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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 21,825; Week ago 22,330; Year ago 25,734
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
364 lbs.	153.96	358 lbs.	140.82	363 lbs.	120.77
444 lbs.	139.81	458 lbs.	129.02	442 lbs.	108.20
545 lbs.	131.48	553 lbs.	122.72	547 lbs.	102.66
639 lbs.	127.78	627 lbs.	116.79	642 lbs.	94.57
731 lbs.	118.23	732 lbs.	108.23	751 lbs.	90.46
840 lbs.	110.18	861 lbs.	98.85	819 lbs.	89.38
946 lbs.	101.00	913 lbs.	96.42		

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 5255; Week ago 5232; Year ago 6345
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher, with several lightweight calves 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows uneven 2.00 higher to 2.00 lower, Bulls steady to 1.00 lower.

STEERS: Medium and Large 1		HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	146.00-165.00	300-400 lbs.	133.00-149.50
400-500 lbs.	131.00-146.00	400-500 lbs.	120.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	123.50-136.50	500-600 lbs.	114.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	114.25-118.25	600-700 lbs.	111.50-120.00
		900-950 lbs.	96.50

Large 3 Holsteins

300-400 lbs.	116.00-119.00
400-450 lbs.	115.00
Pkg 650 lbs.	90.00
800-850 lbs.	90.25

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 940-2210 lbs., 63.00-68.00, high dressing 72.00-75.00, low dressing 58.00-62.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 3 yrs blacks, 1000-1100 lbs with 150 to 250 lb calves 1400.00 per pair, 3 to 7 yrs 1000-1250 lbs. with 150 to 300 lbs calves 950.00-1125.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-56.50, high dressing 54.00-60.00. Lean (85-90%) 46.00-54.00, low dressing 40.00-49.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs. 1100-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 850.00-1000.00 per head. 5 to 6 yrs. in 2nd and 3rd stage 1100-1300 lbs black or black/whiteface 1150.00-1240.00 per head. 7 yrs to ss 1000-1225 lbs 660.00-840.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7258; week ago 6950; year ago 4499
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1480; week ago 1650; year ago 950
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1207, (Springfield 08/23/05)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher, Holsteins under 500 lbs 1.00 to 4.00 higher, over 500 lbs steady to 1.00 higher, Slaughter cows and bulls closing steady after opening 2.00 to 3.00 lower.

STEERS: Medium and Large 1		HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	145.50-166.00	300-400 lbs.	130.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	131.00-147.00	400-500 lbs.	120.00-137.50
500-600 lbs.	125.00-135.00	500-600 lbs.	116.00-126.50
600-700 lbs.	117.00-129.50	600-700 lbs.	111.50-120.00
700-800 lbs.	110.50-115.50	700-800 lbs.	105.50-109.00
800-900 lbs.	104.25-106.00	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
Pkg 946 lbs.	101.00		

HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	119.00-127.00
400-500 lbs.	107.00-122.00
500-600 lbs.	99.00-110.00
600-700 lbs.	94.00-97.00
700-800 lbs.	91.25

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 2000.00-2375.00, Approved 1700.00-1950.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1900.00-2275.00, Approved 1725.00-1885.00 Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1450.00-1540.00, 600-700 lbs 1290.00-1385.00, 500-600 lbs 1010.00-1410.00, 400-500 lbs 1070.00-1200.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 350.00-680.00. Bulls 125.00-185.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 950-1300 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 975.00-1300.00 per head, 4 to 7 yrs, 1st stage 900-1215 lbs 700.00-925.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1250 lbs. with baby-400 lb calves, some rebred 950.00-1350.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.00-58.00, high dressing 57.00-61.50 Lean (85-90%) 47.50-53.25, low dressing 40.00-46.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1140-2100 lbs. 64.50-72.00, high dressing 71.50-77.00, low dressing 59.00-66.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8761; Week ago 8754; Year ago 13,286
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.00 higher.
 Sows steady to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:
 Base carcass meat price 64.00
 Weekly top price Wednesday 67.00

SOWS:
 300-500 lbs 34.00-35.00
 Over 500 lbs 36.00-38.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 1705; Week ago 2290; Year ago 1924

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs firm to 6.00 higher, over 600 lbs not well tested. Slaughter cows weak to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	137.50-166.00
400-500 lbs.	128.50-159.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	119.50-128.00
700-715 lbs.	119.25-119.50
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	128.00-158.00
400-500 lbs.	118.50-147.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-130.50
600-700 lbs.	109.50-115.75
700-800 lbs.	105.50-106.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.75-54.25, high dressing 54.75-58.50, Lean (85-90%) 48.50-53.50.

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

Yield Grade 1-2, 1315-2295 lbs 63.00-68.00, high dressing 69.00-70.00, low dressing 58.25-61.75.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts: 2478; Week ago 2633; Year ago; 3782

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	140.00-157.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-149.00
500-600 lbs.	125.00-142.50
600-700 lbs.	116.50-131.50
700-775 lbs.	113.50-117.00
800-850 lbs.	108.00-109.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	130.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-137.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-127.00
600-700 lbs.	108.50-123.25
700-750 lbs.	104.00-108.75

SLAUGHTER STEERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3 78.00-81.70

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking,

Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 44.00-56.00, high dressing 52.00-59.00, low dressing 32.00-45.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3 77.25-80.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1250-2050 lbs, 62.50-67.50, high dressing 69.25-72.25.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1611; week ago 721; year ago 1938

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 120; week ago 106; year ago 88

Compared to the last week steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher.

Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 lower, Slaughter steers and heifers steady to .50 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	147.00-158.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-146.50
500-600 lbs.	133.00-144.75
600-700 lbs.	128.00-139.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	110.75-113.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	137.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-133.50
500-600 lbs.	124.75-135.00
600-700 lbs.	114.50-122.75
700-800 lbs.	113.50-114.50
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1400 lbs 78.00-79.80SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 50.00-55.00, low dressing 45.50-50.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 1000-1300 lbs. 77.00-79.25SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-1850 lbs 64.00-65.75**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1169; Week ago 1242; Year ago 1680

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 6.00 higher, Slaughter cows 1.00 lower and bulls 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	155.00-168.00
300-400 lbs.	138.00-159.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-151.00
500-500 lbs.	117.00-126.00
550-600 lbs.	109.50-120.50
600-650 lbs.	108.50-117.00
700-725 lbs.	114.00-115.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	137.50-140.00
300-400 lbs.	125.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	108.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	102.00-123.00
625-700 lbs.	96.00-103.50
700-750 lbs.	93.50-98.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 935-1385 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 660.00-930.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-55.50, high dressing 55.50-59.50, Lean (85-90%) 40.75-45.75.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 960-1390 lbs with 90-280 lb calves 870.00-1190.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2145 lbs 62.00-66.50, high dressing 75.25, low dressing 58.00.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 2697; Week ago 3397; Year ago 2542

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher.

Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	144.00-156.50
400-500 lbs.	130.00-150.00
500-600 lbs.	127.00-139.00
600-700 lbs.	118.50-128.25
700-750 lbs.	115.00-123.75
Lot 815 lbs.	113.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	131.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-134.75
500-600 lbs.	118.00-130.00
600-700 lbs.	112.25-125.50
700-750 lbs.	106.00-111.25
Pkg 859 lbs.	98.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-9 yrs 8250-1250 lbs second to third stage 880.00-1035.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-54.00, High dressing 54.00-56.00, Lean (85-90%) 45.00-50.00, low dressing 40.00-45.25.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium 1-2, ScarceSLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1325-2200 lbs, 62.00-67.00, high dressing 71.25.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1000; Week ago 800; Year ago 400

Compared to last week, trade turning slow to moderate. Live sales undertone 1.00-2.00 lower, dressed sales on steady to weak. Demand and seller interest moderate.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 82.00, few late last Friday 82.00.STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: load 70% Choice 128.00HEIFERS: No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 127.00-132.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs. 120.00-124.00.

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

Receipts: 8604 (FOB 0 Delivered 8604)
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 higher and feeder pigs steady.

Fob the farm, 100 % formulated
No sales to report

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 87.2% formulated.
6724 head 10 lbs 30.96-35.44 weighted average 10 lbs 33.08

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes
Delivered 0% formulated
1880 head 40 lbs 44.50-47.00 weighted average 40.0 lbs 45.29

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 48,000; Week ago 46,000; Year ago 52,000

Slaughter Lambs 4.00-5.00 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 95.00-96.00, 1-2 50-70 lbs 110.00-125.00, 70-90
120-140 lbs 96.00-98.00 lbs 95.00-110.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Some areas of the state remain in need of rain. However, most areas of the state have enjoyed improvement in moisture levels and pasture conditions. Hay demand has slowed, as the picture has changed dramatically with respect to improved fall pasture and more hay production, the lighter demand is likely temporary Hay production this summer was reduced in some cases as much as 60 percent and some of that production continues to be fed to livestock as many farmers are still feeding hay waiting for grass to get tall enough to graze. Hay demand is moderate, supply is moderate to light. Hay prices are steady this week. 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) 120.00-145.00 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 40.00-60.00 Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 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 20.00-30.00 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 16.00-20.00 per ton.

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 227 Last Month: 140

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 115.00; 60-80 lbs 100.00. Selection 1-2 81 lbs and up 85.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 105.00; 61-80 lbs 92.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 90.00; feeder kids 20-44 lbs 85.00 Slaughter Does/Nannies: medium 60.00, fleshy 50.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Bucks: yearlings 70.00, medium to fleshy 65.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-2 110-140 lbs woolled 75.00. Feeder Lambs Medium 1-2 hair lambs 80 lbs and under, fleshy, 80.00, medium flesh 75.00, 80 lbs and over fleshy, 70.00. Slaughter Ewes: Good 3 160 lbs and under fleshy 35.00. Slaughter Rams: medium flesh 20.00. (all prices per cwt.)

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	636,000	2,006,000	48,000
Last week	664,000	1,983,000	46,000
Last Year	642,000	2,049,000	52,000
2005 yr. to date	21,479,000	67,397,000	1,693,000
2004 yr. to date	22,024,000	67,780,000	1,792,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .08 higher, Medium .steady, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.)
Large .31-.40, Medium .07-.11, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans unchanged to .03 lower, Wheat .05 to .07 lower, Corn unchanged to .01 higher, KC Wheat .06 to .11 lower, Soybean Meal .30 to .90 lower except Sep .40 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Sep	594	599 3/4	586 3/4	595 3/4	588 1/2
Nov	606	611	598 3/4	607	599
Jan	613 1/4	618 1/2	605 3/4	615	607 1/4
Mar	619 1/4	625 1/4	614 1/2	622 3/4	614
May	622 1/2	628	618 1/2	626 1/2	618 1/2
Wheat					
Sep	310 1/2	307 1/4	310 1/2	306 3/4	305
Dec	326 1/4	323 1/4	317 1/2	322 1/2	320
Mar	339 3/4	337	331 1/2	336	334
May	345 1/2	343	337 1/2	342	340
Jul	348 3/4	346 3/4	341 3/4	346 1/2	344
Corn					
Sep	204 3/4	203 1/2	210 1/2	207 3/4	203 1/2
Dec	219 1/2	218	216 1/2	222 1/4	217 1/4
Mar	229 3/4	228 1/4	227 1/4	233 1/2	228 1/2
May	236	234 3/4	233 1/4	239 3/4	235
Jul	240 3/4	240	238 1/2	245	240 1/2
KC Wheat					
Sep	355 1/4	347	343	340 1/2	340 1/2
Dec	343 3/4	352	345 3/4	349	346
Mar	355	352 1/4	346 1/2	351	347
May	353	351 1/2	345 1/2	350 1/2	347
Jul	352	350	343 1/2	348 1/4	345
SB Meal					
Sep	184.30	184.60	182.40	184.50	184.10
Oct	185.40	185.60	183.80	185.40	184.40
Dec	187.50	187.50	185.60	186.90	185.80
Jan	188.80	188.70	186.80	188.10	187.20
Mar	190.70	190.70	189.10	190.50	189.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.03 to 1.85 lower, Lean Hogs 1.13 to 2.57 lower, Pork Bellies 2.90 to 3.22 lower, Feeder Cattle .65 to 1.30 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	83.22	82.75	83.25	—	—
Oct	83.60	82.52	82.25	81.05	81.20
Dec	86.32	85.60	85.50	84.40	84.50
Feb	87.92	87.57	87.60	86.47	86.75
Apr	86.52	86.27	86.22	85.25	85.32
Lean Hogs					
Oct	63.90	63.82	63.70	62.05	61.65
Dec	61.45	61.00	61.55	60.52	60.40
Feb	62.30	61.92	62.45	61.37	61.42
Apr	60.00	59.85	60.05	58.90	59.25
May	61.27	60.87	60.85	60.00	60.07
Prk Bel					
Feb	81.75	81.30	81.07	79.30	79.60
Mar	81.50	81.25	81.05	79.30	79.60
May	83.90	83.50	83.05	81.75	82.50
Jul	85.00	83.00	86.00	84.00	84.50
Aug	—	—	—	84.00	84.00
Fdr Cat					
Sep	112.37	111.60	111.77	109.95	110.80
Oct	110.62	110.07	110.17	107.87	108.57
Nov	109.67	109.20	109.47	107.65	108.15
Jan	105.32	104.95	105.37	103.87	104.30
Mar	101.45	100.87	100.80	99.50	99.97
Milk					
Aug	13.59	13.59	13.59	13.59	13.60
Sep	14.20	14.25	14.26	14.30	14.26
Oct	14.09	14.22	14.38	14.36	14.28

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .13 to .21 lower
 Wheat .03 to .05 lower
 Corn uneven .23 lower to .08 higher
 Grain Sorghum uneven .31 lower to .07 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.86	3.80	1.80-1.85	3.30-3.39
Tuesday	5.86	3.62	1.90	3.29-3.38
Wednesday	5.74	3.58	1.77	3.25-3.34
Thursday	5.92	3.59-3.61	1.87	3.34-3.43
Friday	5.79	3.56-3.58	1.84-1.87	3.34
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.65-5.82	2.73	1.67-1.87	3.50
Tuesday	5.66-5.92	2.73	1.63-1.80	3.46
Wednesday	5.54	2.67	1.64	3.43
Thursday	5.62-5.63	2.85	1.72-1.73	3.59
Friday	5.55-5.61	2.80	1.65-1.70	3.44
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.69-5.81	3.01-3.06	1.78-1.83	2.86
Tuesday	5.76-5.86	2.98-3.03	1.78-1.79	2.84
Wednesday	5.64-5.72	2.93-2.98	1.77-1.78	2.80
Thursday	5.72-5.77	2.98-3.03	1.80-1.83	2.85
Friday	5.60-5.69	2.97-3.00	1.75-1.76	2.76
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.70-5.79	2.79-2.85	1.65-1.76	3.50-3.66
Tuesday	5.76-5.79	2.66-2.82	1.55-1.72	3.34-3.61
Wednesday	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thursday	5.54-5.59	2.77-2.82	1.61-1.67	3.00-3.41
Friday	5.50-5.51	2.72-2.76	1.58-1.61	3.16-3.32

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

Missouri pastures are showing a major improvement from the summer drought conditions and the soybean crop appears to be showing some limited benefit from the rain of recent weeks. Corn, soybeans, and sorghum have continued ahead of normal in phenological development although the actual drying process of mature crops has been about normal. Topsoil moisture ratings over the State increased to 12 percent very short, 27 percent short, 53 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 3.9 days. Eighty-eight percent of the corn is dented and 53 percent is mature, about 5 days ahead of last year as well as the 5-year average of 82 percent dented and 39 percent mature. Condition ratings for the crop are reported as 22 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 26 percent good and 6 percent excellent, virtually unchanged from a week earlier. Although the maturing process is ahead of normal, harvesting progress has been held equal to the 5-year average of 6 percent, as rains of the past 3 weeks slowed drying of the crop. As usual, the corn harvest in southern counties is well ahead of most northern counties where most farmers have not yet begun harvesting. Soybean development advanced to 95 percent setting pods, 4 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of the average of 88 percent podding. However, the recent moisture has also slowed drying of the bean plants, as the 12 percent turning color and 2 percent dropping leaves are similar to average. Soybean condition is rated as 13 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 24 percent good and 6 percent excellent, a general improvement from a week ago. Sorghum is 72 percent turning color, 3 days ahead of both last year and average, but the 11 percent mature is a few days behind average. Condition of the crop is rated as 13 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 20 percent good and 2 percent excellent, a minor increase from a week earlier. Eighty percent of the third cutting of alfalfa has been cut, a few days behind normal, as many farmers have had to wait for additional growth before the crop was ready to cut. Pasture condition ratings showed a substantial improvement to 29 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 12 percent good and 1 percent excellent.