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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 38,705; Week ago 30,339; Year ago 33,496
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
360 lbs.	156.31	361 lbs.	141.24	342 lbs.	120.56
450 lbs.	149.56	455 lbs.	132.17	449 lbs.	118.56
559 lbs.	134.42	554 lbs.	123.30	539 lbs.	106.90
658 lbs.	118.57	647 lbs.	109.74	655 lbs.	91.82
753 lbs.	108.98	737 lbs.	103.64	853 lbs.	82.31
843 lbs.	104.50	819 lbs.	100.11		
939 lbs.	98.87				

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3950; Week ago 4713; Year ago 7145
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers unevenly steady to 2.00 lower, majority 400 to 500 lb heifers 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls fully steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	152.00-171.00	350-400 lbs.	135.00-150.00
400-450 lbs.	145.00-157.50	400-450 lbs.	128.00-140.00
450-500 lbs.	139.00-151.00	450-500 lbs.	121.50-132.00
500-550 lbs.	137.00-146.00	500-550 lbs.	115.00-130.00
550-600 lbs.	123.00-138.50	550-600 lbs.	111.50-121.00
600-650 lbs.	117.00-126.00	600-650 lbs.	105.50-117.00
650-700 lbs.	110.00-121.00	650-700 lbs.	102.50-104.00
700-750 lbs.	104.25-108.00	700-800 lbs.	99.00-102.50
800-830 lbs.	102.00-103.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

430-445 lbs.	111.50-112.00
615-620 lbs.	92.50-96.50
Pkg 829 lbs.	82.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1050-2200 lbs, 58.50-68.50, High dressing 65.00-72.00, Low dressing 56.40-62.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 2 yrs to ss 900-1250 lbs, some bred back, with baby to 375 lb calves 1000.00-1225.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-56.50, high dressing 54.00-62.50. Lean (85-90%) 45.00-50.00, low dressing 34.00-45.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1080-1400 lbs, 3rd stage, 950.00-1090.00 per head. 5 to 7 yrs 2nd stage 1100-1400 lbs 800.00-925.00. Mixed 6 yrs to ss 1000-1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 680.00-850.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 12,250; week ago 8425; year ago 11,523
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1683; week ago 1729; year ago 1500
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1711, (Norwood 2/09/06)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers under 700 lbs and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 3.00 lower, Heavier weights unevenly steady. Holsteins not well tested. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	140.00-164.00	300-400 lbs.	124.00-153.00
400-500 lbs.	137.00-164.00	400-500 lbs.	120.00-151.00
500-600 lbs.	121.00-152.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-138.00
600-700 lbs.	109.00-127.00	600-700 lbs.	100.50-117.00
700-800 lbs.	105.00-115.00	700-800 lbs.	100.00-107.00
800-900 lbs.	100.00-109.00	800-900 lbs.	98.50-100.50
900-1000 lbs.	94.00-104.00		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	122.00-126.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-123.00
500-600 lbs.	104.00-118.00
600-700 lbs.	85.00-101.00
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	79.00-83.50
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 10200-1345 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 750.00-960.00, several blacks, black-whiteface, and reds, 990.00-1275.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 1100-1320 lbs. with baby to 275 lb calves, some rebred 1000.00-1200.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1800.00-2125.00, Approved 1550.00-1775.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1800.00-2175.00, Approved 1500.00-1775.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1310.00-1475.00, 600-700 lbs 1175.00-1360.00, 500-600 lbs 1050.00-1250.00, 400-500 lbs 975.00-1200.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 500.00-780.00. Bulls 140.00-230.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-57.00, high dressing 53.00-61.50 Lean (85-90%) 41.00-49.00, low dressing 33.00-45.75.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1290-2530 lbs. 59.50-64.00, high dressing 64.00-71.00, low dressing 52.00-60.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9,189; Week ago 10,630; Year ago 8143
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 5.00 higher. Sows steady to 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 52.00-53.00
 Weekly top price Friday 53.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 26.00-30.00
 Over 500 lbs 31.00-32.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 4247; Week ago 2471; Year ago 3802

Compared to last week feeder steers under 650 lbs steady, over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heifers under 650 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	150.50-175.00
400-500 lbs.	133.50-155.75
500-600 lbs.	125.50-155.00
600-700 lbs.	114.00-130.75
700-800 lbs.	104.50-114.50
800-900 lbs.	103.00-108.00
930-960 lbs.	97.50-101.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 890-1555 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 775.00-1175.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	128.50-157.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-142.75
600-700 lbs.	103.50-120.00
700-800 lbs.	101.25-108.25
800-250 lbs.	99.25-99.75

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-55.00, High dressing 53.25-63.50, Lean (85-90%) 47.00-52.00, Low dressing 41.00-46.75.SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1330-2255 lbs 60.25-65.00, High dressing 67.00-67.50 Low dressing 56.50-57.50.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 4215; Week ago 5205; Year ago: 4603

Compared to last week feeder steers under 650 lbs and heifers under 600 lbs unevenly steady, steers over 650 and heifers over 600 lbs steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows unevenly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	150.00-165.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-161.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-142.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	102.00-114.75
800-825 lbs.	104.00-106.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 85.25-90.25SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 84.00-89.00FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	130.00-139.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	111.00-133.00
600-700 lbs.	102.00-114.50
700-775 lbs.	102.50-103.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-55.00, high dressing 52.00-58.75, low dressing 35.00-45.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs, 58.00-63.00, high dressing 63.00-68.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2671; week ago 2754; year ago 2668

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 68; week ago 58; year ago 122

Compared to the last week steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, heavier weights steady to firm. Slaughter steers and heifers .50 to 1.00 lower. Slaughter Cows steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	154.50-180.00
400-500 lbs.	140.00-157.00
500-600 lbs.	129.85-148.50
600-700 lbs.	112.25-127.50
700-800 lbs.	103.00-117.50
800-900 lbs.	100.50-108.25

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1200-1450 lbs 89.50-91.75SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1400 lbs 88.00-90.10FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	141.00-159.00
400-500 lbs.	129.50-141.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-138.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-116.00
700-800 lbs.	98.00-108.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 50.00-58.75, low dressing 45.00-50.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2300 lbs. 56.00-61.25**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1471; Week ago 1589; Year ago 1424

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers 2.00 to 7.00 lower. Slaughter cows 4.00 lower and bulls 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-350 lbs.	141.00-168.00
350-400 lbs.	134.00-156.00
400-500 lbs.	126.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-118.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 880-1240 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 720.00-880.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 970-1215 lbs. with baby-110 lbs calves 1050.00-1150.00 per pair.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.50-151.00
400-450 lbs.	121.00-132.00
450-500 lbs.	112.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-119.00
600-700 lbs.	101.00-111.50
700-750 lbs.	100.00-103.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 43.75-48.75, high dressing 48.50-54.00, Lean (85-90%) 33.25-35.00.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1600-2200 lbs 53.25-60.25, high dressing 62.25, low dressing 55.25.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 3073; Week ago 2516; Year ago 1575

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	151.00-163.50
400-500 lbs.	140.00-154.00
500-600 lbs.	123.25-143.50
600-700 lbs.	108.25-135.50
700-725 lbs.	106.00-111.50
800-940 lbs.	97.25-107.60

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1, Scarce

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, Scarce.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	130.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	122.50-133.50
500-600 lbs.	111.75-131.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-114.00
700-800 lbs.	94.75-105.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-52.00, High dressing 53.50, Lean (85-90%) 42.25-48.00, low dressing 36.00-42.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1500-1950 lbs, 56.00-61.75, High dressing 64.00-65.00, Low dressing 52.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 600; Year ago 400

Compared to last week, trade very slow. No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on grid basis few 3.00 to 4.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light with lower bids

STEERS: No SalesHEIFERS: No SalesSTEERS AND HEIFERS:

Carcass sales: No Sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 147.00.

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

Receipts: 14,722

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady. Feeder pigs 4.00 lower. USDA National Feeder early indications are for weaner pigs to be steady and feeder pigs steady firm. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 82% formulated. (5805 head AR to NB & IA)
12,872 head 10 lbs 33.00-37.63 weighted average 10 lbs 34.79

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes 40-50 lb base weights
Delivered 0% formulated
1900 head 40 lbs 57.23

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 48,000; Week ago 48,000; Year ago 49,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady to 2.00 higher
Slaughter Ewes Steady
Feeder Lambs Steady
Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 40.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-40.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 76.00-82.00, woolled 73.00-80.00.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 50-70 lbs 105.00-120.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-105.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Temperatures took a drop this week in Missouri getting back to normal for this time of year. Some rain and even some snow fell in a few areas. Most of the state has got a fair amount of moisture the past couple of weeks and are feeling a lot better. The exception continues to be in the southwest where they are still waiting for a break. The drop in temperatures has increased the need for feeding some this week but the hay market has yet to see any relevant increase in prices or demand. Hay prices this week 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) 125.00-150.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 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	585,000	2,008,000	48,000
Last week	599,000	2,030,000	48,000
Last Year	576,000	2,021,000	49,000
2006 yr. to date	3,530,000	12,068,000	289,000
2005 yr. to date	3,515,000	12,030,000	281,000

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	172.70	178.75	162.50	70.50
St. Louis	192.00	171.00	217.50	69.50

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .steady, Medium steady., and Small .02 lower. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .20-.29, Medium .15-.21, Small .07-.11.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .11 to .13 lower, Wheat unchanged to .01 lower, Corn .03 to .04 lower, KC Wheat .07 to .19 higher, Soybean Meal 3.50 to 5.40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Mar	587	574	578	587 3/4	582 1/4
May	600 1/2	588	591 1/4	601 3/4	596
Jul	609 3/4	598	602 1/2	610 1/4	606 1/2
Aug	612	601 1/2	604 1/2	614	607 1/2
Sep	614 1/2	605	608	616 1/2	611
Wheat					
Mar	355	351 3/4	356 3/4	363 1/4	355 1/4
May	365 3/4	363 1/4	368 3/4	374 3/4	367 1/4
Jul	375 1/2	373	378	384	376
Sep	385	383 1/2	387	394 1/4	386 1/2
Dec	397 1/2	395 3/4	399 1/2	404 1/2	396 3/4
Corn					
Mar	222 3/4	218	221 1/4	225 1/2	221 1/4
May	233	228 1/2	232	236 1/4	231 3/4
Jul	241 3/4	237	240 1/4	244 3/4	240 1/2
Sep	248 1/4	244 3/4	246 3/4	250 3/4	247 1/2
Dec	258 1/2	254 1/2	256 1/2	260 3/4	257 1/4
KC Wheat					
Mar	417 1/2	413	426 3/4	433 3/4	430
May	420	418	429	437 1/2	434 3/4
Jul	418 1/4	413	424 1/4	429 1/4	423 3/4
Sep	421	413	425 3/4	431	426 1/2
Dec	419	424 1/2	435	440 3/4	435
SB Meal					
Mar	181.00	176.70	180.20	181.60	180.50
May	183.60	179.50	182.60	183.70	182.80
Jul	186.50	182.20	185.10	186.60	185.30
Aug	187.90	183.10	185.80	188.00	186.00
Sep	188.60	183.50	186.70	188.60	186.30

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .63 to 1.35 higher, Lean Hogs 1.52 to 3.53 higher, Pork Bellies 1.68 to 3.30 higher, Feeder Cattle .80 to 1.90 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Feb	92.15	91.97	91.72	92.25	92.90
Apr	89.87	89.77	89.95	90.15	90.60
Jun	83.92	83.92	84.30	84.47	84.65
Aug	83.47	83.47	83.72	83.85	84.12
Oct	86.57	86.72	87.12	87.32	87.52
Lean Hogs					
Feb	55.62	56.62	57.35	57.62	58.55
Apr	61.32	61.75	62.17	62.22	62.80
May	66.77	67.07	67.37	67.40	67.92
Jun	68.52	68.87	69.35	69.47	70.10
Jul	66.67	66.72	67.25	67.40	67.97
Prk Bel					
Feb	76.90	77.40	77.75	77.85	78.60
Mar	75.90	76.22	77.42	77.55	79.17
May	76.95	74.35	78.10	78.30	80.10
Jul	77.60	78.20	79.10	79.15	80.55
Aug	76.60	76.60	78.80	79.40	79.40
Fdr Cat					
Mar	108.05	107.97	107.97	108.85	109.65
Apr	109.20	109.22	109.02	109.82	110.65
May	109.10	109.35	109.57	110.42	110.77
Aug	109.72	109.65	109.75	110.50	111.10
Sep	109.30	108.90	109.30	109.50	109.90
Milk					
Feb	12.30	12.33	12.32	12.31	12.26
Mar	11.98	12.04	11.90	11.86	11.69
Apr	11.95	12.00	11.90	11.85	11.71

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .02 to .13 lower
 Wheat .04 to .17 lower
 Corn .04 to .08 lower
 Grain Sorghum .07 to .12 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.67	3.98	2.03	3.54
Tuesday	5.54	3.88	1.98	3.45
Wednesday	5.58	3.92	2.01	3.50
Thursday	5.68	3.89-3.91	2.06	3.59
Friday	5.62	3.43	2.17	4.00
St. Louis				
Monday	5.81-5.82	3.46	2.19-2.25	4.07
Tuesday	5.67-5.68	3.41	2.15-2.17	3.95
Wednesday	5.73	3.45	2.15-2.18	3.95
Thursday	5.83	3.49	2.20-2.25	4.03
Friday	5.84	3.43	2.17	4.00
Central				
Monday	5.51-5.57	3.18-3.35	2.03	3.27
Tuesday	5.38-5.44	3.15-3.32	1.95-1.98	3.18
Wednesday	5.42-5.48	3.20-3.37	1.98-2.01	3.23
Thursday	5.58	3.26-3.43	2.03-2.06	3.32
Friday	5.43-5.52	3.18	1.95-2.11	3.23
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.73-5.86	3.37-3.53	2.09-2.23	3.95-4.18
Tuesday	5.61-5.73	3.35-3.49	2.05-2.18	3.87-4.02
Wednesday	5.68-5.77	3.41-3.52	2.08-2.21	3.91-4.05
Thursday	5.79-5.90	3.43-3.57	2.13-2.25	3.96-4.12
Friday	5.75-5.89	3.39-3.50	2.09-2.20	3.87-4.05

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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2005 Missouri Farm Numbers Decline

"Missouri farm numbers, estimated at 105,000, are down slightly from last year," said Gene Danekas, Director of the USDA-Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service. "The complexion of Missouri agriculture has and continues to change, while life economic conditions and lifestyle choices are the major contributors to the decline." A farm is defined as "any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would be sold during the year." Missouri ranks second in total number of farms, following Texas. Total land in Missouri farms is estimated at 30.1 million acres with an average farm size of 287 acres. Missouri farms in the economic sales class of \$1,000 to \$9,999 are estimated at 57,900, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Farms in the sales group of \$10,000 to \$99,999 totaled 36,100, down slightly from 2004. The \$100,000 to \$249,000 group is estimated at 6,400, up 200 farms from last year. Farms in the sales groups of \$250,000 to \$499,000 totaled 2,700, up slightly from 2004, while farm with sales of \$500,000 and over totaled 1,900, up from 1,800 in 2004. **Number of Farms and Land in Farms 2005 Summary** The number of farms in the United States in 2005 is estimated at 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Total land in farms, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses. Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, and \$500,000. Farm numbers declined in the three smallest sales classes and rose in the two largest sales classes. Part of the decline in the smaller sales classes was due to normal attrition, such as retirements. In addition, some operations transferred to larger sales classes by enterprise expansion. However, the majority of the changes in the sales classes were likely due to rising incomes.