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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 27,604; Week ago 27,550; Year ago 29,999
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
361 lbs.	146.49	357 lbs.	133.72	363 lbs.	121.21
456 lbs.	138.53	456 lbs.	124.09	451 lbs.	119.59
549 lbs.	129.85	537 lbs.	119.04	551 lbs.	104.44
641 lbs.	123.49	637 lbs.	114.98	633 lbs.	98.08
748 lbs.	115.28	736 lbs.	114.86	728 lbs.	93.30
859 lbs.	110.31	862 lbs.	102.37	847 lbs.	85.37
928 lbs.	106.50				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 6050; Week ago 5152; Year ago 8705
 Compared to last week, steer and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, with some 450-550 lb steers 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher and bulls steady at best.

STEERS: Medium and Large 1		HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	140.00-152.00	300-400 lbs.	124.00-136.00
400-450 lbs.	137.00-149.50	400-500 lbs.	115.00-130.00
450-500 lbs.	129.50-140.50	500-600 lbs.	110.00-120.00
500-550 lbs.	125.00-135.50	600-700 lbs.	109.00-116.00
550-600 lbs.	118.00-129.50	700-740 lbs.	100.00-105.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-121.00		
700-765 lbs.	114.00-117.50		
800-880 lbs.	110.25-111.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

372 lbs.	112.00
600-685 lbs.	90.00-99.00
700-785 lbs.	92.50-93.60

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs., 60.00-67.50, low dressing 56.00-62.00, high dressing scarce.

COW & CALF PAIRS: few Medium 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 850-1050 lbs babies to 300 lbs calves at side, 980.00-1120.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-57.50, high dressing 53.00-60.00. Lean (85-90%) 45.50-50.00, low dressing 38.00-45.50.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1000-1385 lbs, 2nd stage, 780.00-925.00 per head, some 2-6 yrs black mostly 2nd stage 900-1040.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 8735; week ago 8350; year ago 6929
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2200; week ago 2237; year ago 1200
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1511, (Springfield 09/27/05)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers under 550 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 550 lbs steady to 3.00 lower. Heifers steady. Slaughter cows fully steady bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

STEERS: Medium and Large 1		HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	119.00-164.00	300-400 lbs.	124.50-136.00
400-500 lbs.	133.00-151.50	400-500 lbs.	115.00-125.25
500-600 lbs.	118.00-137.00	500-600 lbs.	107.00-119.00
600-700 lbs.	112.50-124.00	600-700 lbs.	106.00-115.00
700-800 lbs.	111.50-118.50	700-800 lbs.	108.25-110.50
800-900 lbs.	108.50-112.00	800-900 lbs.	101.00-105.25

HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	127.00-128.00
400-500 lbs.	114.00-124.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-110.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-101.00
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2350.00, Approved 1710.00-1880.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1930.00-2375.00, Approved 1610.00-1925.00 Open Heifers; Approved 600-700 lbs 1230.00-1420.00, 500-600 lbs 1200.00-1350.00, 400-500 lbs 1190.00-1330.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 480.00-680.00. Bulls 175.00-215.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 885-1325 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 725.00-950.00, few blacks and bwf up to 1200.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-57.00, high dressing 54.00-63.00 Lean (85-90%) 45.50-52.00, low dressing 36.00-47.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 975-1225 lbs. with baby-250 lb calves, some rebred, 910.00-1225.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1180-2260 lbs. 63.50-69.00, high dressing 68.50-75.00, low dressing 56.00-65.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,674; Week ago 9472; Year ago 10,512
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 lower.
 Sows steady to 2.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 60.00-61.00
 Weekly top price Thursday 62.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 39.00-41.00
 Over 500 lbs 41.00-44.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 2397; Week ago 2800; Year ago 2101

Compared to last week feeder under 600 lbs weak to 6.00 lower, over 600 lbs 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter Cows firm to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-170.50
400-500 lbs.	124.00-149.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-139.50
600-700 lbs.	116.00-135.00
700-800 lbs.	114.50-124.00
800-865 lbs.	111.50-115.00
Pkg 934 lbs.	107.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	126.00-146.00
400-500 lbs.	118.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	112.50-129.00
600-700 lbs.	108.50-123.50
700-800 lbs.	96.00-115.00
800-900 lbs.	94.00-103.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 953-1405 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 690.00-925.00 per head

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-56.75, high dressing 55.00-61.75, Lean (85-90%) 49.00-55.00, low dressing 40.50-49.50.**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2 2 yrs to ss 890.00-1250 lbs calves 135-280 lbs 830.00-1025.00 per pair.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1075-1905 lbs 65.25-69.75, high dressing 70.00-70.75, low dressing scarce.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts: 3690; Week ago 4787; Year ago; 2810

Compared to last week feeder calves steady to firm and yearlings poorly tested. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	130.00-158.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-140.00
600-700 lbs.	115.00-132.00
725-775 lbs.	110.00-123.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	120.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-144.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-133.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-120.00
700-775 lbs.	108.00-118.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 3 86.00-86.25.**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 47.00-57.00, high dressing 54.50-59.50, low dressing 37.00-47.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Select and Choice 2-3 85.00-86.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2300 lbs, 63.00-68.00, high dressing 71.00-73.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1173; week ago 1888; year ago 1002

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 100; week ago 70; year ago 98

Compared to the last week steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 3.00 lower, over 700 lbs firm. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, Slaughter steers and heifers .50 to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	143.00-156.00
400-500 lbs.	136.50-151.00
500-600 lbs.	126.00-143.25
600-700 lbs.	124.00-138.00
757 lbs.	128.20
816 lbs.	124.10

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	137.00-146.00
400-550 lbs.	121.00-133.00
550-600 lbs.	118.00-130.50
650-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	112.75-113.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1200-1400 lbs 86.00-86.60**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-60.50, low dressing 47.50-52.50**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3, 1000-1200 lbs 84.75-85.75**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2000 lbs. 64.00-67.75.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1671; Week ago 1288; Year ago 1869

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers uneven 3.00 higher to 6.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold 1.00 lower and bulls 3.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	143.00-157.00
300-400 lbs.	131.00-153.00
400-500 lbs.	115.50-135.00
500-600 lbs.	110.50-129.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-122.50
Pkg 802 lbs.	100.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	126.00-136.00
300-400 lbs.	116.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	108.00-128.00
500-600 lbs.	101.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	98.00-106.00
700-800 lbs.	91.00-100.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 870-1320 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 660.00-870.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-51.50, high dressing 51.50-55.50, Lean (85-90%) 35.00-38.00.**COW & CALF PAIRS:**

Medium and Large 1-2 2-7 years, 990-1340 lbs, 90-220 lb calves 890.00-960.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1345-1925 lbs 57.50-62.00, high dressing 62.75-63.75, low dressing 54.00**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 3709; Week ago 3175; Year ago 3551

Compared to last week steers and heifer calves 1.00 to 4.00 lower, weaned calves and yearlings steady. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	135.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-142.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-133.50
600-700 lbs.	120.00-128.00
700-800 lbs.	112.50-120.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

320-400 lbs.	127.00-136.50
400-500 lbs.	117.00-127.50
500-600 lbs.	114.50-124.50
600-700 lbs.	110.50-123.00
700-750 lbs.	108.00-110.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1, scarce.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-54.00, High dressing 54.00-55.50, Lean (85-90%) 45.00-50.00, low dressing 39.00-45.50.**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1, 5 yrs to ss, 1175-1350 lbs, 125-200 lb calves, 1325.00-1500.00 per pair.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1275-1900 lbs, 62.00-68.00, low dressing 60.00-60.50.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 1300; Year ago 600

Compared to last week no confirmed live sales, and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 2.00 higher. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: No Sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: 90% Choice 2-4 1300 lbs 135.00.

HEIFERS: No Sales**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 138.00-144.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs. 126.00-132.00.

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

Receipts: 17,922 (FOB 755 Delivered 17,167)
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to .50 higher. Not enough feeder pigs last week to establish a trend undertone is firm.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Fob the farm, 100 % formulated
755 head 10 lbs 32.00

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 74% formulated. (6300 Ark to IA or Neb)
14,122 head 10 lbs 32.75-37.50 weighted average 10 lbs 34.94

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes
Delivered 51% formulated
3045 head 45 lbs 56.47

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 51,000; Week ago 51,000; Year ago 53,000

Slaughter Lambs steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes steady 1-3 40.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs steady 40.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 92.00- 1-2 50-70 lbs 115.00-130.00, 70-90
94.00, woolled 90.00-92.00. lbs 95.00-115.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

The weather continues to hold true to the old saying if you don't like it wait five minutes. Frost even showed up in a few areas to the north last week with more expected later this week. Grass has made a great come back from the drought and most farmers will have a fair amount of pasture until snow covers it. Even with the long dry summer, after a good final cutting of hay, early feelings are that supply should be adequate for winter given it isn't an unusually harsh one. Hay supply and demand is moderate this week, and prices are steady. 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 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.50 per bale 25.00-50.00 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 15.00-30.00 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 20.00-35.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	625,000	2,069,000	51,000
Last week	606,000	2,078,000	51,000
Last Year	624,000	2,005,000	53,000
2005 yr. to date	24,575,000	77,495,000	1,943,000
2004 yr. to date	25,081,000	77,904,000	2,053,000

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	167.70	163.75	147.50	60.00
St. Louis	182.00	162.75	155.00	50.50

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .06 higher, Medium .steady, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .22-.31, Medium .07-.11, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .07 to .09 lower, Wheat .08 to .09 lower, Corn .02 to .03 lower, KC Wheat unchanged to .04 lower, Soybean Meal .90 to 1.90 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Nov	581	562 1/2	563 1/2	564 1/4	564 1/4
Jan	592 1/2	574 1/4	575	576 1/2	576
Mar	599 1/2	582 1/4	582 3/4	583 1/2	583 3/4
May	604 1/2	587 1/2	588 1/4	588 1/2	589 1/4
Jul	611	592 1/2	592	593 1/4	594
Wheat					
Dec	348 3/4	347 1/4	345	345 1/4	388
Mar	362 1/2	361 1/2	359 1/4	359 1/4	352 1/2
May	369 1/4	368 1/2	366 1/2	366 1/2	360
Jul	374 1/4	373 1/2	371 1/2	371 1/2	365 1/4
Sep	380 1/4	379	377 1/2	377 1/2	371 1/2
Corn					
Dec	208 3/4	205 3/4	204 3/4	204 1/4	202 1/2
Mar	221 1/2	218 1/2	217 3/4	217	215 1/2
May	229	226 1/4	225 1/2	225	223 1/2
Jul	235 2/4	233 1/4	232 1/2	232	230 1/2
Sep	242	239 3/4	239 3/4	238 3/4	237 1/4
KC Wheat					
Dec	381 3/4	379	378	381 3/4	376 3/4
Mar	384 1/2	382 1/2	381	384	379 1/4
May	381 1/2	381	379 1/2	381 1/2	378 1/2
Jul	377 1/2	377 3/4	377 1/4	379 1/2	375
Sep	381	380	379 1/2	382	377 1/2
SB Meal					
Oct	167.30	163.70	162.80	163.70	165.30
Dec	170.80	166.70	166.10	167.30	168.60
Jan	172.40	168.50	168.10	169.20	170.30
Mar	175.10	171.40	171.00	171.80	173.30
May	176.40	173.40	173.20	174.00	175.60

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .45 to 1.28 higher, Lean Hogs 1.35 to 3.15 higher, Pork Bellies 6.25 to 8.65 higher, Feeder Cattle 1.55 to 2.90 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Oct	89.22	90.95	90.30	89.72	90.25
Dec	90.22	91.45	91.05	90.77	91.10
Feb	91.95	92.97	92.52	92.37	93.05
Apr	88.97	89.97	89.35	89.15	89.57
Jun	84.67	85.22	84.55	84.42	84.85
Lean Hogs					
Oct	68.22	68.02	68.20	67.67	68.55
Dec	65.00	64.80	65.32	64.37	65.02
Feb	66.85	67.35	67.77	67.15	68.00
Apr	66.27	66.75	66.97	66.27	67.05
May	65.87	66.70	66.80	66.25	67.25
Prk Bel					
Feb	91.80	94.80	96.37	96.40	97.47
Mar	92.35	95.35	94.95	95.60	96.50
May	93.00	96.00	98.20	98.20	99.25
Jul	94.00	97.00	98.60	99.50	99.90
Aug	92.50	95.10	98.10	100.05	100.25
Fdr Cat					
Oct	116.52	117.57	117.10	117.57	118.32
Nov	115.40	116.42	115.87	116.27	116.65
Jan	112.67	113.65	113.20	113.32	113.82
Mar	107.90	108.75	108.20	108.85	109.27
Apr	105.90	107.10	106.80	107.05	107.10
Milk					
Oct	14.36	14.22	14.33	14.30	14.33
Nov	13.57	13.45	13.47	13.44	13.48
Dec	13.40	13.26	13.40	13.30	13.32

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .09 to .13 lower
 Wheat unchanged to .08 lower
 Corn .03 lower to .11 higher
 Grain Sorghum .05 lower to .02 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.51	3.77-3.82	1.77-1.79	3.19
Tuesday	5.33	3.74-3.79	1.74-1.76	3.14
Wednesday	5.34	3.73-3.78	1.73-1.75	3.12
Thursday	5.34	3.77-3.82	1.72-1.74	3.12
Friday	5.34	3.72	1.72-1.73	3.08
St. Louis				
Monday	5.29-5.37	2.76	1.60-1.69	3.12
Tuesday	5.09-5.10	2.73	1.53-1.66	2.98
Wednesday	5.11-5.16	2.73	1.60-1.68	2.96
Thursday	5.17-5.21	2.83	1.67	3.12
Friday	5.17-5.21	2.83	1.67	3.12
Central				
Monday	5.41-5.47	3.26-3.29	1.69-1.71	2.83
Tuesday	5.23	3.24-3.27	1.66-1.68	2.82
Wednesday	5.22-5.24	3.22-3.25	1.67	2.80
Thursday	5.22-5.24	3.22-3.25	1.66	2.78
Friday	5.20-5.22	3.17-3.18	1.65	2.77
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.22-5.32	2.66-2.89	1.50-1.59	2.94-3.10
Tuesday	5.00-5.10	2.55-2.81	1.44-1.66	2.82-3.05
Wednesday	5.00-5.09	2.53-2.79	1.47-1.59	2.80-3.03
Thursday	5.00-5.14	2.55-2.76	1.49-1.63	2.82-3.07
Friday	4.99-5.13	2.52-2.71	1.50-1.60	2.80-3.05

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

Weekly Crop Report

Sixty-nine percent of the corn, 12 percent of the soybeans and 19 percent of the cotton have been harvested, as weather was mostly favorable for progress until late in the week. Topsoil moisture ratings are reported as 8 percent very short, 22 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 6 percent surplus, while subsoil moisture averaged 11 percent very short, 31 percent short, 57 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus, both showing some improvement from previously reported data. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 5.1 days. Sixty-nine percent of the corn has been harvested, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the 66 percent 5-year average. Harvesting progress varies from 36 percent complete in the northwest district to around 80 percent complete across the central third of the State and over 90 percent in the southwest and southeast districts. Eighty-two percent of the soybeans are dropping leaves, a few days ahead of normal but the proportion mature, at 48 percent, is slightly behind the 49 percent average. Soybean condition is rated as 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 27 percent good and 8 percent excellent, similar to a week ago. Soybeans are 12 percent harvested, 5 days behind last year and 4 days behind the 19 percent average. The harvest is moving ahead in all areas but excessive moisture in the beans has slowed progress. Ninety percent of the sorghum is mature, about 6 days ahead of normal, while condition of the crop remains virtually unchanged at 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 23 percent good and 2 percent excellent. Fifty-six percent of the sorghum has been harvested, 5 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of average. Rice condition also remains similar to a week ago at 1 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 57 percent good and 24 percent excellent. Harvesting jumped ahead to 58 percent complete but is still behind the 63 percent average for this date. Twelve percent of the winter wheat is seeded, 2 days ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Three percent of the crop has emerged, also similar to average. Pasture condition ratings averaged 17 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 22 percent good and 2 percent excellent, again showing a modest improvement.