-74.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2150 lbs, 63.50-68.50, high dressing few 69.00-72.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 162; week ago 1683; year ago 119

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 48; week ago 115; year ago 177

Compared to the last week steers and heifers not established. Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 lower, Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	115.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	106.00-111.00
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	100.00-102.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1150-1400 lbs 77.25-78.25SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.00-50.00, low dressing 43.00-47.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1300 lbs 77.25-78.25SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-1900 lbs 61.75-64.25.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 544; Week ago 1465; Year ago 1058

Compared to last week offerings to light for trend. Slaughter cows 2.00 lower and bulls 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	145.00-146.00
300-400 lbs.	128.00-145.00
400-450 lbs.	122.00-133.00
450-500 lbs.	111.00-118.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-115.00
600-675 lbs.	110.00-111.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

275-300 lbs.	128.00-136.00
350-400 lbs.	121.00-133.00
400-450 lbs.	109.00-122.00
450-500 lbs.	101.00-115.50
500-600 lbs.	100.00-110.00
650-700 lbs.	99.50-103.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 920-1740 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 760.00-830.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.50-52.00, high dressing 55.00-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 37.50-40.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 8 yrs to ss, 890-1315 lbs with 80-280 lb calves 650.00-730.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1310-1820 lbs 64.75-68.00, high dressing 68.50-69.50, low dressing 54.50.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 2313; Week ago 2722; Year ago 2559

Compared to last week steers steady to 5.00 lower, heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	123.50-133.00
500-600 lbs.	118.00-132.25
600-700 lbs.	115.00-124.00
700-750 lbs.	105.00-113.11
Pkg 834 lbs.	104.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	124.00-130.00
400-500 lbs.	118.00-126.25
500-600 lbs.	114.50-121.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-115.50
Pkg 734 lbs.	104.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 8 yrs, 1150-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage pregnancy 875.00-995.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.25-52.50, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-49.00, low dressing 38.00-43.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

1-2 Scarce.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1300-2000 lbs, 63.00-69.00, low dressing 48.00-59.25.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 800; Year ago 1200

Compared to last week, trade very slow. No confirmed live sales, dressed sales on grid basis 3.00 to 5.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: No SalesSTEERS AND HEIFERS:

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HEIFERS: No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 121.00-125.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs. 116.00-120.00.

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

Receipts: 27910 (FOB 635 Delivered 27275)
Compared to last week, weaner steady. Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights. USDA National Feeder Pig Report indicates a steady market for both weaner and feeder pigs.

Fob the farm, 0 % negotiated.
635 head 10 lbs 30.13-32.00 weighted average 10 lbs 31.41

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Delivered, 22.6% negotiated.
14365 head 10 lbs 28.00-34.00 weighted average 10 lbs 31.93

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.
Delivered 0% negotiated
12910 head 40-45 lbs 45.00- 49.50

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 49,000; Week ago 46,000; Year ago 52,000

Slaughter Lambs 5.00 lower 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 2-3 110-120 lbs 99.00- 1-2 50-70 lbs 115.00-130.00, 70-90
101.00, 120-140 lbs 101.00-103.00 lbs 100.00-115.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Cooler temperatures lightened moods this week, moisture amounts were varied but even the farmers that received only a couple tenths were glad that at least it can rain. Several trucks on the road this week as supplemental feeding is becoming a necessity in many areas. The number of farmers that are green chopping corn rises each week. Farmers are looking for alternative feeds but those with out silage pits are battling high nitrite levels in green chop trying prevent cattle loss. With the extended drought elevated nitrite levels have even become a concern for some farmers trying to produce high quality hay. Hay movement is moderate to heavy this week, prices are reported as steady to firm and supply is moderate to light. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for 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) 115.00-135.00 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 2.50-3.50 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 and mixed with grass round bales 10.00-25.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 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 1.25-2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale, Green Chopped Corn Silage 18.00-22.00 per ton.

Buffalo Goat and Sheep Market

Receipts: 1432, last month 1704

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-130 lbs 82.00-92.00 Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 40-70 lbs 100.00-108.00, 70-90 lbs 85.00-99.00 Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 2-3 36.00-46.00, pkg heavy wool 33.00 Slaughter Bucks: 140-310 lbs 30.00-42.00 Goats: Kids, Selection 2-3 25-40 lbs 110.00-120.00, 40-65 lbs 112.00-125.00 Selection 2 65-80 lbs 94.00-115.00 Pygmy kids 25-55 lbs 70.00-91.00, Does/Nannies 95-140 lbs medium to thin flesh 65.00-74.00, Billies 85-200 lbs medium to thin flesh 64.00-75.00. (all prices per cwt.) Replacement classes: Does/Nannies 70-125 lbs 68.00-90.00 per head, doe kids 35-70 lbs 120.00-142.50 per cwt.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

CATTLE HOGS SHEEP

Week to date	644,000	1,857,000	49,000
Last week	653,000	1,869,000	46,000
Last Year	633,000	1,889,000	52,000
2004 yr. to date	18,273,000	57,670,000	1,459,000
2003 yr. to date	18,851,000	57,920,000	1,541,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .03 lower, Medium steady to .01 higher, and Small steady.
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large 24-.33, Medium .07-.12, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .02 to .08 higher, Wheat .02 to .04 lower, Corn .03 to .05 higher, KC Wheat unchanged to .03 higher, Soybean Meal uneven .60 lower to 2.00 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	669 3/4	676	673 3/4	684 1/4	671 3/4
Sep	674 1/2	679 1/4	678	689	677
Nov	682 1/2	689	686 1/2	698 1/4	686 3/4
Jan	684 1/2	692	689	701 3/4	691
Mar	681 1/4	686	686 1/2	697 1/4	688
Wheat					
Sep	325 3/4	328 1/2	330 1/2	333	327 3/4
Dec	340 3/4	343 1/2	345 1/4	347	342 1/4
Mar	353	356	348	359 1/2	354 1/2
May	359 1/2	362	363 1/2	365 1/2	361
Jul	362 1/4	365	365 3/4	368	365 1/2
Corn					
Sep	230 1/2	234 1/4	236 1/2	241	236 1/2
Dec	241 1/4	245 1/4	247 3/4	252 1/2	248 1/4
Mar	247 3/4	252	255 1/4	259 1/2	255 1/2
May	252 1/4	255 3/4	259 1/2	263 1/2	259 3/4
Jul	255 1/4	259 1/4	263 1/2	267 1/2	263 1/2
KC Wheat					
Sep	333 3/4	337 1/2	339	342 1/2	339 1/4
Dec	346 1/2	350 1/4	351	355 1/4	351 1/2
Mar	354 1/2	358 1/2	359 1/2	363 1/2	357 3/4
May	358	361	363	367 1/2	361 1/2
Jul	360	363	366	369 1/2	364 1/2
SB Meal					
Aug	212.20	213.40	231.50	215.80	212.40
Sep	210.80	212.20	212.60	215.10	210.60
Oct	210.00	211.90	212.30	214.50	210.20
Dec	211.70	213.90	214.00	216.70	212.40
Jan	211.50	213.50	213.60	216.60	212.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.00 to 1.95 higher, Lean Hogs .27 to .43 lower except Apr 1.23 higher, Pork Bellies 1.30-6.18 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.25 to 2.15 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	78.75	79.15	79.35	79.57	81.20
Oct	81.22	81.17	81.37	82.05	83.40
Dec	83.60	83.65	83.70	84.20	85.47
Feb	85.42	85.60	85.57	86.05	87.15
Apr	83.75	83.90	84.00	84.10	85.00
Lean Hogs					
Aug	68.07	67.55	67.50	67.27	67.87
Oct	57.80	56.72	56.62	56.85	57.52
Dec	56.20	55.07	55.20	55.07	55.65
Feb	58.60	57.82	57.87	57.95	58.22
Apr	57.90	57.65	58.25	58.40	58.75
Prk Bel					
Jul	73.00	75.50	—	—	—
Aug	73.02	75.95	77.95	79.20	77.20
Feb	81.40	80.40	80.82	82.50	82.10
Mar	79.20	78.00	78.00	80.00	80.50
May	—	—	82.50	84.00	—
Fdr Cat					
Aug	107.10	107.25	107.12	107.57	109.22
Sep	105.20	105.57	105.67	105.82	107.45
Oct	104.15	104.87	104.97	105.02	106.67
Nov	102.05	102.70	102.85	103.00	104.25
Jan	100.10	100.75	100.70	100.70	101.50
Milk					
Jul	14.40	14.36	14.36	14.38	14.37
Aug	14.43	14.25	14.00	13.93	13.60
Sep	15.02	14.88	14.58	14.53	14.16

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans uneven .03 lower to .06 higher
 Wheat .02 to .07 higher
 Corn uneven .01 lower to .03 higher
 Grain Sorghum .05 to .15 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.75	3.49	2.06	3.68-3.77
Tuesday	6.81	3.53	2.09-2.10	4.37
Wednesday	6.77-6.79	3.54	2.12-2.13	3.80-3.89
Thursday	6.86-6.89	3.58	2.16-2.17	3.88-3.97
Friday	6.72-6.77	3.54	2.12-2.13	3.80-3.89
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	6.66-6.72	3.13	2.25-2.26	4.28
Tuesday	6.75-6.76	3.15	2.24-2.30	4.37
Wednesday	6.75-6.77	3.17	2.29-2.33	4.46
Thursday	6.87-6.88	3.26	2.32-2.36	4.55
Friday	6.77-6.78	3.23	2.29-2.31	4.48
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	6.44-6.55	3.16-3.21	2.01	3.23
Tuesday	6.50-6.61	3.19-3.29	2.04	3.28
Wednesday	6.48-6.59	3.21-3.26	2.07	3.33
Thursday	6.58-6.75	3.23-3.28	2.11	3.41
Friday	6.46-6.63	3.18-3.23	2.07	3.33
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	6.65-6.67	2.95-3.05	2.14-2.22	4.23-4.25
Tuesday	6.69-6.73	2.98-3.07	2.15-2.24	4.17-4.32
Wednesday	6.68-6.73	3.07-3.09	2.19-2.26	4.23-4.41
Thursday	6.82-6.87	3.14-3.15	2.23-2.29	4.30-4.51
Friday	6.70-6.77	3.10-3.11	2.20-2.22	4.23-4.44

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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Weekly Crop Report

Continued hot, dry weather is sharply limiting growth and development of row crops over much of the State, while pastures are also deteriorating. Statewide, the topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 52 percent very short, 31 percent short, 16 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus, a sizeable decline from a week ago. Districts with ratings of less than 10 percent adequate moisture include the north-central, northeast, central, east-central and southwest. The southeast district has the best moisture ratings, averaging 83 percent adequate or better. Farmers averaged 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. **Field Crops Report:** Ninety-three percent of the corn is silked, 2 days behind last year but 4 days ahead of the 5-year average of 90 percent. Corn reaching the dough stage, at 45 percent, is 1 day ahead of average. Many corn fields in the driest areas have rolling leaves and lower stalks turning brown as a result of the hot, dry weather. Reporters indicate that some of the late planted corn has poor pollination. More corn than usual is expected to be cut early for silage due to poor grain prospects in some fields. Corn condition is rated as 18 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 29 percent good and 5 percent excellent, continuing the decline of recent weeks. Soybeans blooming advanced to 65 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal, while pod setting has proceeded more slowly at 23 percent, 2 days ahead of average. Reporters are concerned that the bean plants will drop blooms in many of the driest fields if rain is not received soon. Soybean condition also continues to decline with 11 percent rated very poor, 22 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 23 percent good and 4 percent excellent. Sorghum is 49 percent headed, 3 days ahead of normal. Condition of the crop is rated as 10 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 47 percent fair, 21 percent good and 2 percent excellent. Rice development at 31 percent headed jumped ahead of last year and continues 6 days ahead of the 15 percent 5-year average. **Pasture & Livestock:** Pasture condition again showed a significant decline to 41 percent rated very poor, 34 percent poor, 20 percent fair and 5 percent good. The lack of new growth in many dry pastures has increased the need for supplemental hay feeding and compounded the problem of a probable reduced hay supply for next winter.