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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 35,872; Week ago 22,171; Year ago 30,112
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
358 lbs.	157.00	367 lbs.	138.93	374 lbs.	124.49
453 lbs.	144.53	454 lbs.	129.59	445 lbs.	117.41
548 lbs.	134.05	551 lbs.	119.48	546 lbs.	110.19
649 lbs.	116.77	648 lbs.	107.12	663 lbs.	91.16
752 lbs.	104.18	736 lbs.	97.15	740 lbs.	83.78
839 lbs.	98.29	819 lbs.	93.73	852 lbs.	78.83
917 lbs.	92.98	914 lbs.	87.75	920 lbs.	79.82

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 5700; Week ago 6072; Year ago 4474
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers 2.00 to 4.00 lower, even though a few front end steer calves and 7 weight heifers were steady. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls steady to mostly 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
350-400 lbs.	147.00-159.00	350-400 lbs.	130.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-150.00	400-450 lbs.	120.00-135.00
500-550 lbs.	130.00-138.50	450-500 lbs.	116.50-127.50
550-600 lbs.	117.50-128.00	500-550 lbs.	110.00-121.00
600-700 lbs.	108.75-125.00	550-600 lbs.	106.00-118.00
700-800 lbs.	97.50-107.50	600-700 lbs.	98.50-108.50
800-900 lbs.	91.50-98.00	700-765 lbs.	92.75-101.25
900-1035 lbs.	87.50-90.50		

Large 3 Holsteins		SLAUGHTER COWS:	
435-538 lbs.	112.00-116.50	Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean)	46.50-56.00, high dressing
Lot 618 lbs.	98.25		53.00-60.00. Lean (85-90%)
695-721 lbs.	86.50-87.50		43.00-47.50, low dressing 35.00-43.00.
900-950 lbs.	80.00-81.00		

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2275 lbs. 62.00-68.00, High dressing 70.00-71.50 Low dressing 55.00-62.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 2 yrs to ss 850-1200 lbs with baby-450 lb calves 900.00-1270.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1150-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 850.00-940.00 per head, few 4 to 7 yrs blacks 1300-1450 lbs 3rd stage 1010.00-1220.00 per head, couple lots blacks 2 to 5 yrs in 1st stage 880-1100 lbs. 880.00-890.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 11,138; week ago 10,527; year ago 6956
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2177; week ago 1976; year ago 1500
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1191, (Springfield 2/28/06)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers under 650 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 lower, over 650 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower, heifers steady to 4.00 lower, Holsteins under 800 lbs steady, over 800 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower, slaughter bulls fully steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	137.00-174.00	300-400 lbs.	128.50-144.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-158.00	400-500 lbs.	113.50-135.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-143.50	500-600 lbs.	108.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-126.00	600-700 lbs.	98.00-114.00
700-800 lbs.	95.00-109.50	700-800 lbs.	88.50-100.00
800-900 lbs.	90.50-99.25	800-900 lbs.	93.00-94.50
900-1000 lbs.	89.00-93.10		

HOLSTEINS:	Dairy Cattle Sales
Large Frame 3	Springer Heifers: Supreme 1900.00-2050.00, Approved 1600.00-1890.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1800.00-1950.00, Approved 1400.00-1785.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1310.00-1400.00, 600-700 lbs 1000.00-1250.00, 500-600 lbs 1000.00-1210.00, 400-500 lbs 900.00-1150.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 375.00-640.00. Bulls 150.00-300.00.
200-300 lbs.	122.00-132.00
300-400 lbs.	120.00-128.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-123.00
500-600 lbs.	100.00-118.00
600-700 lbs.	88.00-98.00
700-800 lbs.	80.00-89.00
800-900 lbs.	77.25-81.25
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1050-1330 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 760.00-975.00, blacks 1010.00-1185.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1325 lbs. with baby to 275 lb calves, 910.00-1235.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-57.50, high dressing 54.50-59.50 Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.00, low dressing 35.00-46.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2490 lbs. 61.50-67.00, high dressing 65.50-73.50, low dressing 58.00-62.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 11,223; Week ago 8566; Year ago 4909
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 lower. Sows steady to 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:	SOWS:
Base carcass meat price 52.00-54.00	300-500 lbs 31.00-33.00
Weekly top price Monday 56.00	Over 500 lbs 33.00-37.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 3000; Week ago 2977; Year ago 2841

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 7.00 lower. Slaughter Cows 2.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	150.00-167.50
400-500 lbs.	132.00-152.00
500-600 lbs.	122.00-139.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-124.00
700-800 lbs.	95.25-112.00
800-900 lbs.	94.00-99.60
935-955 lbs.	91.85-92.35

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, few 2 yrs to ss, 825-1500 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 740.00-985.00 per head.

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

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	129.00-157.50
400-500 lbs.	122.00-144.00
500-600 lbs.	109.00-135.50
600-700 lbs.	98.35-122.25
700-800 lbs.	92.75-106.00

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-54.75, High dressing 55.00-60.75, Lean (85-90%) 47.75-52.50, Low dressing 45.00-48.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1370-2375 lbs 63.00-67.50, High dressing 68.00-71.00, Low dressing 44.00-62.50

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 4361; Week ago 5361 Year ago; 5002

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

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	150.00-163.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-156.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-146.00
600-700 lbs.	109.00-127.50
700-800 lbs.	99.00-111.00
800-900 lbs.	94.00-99.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 83.00-86.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Select and Choice 2-3 82.00-84.25**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	125.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-137.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-133.50
600-700 lbs.	97.50-121.50
700-775 lbs.	94.50-99.60

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 45.00-57.00, high dressing 52.00-62.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2200 lbs, 62.00-69.00, high dressing 69.00-73.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3042; week ago 3744; year ago 2584

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 40; week ago 62; year ago 92

Compared to the last week steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 600 to 750 lbs steady, over 750 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter Cows steady. Slaughter steers and heifers .50 to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	152.00-174.00
400-500 lbs.	145.00-159.00
500-600 lbs.	129.25-149.00
600-700 lbs.	113.00-130.50
700-800 lbs.	98.50-113.25
800-900 lbs.	93.00-101.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1450 lbs 85.50-86.75**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 1100-1250 lbs 85.25-86.25**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	135.00-157.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-119.00
700-800 lbs.	96.60-103.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-58.00, low dressing 49.00-52.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1100-2250 lbs. 64.25-67.00.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1686; Week ago 1983; Year ago 1521

Compared to last week feeder steers under 600 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower, and bulls steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	154.50-185.00
300-400 lbs.	145.00-172.50
400-450 lbs.	131.00-162.50
450-500 lbs.	125.00-137.50
500-600 lbs.	115.00-136.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-117.50
700-775 lbs.	95.50-107.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 875-1520 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 790.00-910.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 980-1325 lbs. with 110-310 lbs calves 860.00-1290.00 per pair.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	135.00-145.00
300-350 lbs.	128.00-142.50
350-400 lbs.	126.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	105.50-120.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-109.00
700-750 lbs.	90.25-98.25

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.50-52.25, high dressing 52.75-56.50, Lean (85-90%) 35.00-40.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1415-2210 lbs 57.75-61.00, high dressing 65.25.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 2699; Week ago 3210; Year ago 2315

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	146.50-169.00
400-500 lbs.	133.00-150.00
500-600 lbs.	128.00-139.75
600-700 lbs.	105.00-125.00
700-800 lbs.	97.50-102.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 1200-1650 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 835.00-970.00 per head.

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

Medium and Large 1

360-400 lbs.	134.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-137.00
500-600 lbs.	107.00-125.50
600-700 lbs.	97.25-108.00
700-730 lbs.	91.50-95.25
Pkg 914 lbs.	87.75

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-57.00, High dressing 57.00-59.25, Lean (85-90%) 47.00-52.00, low dressing 40.00-46.50**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2250 lbs, 62.00-68.75, High dressing 70.00-71.00, Low dressing 59.00-61.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts none; Week ago 200; Year ago 1000

Compared to last week, trade inactive. No confirmed live sales or dressed sales as of 8:00 a.m. Friday . Demand and seller interest light with lower bids.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1250-1300 lbs 87.00 late last Friday.**HEIFERS:** No Sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:** Carcass sales: No Sales**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):** Choice 3 550-950 lbs No Sales
Select 3 550-950 lbs. No Sales

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 9011

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

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 93% formulated. (6100 head AR to NB, IA)
8236 head 10 lbs 30.73-45.00, weighted average 10 lbs 35.11

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes 40-50 lb base weights
Delivered 0% formulated
775 head 40 lbs 58.00-62.36, weighted average 40 lbs 61.71

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 49,000; Week ago 51,000; Year ago 62,000

Slaughter Lambs Not tested Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Not tested 1-3 40.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs Not tested 40.00.
*****(These are latest sales)*****

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 120-140 lbs shorn 1-2 50-70 lbs 105.00-120.00, 70-90
76.00-80.00, woolled 72.00-77.00. lbs 90.00-105.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Most areas in the state have received a bit of rain this week, as of Thursday morning amounts were generally less than an inch total but with the dry conditions in many areas even a small amount is welcome. Pressure from higher hay prices in other state continues to spread here to Missouri. Sellers however meeting some resistance when trying to raise prices to cover costs. Some sellers are sacrificing sales, refusing to add any more red ink to their books. Hay supply is mostly round bales of mixed grass type of varying quality. Square bales both big and small are becoming hard to find. Hay prices this week are steady to firm, supply is light to moderate and demand is moderate to good. 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

CATTLE

HOGS

SHEEP

Week to date	619,000	2,000,000	49,000
Last week	615,000	1,971,000	51,000
Last Year	597,000	1,924,000	62,000
2004 yr. to date	5,871,000	19,964,000	483,000
2003 yr. to date	5,842,000	19,932,000	507,000

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	174.30	176.50	180.00	96.50
St. Louis	187.00	163.50	182.50	82.00

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .04 higher, Medium .02 higher, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.)
Large .40-.49, Medium .18-.24, Small .07-.11.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .13 to .17 lower, Wheat .01 to .03 lower, except Mar .01 higher, Corn .02 to .05 lower, KC Wheat .04 to .11 higher, Soybean meal 2.70 to 3.10 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Mar	587	578	572 1/4	576 1/2	578 1/4
May	600 1/2	590	584	587 3/4	589 1/4
Jul	611 1/2	610 1/2	596	599 3/4	600 1/2
Aug	616	605	599 1/4	604 1/2	606 1/2
Sep	616 1/2	607	601 1/2	605	609
Wheat					
Mar	370	370 1/2	376	370 3/4	374 1/2
May	380	381	384 1/2	381	381 1/2
Jul	391 1/2	392	395 3/4	393 1/4	393 1/2
Sep	402 1/4	402	405 3/4	403	405
Dec	414 1/2	415 1/4	418 1/2	415 1/2	417
Corn					
Mar	223	221	219	223 1/4	226
May	232 3/4	230 1/2	228	232	234 1/2
Jul	243	240 3/4	238 1/4	242 1/4	245
Sep	249 1/4	248 1/4	246 3/4	250 1/2	253
Dec	259 1/2	257 3/4	256 3/4	260 3/4	263
KC Wheat					
Mar	435 3/4	433	439	439	447
May	439 1/2	438 3/4	443 1/2	443 3/4	453 1/4
Jul	443	442	448 1/4	451 1/2	459 1/2
Sep	445	444 1/2	451	455 1/4	461 1/4
Dec	453 1/2	453 1/2	459 3/4	460 1/2	467 3/4
SB Meal					
Mar	173.90	172.50	171.80	172.50	172.40
May	175.90	174.30	173.40	173.90	174.30
Jul	178.40	177.10	176.20	176.90	177.10
Aug	179.50	178.20	177.40	178.20	178.50
Sep	180.30	179.10	178.20	178.80	179.20

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.40 to 2.60 lower, Lean Hogs .73 to 3.43 lower, Pork Bellies 1.97 to 3.07 lower, except Feb .15 higher, Feeder Cattle 3.30 to 4.75 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Apr	85.70	84.77	84.15	83.97	83.45
Jun	81.27	80.37	79.35	79.40	79.10
Aug	82.10	81.42	80.47	80.42	80.37
Oct	85.17	84.77	84.15	84.20	84.15
Dec	86.55	86.05	85.90	85.95	85.60
Lean Hogs					
Apr	60.77	59.40	59.15	58.65	58.57
May	68.05	67.25	66.70	66.55	66.72
Jun	69.52	68.65	68.30	67.85	68.12
Jul	68.62	67.85	67.32	66.97	67.65
Aug	66.57	65.90	65.35	65.20	66.07
Prk Bel					
Mar	88.20	87.10	87.20	85.75	87.45
May	89.25	87.87	87.57	85.87	87.52
Jul	90.20	88.95	88.75	87.00	88.55
Aug	86.25	85.25	85.25	84.25	84.00
Feb	86.25	86.40	86.40	86.40	86.40
Fdr Cat					
Mar	105.95	104.70	104.00	103.55	101.57
Apr	106.95	106.20	105.12	104.62	102.95
May	107.87	107.40	106.22	105.77	104.10
Aug	108.90	108.37	107.35	106.95	105.52
Sep	107.50	107.20	106.67	105.85	104.50
Milk					
Mar	11.06	11.11	11.17	11.13	11.13
Apr	10.91	10.90	11.20	11.15	11.09
May	10.98	11.00	11.20	11.15	11.10

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .10 to .21 lower
Wheat steady to .13 lower
Corn .03 to .06 lower
Grain Sorghum .02 higher to .18 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	5.69	3.55-3.56	2.00-2.03	3.80
Tuesday	5.62	3.52-3.54	1.98-2.01	3.77
Wednesday	5.59	3.57-3.59	1.95-1.98	3.71
Thursday	5.63	3.57-3.59	1.99-2.02	3.70
Friday	5.64	3.63-3.66	2.02-2.05	3.75
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	5.94	3.61	2.30-2.31	4.14
Tuesday	5.83-5.87	3.64	2.28-2.30	4.10
Wednesday	5.78-5.84	3.60	2.25-2.29	4.12
Thursday	5.82-5.84	3.55	2.29-2.32	4.20
Friday	5.78	3.55	2.31-2.32	4.27
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	5.55-5.63	3.30-3.31	2.01-2.02	3.25
Tuesday	5.44-5.52	3.31-3.32	1.99-2.00	3.21
Wednesday	5.38-5.46	3.35-3.36	1.96-1.97	3.16
Thursday	5.42-5.50	3.31-3.38	2.00-2.01	3.23
Friday	5.43-5.51	3.32-3.33	2.03-2.04	3.28
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	5.90-5.96	3.57-3.64	2.23-2.30	4.10-4.16
Tuesday	5.83-5.90	3.58-3.67	2.21-2.28	4.07-4.12
Wednesday	5.78-5.87	3.59-3.67	2.19-2.26	4.05-4.10
Thursday	5.80-5.87	3.55-3.59	2.21-2.29	4.10-4.23
Friday	5.73-5.81	3.46-3.59	2.24-2.31	4.14-4.32

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)

*NEW CROP

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Up 2 Percent

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 6.23 million head, up 2 percent from both 2005 and 2004. The inventory began increasing in 2005 and has shown two consecutive year to year increases for the first time since 1987 and 1988. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.64 million head on January 1, 2006, up 2 percent from 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.66 million head, were 2 percent above last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2006, totaled 1.59 million head, down 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-seven percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 14 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 35 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 5 percent of total marketings. The 2005 lamb crop of 4.13 million head, was up 1 percent from 2004. The 2005 lambing rate was 115 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from 2004.

Total Goat and Kid Inventory Up 4 Percent

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2006, totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from 2005. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.35 million head up 4 percent from 2005. All market goats and kids totaled 471,800 head, up 4 percent from a year ago. On January 1, 2006 meat and all other goats totaled 2.26 million head, up 5 percent from 2005. Milk goat inventory increased 1 percent to 288,000 head while angora goats were down 1 percent totaling 278,000 head. The 2005 kid crop totaled 1.84 million head for all goats, up 4 percent from 2004.