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# MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 34,811; Week ago 19,729; Year ago 30,180 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
357 lbs.	158.77	364 lbs.	138.41	354 lbs.	125.16
451 lbs.	144.24	452 lbs.	127.14	459 lbs.	115.40
558 lbs.	133.57	553 lbs.	118.11	537 lbs.	105.43
646 lbs.	121.15	651 lbs.	107.83	655 lbs.	95.53
737 lbs.	106.76	746 lbs.	96.44	753 lbs.	83.63
848 lbs.	96.66	820 lbs.	89.07	834 lbs.	79.90
945 lbs.	88.78	920 lbs.	82.43	972 lbs.	75.69

### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 5200; Week ago 2741; Year ago 5264 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 650 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, with several 350-450 lbs and 550 to 600 lbs heifers 4.00 to 5.00 higher. Weights over 650 lbs steady on steers and 2.00 lower on heifers. . Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower, and slaughter bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEE	ERS:	<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium ar	nd Large 1	Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs.	150.00-170.00	300-400 lbs.	132.60-140.00	
400-450 lbs.	139.50-153.00	400-450 lbs.	129.00-135.00	
450-500 lbs.	132.00-144.00	450-500 lbs.	117.00-125.00	
500-550 lbs.	130.00-138.50	500-600 lbs.	111.00-120.00	
550-600 lbs.	125.00-134.00	600-650 lbs.	105.00-113.50	
600-650 lbs.	122.00-131.00	700-755 lbs.	99.50-105.00	
650-700 lbs.	107.00-115.40	800-815 lbs.	92.00	
700-800 lbs.	98.00-108.00			
800-900 lbs.	94.00-98.00			

Large 3 I	Holsteins	<b>SLAUGHTER COWS:</b>
350-375 lbs. 500-550 lbs. 825-830 lbs.	120.00-129.50 100.00-111.50 81.00	Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-56.00, high dressing 53.00-58.00. Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.00, low dressing 36.00-44.00.
SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1250-69.50, High dress Low dressing 57. COW & CALF P 1-2 2 yrs to 7 yrs baby to 400 lb ca 1100.00 per pair.	2150 lbs, 64.00- sing 67.00-74.00 00-62.50 AIRS: Medium s, 1100 lbs with	REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1100-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 800.00-1050.00 per head, few 3 yrs to 5 yrs 1030-1185 lbs 1st stage 710.00-790.00 per head. 6 yrs to short solid 1085-1200 lbs 1st stage 620.00-670.00 per head.

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# SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 9275; week ago 6600; year ago 8056 Cow and Bull Receipts 2080; week ago 1370; year ago 1434 Dairy Cattle Receipts 965, (Springfield 3/28/06)

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 650 lbs and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, steers over 650 lbs heifers over 600 lbs and Holsteins steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower, slaughter bulls fully steady.

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :			
Medium and Large 1			Medium and Large 1		
	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. Pkg 998 lbs.	143.00-179.00 132.00-152.50 124.00-142.00 108.00-130.00 102.00-111.75 93.25-95.00 85.00	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	132.00-163.00 117.50-135.00 108.50-126.00 98.00-113.25 88.00-96.50 81.50-90.25 83.50-85.00	
	C		1000-1100 lbs.	74.50-76.50	
HOLSTEINS: Large Frame 3  300-400 lbs. 125.00-132.00 400-500 lbs. 110.00-123.00 500-600 lbs. 100.00-115.00 600-700 lbs. 85.00-99.00 700-800 lbs. 84.00-89.00 800-900 lbs. 76.00-78.50 Pkg. 977 lbs. 75.50		Dairy Cat Springer Heifers: 1940.00-2100.00, 1685.00-1885.00, 1000.00-1500.00, months: Supreme Approved 1600.00 Open Heifers: Ap lbs 1335.00-1400. 1075.00-1250.00, 1000.00-1200.00, 940.00-1100.00, 3 860.00-910.00. Ba Holstein Heifers 3	Supreme Approved Medium Bred 4-6 ind. 2075.00, 0-1870.00. proved 700-800 00, 600-700 lbs 500-600 lbs 400-500 lbs aby Calves:		
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1325 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 735.00-875.00, several 3 rd stage, 1000.00-1250.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-57.75, high dressing 53.00-60.00 Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.50, low dressing 35.00-46.00.			
	COW & CALF PA and Large 1-2, 4 y		SLAUGHTER BU Grade 1-2, 1290-2		

# INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9433; Week ago 9863; Year ago 9786 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.50 to 4.00 lower. Sows 1.00 to 4.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:
Base carcass meat price 49.00
Weekly top Monday 53 00

1300 lbs. with baby to 300 lb

calves, few rebred 1st stage

1000.00-1250.00 per pair.

300-500 lbs 25.00-28.00 Over 500 lbs 31.00-35.00

69.00, high dressing 66.00-73.00,

low dressing 53.50-62.00.

# WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville) Receipts 4079; Week ago 1959; Year ago 2562

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady with some packages 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Slaughter Cows uneven 1.00 higher to 2.00 lower.

	STEERS: Large 1& 1-2	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	143.00-170.00 129.00-163.00 121.75-138.50 105.50-133.00 94.60-112.00 91.00-97.00 89.25-93.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 820-850 lbs.	132.00-154.00 118.00-139.00 106.50-128.50 94.25-119.25 92.00-101.75 91.25-91.60	
REPLACEMEN' Medium and Lar ss, 1030-1415 lbs 750.00-910.00 pc	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to s 1st to 3rd stage	and Boning (70-55.00, High dres	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 48.50- sing 53.00-61.00, 46.25-52.00, Low 7.00	
COW & CALF F and Large 1-2, 4 1400 lbs with bal calves 995.00-12	yrs to ss 1075- by to 485 lb	SLAUGHTER E Yield Grade 1-2 60.00-66.75, hig 71.00, low dress	, 1035-2435 lbs h dressing 67.00-	

# EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 5026, Week ago 3806, Year ago 5847 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher, spots 3.00 to 5.00 higher, . Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER Medium and I		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 925-950 lbs.	152.00-168.00 132.00-159.00 120.00-142.50 107.00-131.50 95.50-115.50 90.00-98.50 88.60-89.60	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	132.00-148.50 120.00-137.00 105.00-131.50 97.00-119.00 90.00-102.50	
<u>SLAUGHTER S7</u> 2-3 82.00-83.80	TEERS: Choice	Boning, and Lea	h dressing 52.00-	
<u>SLAUGHTER HI</u> 2-3 81.00-83.75	EIFERS: Choice		-2100 lbs, 62.00- sing 70.00-73.00,	

# NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 2308; week ago 1806; year ago 2549
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 26; week ago 120; year ago 48 Compared to the last week steers and heifers steady to weak, Slaughter Cows steady to 2.00 higher, Slaughter steers and heifers not tested.

	R STEERS: and Large 1	<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> : Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-850 lbs.	150.50-162.00 136.50-145.50 124.75-138.50 113.00-132.50 99.85-113.50 93.75-103.10	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	130.50-132.00 120.00-130.25 115.50-127.25 103.25-121.25 94.25-102.40 scarce	
	STEERS: Choice lbs 82.50-84.00	and Boning (75-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 52.00-ing 46.25-52.00.	
	HEIFERS: Choice lbs 82.35-83.75	SLAUGHTER F Grade 1-2, 1200 70.00	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2000 lbs. 62.50-	

# SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 2093; Week ago 1450; Year ago 1526

Compared to last week steers 2.00 to 4.00 higher, heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower, and bulls steady.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1-2		FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2		
300-350 lbs. 350-400 lbs. 400-450 lbs. 450-500 lbs. 500-550 lbs. 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-875 lbs.	145.00-171.00 135.00-147.00 133.00-150.00 128.00-140.00 120.00-135.00 116.00-128.00 98.00-119.00 92.50-107.50 83.50-94.50	300-400 lbs. 400-450 lbs. 450-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 750-800 lbs. 850-900 lbs.	123.00-138.00 115.00-135.00 108.50-126.00 102.50-118.50 90.50-104.00 86.50-93.00 85.00-90.50	
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 820-1340 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 780.00-1050.00 per head.		and Boning (70-46.25-51.25, hig 51.25-53.25, Le 32.00-41.25.	gh dressing an (85-90%)	
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 890-1365 lbs. with baby-230 lbs calves 850.00-1150.00 per pair.		SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1205 61.00, high dres dressing 50.50-5	-2025 lbs 55.00- sing 63.75, low	

# SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Receipts 3930, Week ago 1180, Year ago 3290

FEEDER STEERS:

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

Medium a	and Large 1	Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs.	150.00-176.50	350-400 lbs.	128.00-143.50	
400-500 lbs.	138.00-154.50	400-500 lbs.	117.50-133.50	
500-600 lbs.	124.50-141.00	500-600 lbs.	106.50-128.00	
600-700 lbs.	112.00-126.25	600-660 lbs.	102.25-118.50	
700-800 lbs.	98.50-105.75	700-750 lbs.	91.00-94.50	
880-980 lbs.	84.50-92.85			
Medium and Large 1-2, Medium		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-54.25, High dressing 54.00-56.25,		
1350 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 660.00-850.00 per head.		Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.00, low dressing 38.00-45.50		
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 9 yrs to ss 1100-1250 lbs with 125-275 lb calves 950.00-1000.00 per pair		SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2350 lbs, 61.00- 66.50, high dressing 71.00, low dressing 53.00-59.00		

## MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 1200; Year ago 400 Compared to last week, trade rather slow. No confirmed live sales and

dressed sales on grid basis 3.00 to 4.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light with lower bids.

STEERS: No Sales STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No Sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): HEIFERS: No Sales Choice 3 550-950 lbs 136.00-140.00

Select 3 550-950 lbs. No Sales

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

Receipts: 17,622

Compared to last week, weaner and feeder pigs 1.00 lower. National Feeder Pig Report early indications are for weaner pigs to be 1.00 lower and feeder pigs to be 1.00-2.00 lower compared to last week. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered, 93% formulated. (6175 head AR to NB, IA) 15,080 head 10 lbs 29.94-39.00, weighted average 10 lbs 33.16

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes 40-45 lb base weights Delivered 75.5% formulated 2542 head 40-45 lbs 53.88-59.61 weighted average 43.8 lbs 54.89

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 60,000; Week ago 52,000; Year ago 56,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00 lower Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00-Slaughter Ewes Steady Feeder Lambs Steady 30.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 66.00-1-2 50-70 lbs 105.00-120.00, 70-90 70.00, wooled 60.00-66.00. lbs 90.00-105.00.

## Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

After a couple of weeks of exciting weather, this week turned out to be pretty normal spring like weather. Most areas are seeing green now as plants have mostly left dormancy and begin to grow. Alfalfa producers need to keep an eye open as weevils are sure to be found any time now. A few areas in southern Kansas have already reported findings. Hay demand remains good in most of the state but is seeing some slight slowing down as grass nears. Supply is light on most types of hay. Prices this week are stronger on certain types of hay as supply just doesn't meet demand. Several producers have optimistically started to collect orders for the new crop. 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.

#### **Buffalo Goat and Sheep Market**

Receipts: 1552, last month 756, last year 1202 <u>Slaughter Lambs</u>: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-103 lbs 83.00-97.00, 110-122 lbs 75.00-78.00, 150-155 lbs 50.00-60.00 <u>Feeder Lambs</u>: Medium and Large 1-2 33-48 lbs 120.00-136.00, 3 lots replacement ewe lambs 45-50 lbs 160.00-165.00, 50-70 lbs 129.00-138.00, 77-88 lbs 121.00-131.00, Slaughter Ewes: Good and Choice 2-4 143-200 lbs 30.00-41.00, Slaughter Bucks: 160-245 lbs 24.00-38.00, Goats: <u>Kids</u>, Selection 1-2 20-30 lbs 130.00-152.00, 30-40 lbs 127.00-147.00, 43-64 lbs replacement quality 147.00-160.00, 40-60 lbs 127.50-147.00, 60-70 lbs 121.00-139.00, 70-95 lbs 87.00-109.00, Selection 3 20-38 lbs 118.00-127.00, 54-65 lbs 120.00-122.50. Does/Nannies 80-165 lbs medium flesh 75.00-95.00 thin 39.00-57.00. Billies 85-235 lbs fleshy 50.00-65.00. (all prices per cwt.) Replacement classes: Does/Nannies 85-155 lbs 77.50-130.00 per head, fancy Boer cross 168.00-170.00 per head, pairs and trios 132.00-200.00 per family . Boer billies 65-180 lbs 120.00-270.00 per head.

# **Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market** (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 116 Last Month: 152 Year Ago: 160

Goats Slaughter Classes: <u>Kids</u>: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 130.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 120.00; 61-80 lbs 100.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 105.00; 61-80 lbs 85.00. <u>Slaughter Does/Nannies</u>: medium flesh 70.00, thin 40.00. <u>Slaughter Bucks</u>: yearlings 70.00, 80-105 lbs medium to fat flesh 70.00. Sheep Feeder Lambs: Medium 1-2 haired 80 lbs and under fat flesh 100.00, 81 lbs and over 85.00. Slaughter Ewes: not tested. Slaughter Rams: not tested. (all prices per cwt.)

## WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .01 to .02 lower, Wheat .05 to .09 higher, Corn .16 to .18 higher, KC Wheat .16 to .18 higher, Soybean meal .70 to 1.30 lower.

## Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans May Jul Aug Sep Nov	579 1/2 592 596 3/4 600 608	581 1/2 594 1/2 599 610 1/2 610	582 1/2 595 1/4 599 1/2 603 1/4 610 1/4	587 3/4 601 605 3/4 608 1/2 615 1/2	571 1/2 585 1/2 590 1/4 593 602 3/4
Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	339 3/4 351 3/4 363 1/2 378 391 1/2	341 1/4 354 1/2 365 3/4 380 393	341 3/4 354 1/2 365 1/2 379 3/4 393	344 1/2 357 1/4 368 1/2 383 1/2 397	347 3/4 361 1/2 371 1/4 387 400 1/4
Corn May Jul Sep Dec Mar	221 3/4 232 1/2 242 1/2 254 1/2 263 3/4	222 1/4 233 1/4 242 3/4 254 1/2 263 1/4	224 1/4 235 1/2 244 1/2 256 3/4 265 1/4	227 3/4 238 3/4 248 260 268 3/4	236 247 1/4 256 268 276 1/2
KC Wheat May Jul Sep Dec Mar	397 1/2 402 1/2 407 413 418	401 3/4 406 1/2 410 418 423 1/2	405 1/2 411 3/4 417 424 1/2 430	410 3/4 415 3/4 419 3/4 426 1/2 431	418 1/2 423 426 433 1/2 428 1/2
SB Meal May Jul Aug Sep Oct	178.80 181.10 182.30 183.00 183.10	178.40 180.50 181.70 182.50 182.50	178.70 180.90 181.90 182.10 182.20	179.40 181.60 183.00 183.40 183.50	174.60 176.80 178.10 178.90 179.00

## WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 2.55 to 3.02 lower, Lean Hogs 1.22 to 2.30 lower, Pork Bellies .60 to 7.45 lower, Feeder Cattle 2.60 to 3.50 lower.

# Daily Futures Closes

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	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle Apr Jun Aug Oct Dec	81.87 76.07 78.05 81.87 84.42	81.47 75.40 77.47 81.22 83.97	80.62 74.75 76.82 80.47 83.12	81.00 75.90 77.60 81.20 83.70	79.50 74.35 76.30 79.75 82.30
Lean Hogs Apr May Jun Jul Aug	57.75 65.42 66.77 66.22 65.02	57.45 64.85 66.25 66.20 64.97	57.50 64.92 66.15 66.35 64.85	58.12 65.45 66.75 66.37 65.05	57.35 64.87 65.27 65.65 64.40
Prk Bel Mar May Jul Aug Feb	87.25 87.67 89.25 84.50 86.85	86.50 86.40 88.20 84.70 86.85	83.70 85.20 81.70 86.80	81.77 83.50 79.00 86.50	81.35 82.50 78.80 86.25
Fdr Cat Mar Apr May Aug Sep	103.42 104.12 104.17 106.70 106.15	103.72 104.07 104.37 106.72 106.10	103.50 103.20 103.57 105.95 105.40	103.35 104.25 104.40 106.62 106.10	101.47 101.75 104.10 103.60
Milk Mar Apr May	11.12 10.95 10.82	11.12 10.95 10.72	11.12 11.00 10.85	11.12 11.00 10.85	11.11 10.96 10.88

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .02 to .08 lower Wheat unchanged to .17 higher Corn .11 to .29 higher Grain Sorghum .25 to .31 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

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Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.60 5.62 5.63 5.68 5.52	3.06 3.10 3.15 3.19 3.27	1.94 1.94 1.96 2.00 2.08	3.52 3.52 3.55 3.63 3.77
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.75-5.76 5.77-5.78 5.79-5.80 5.81-5.82 5.61-5.63	3.30 3.31 3.31 3.33 3.31	2.27-2.30 2.25-2.30 2.29-2.32 2.31-2.35 2.35-2.39	4.23 4.23 4.26 4.25 4.35
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.34-5.47 5.42-5.49 5.43-5.50 5.47-5.55 5.32-5.39	2.82-2.90 2.83-2.91 2.84-2.92 2.89-2.95 2.90-2.98	1.92-1.94 1.92-2.05 1.94-2.17 1.98-2.20 2.06-2.20	3.10-3.23 3.10-3.39 3.14-3.57 3.14-3.57 3.35-3.57
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.71-5.77 5.72-5.78 5.71-5.78 5.74-5.83 5.63-5.64	3.20-3.29 3.21-3.30 3.22-3.31 3.26-3.34 3.21-3.31	2.20-2.25 2.19-2.24 2.21-2.25 2.23-2.25 2.26-2.35	4.00-4.16 4.00-4.16 4.03-4.21 4.10-4.30 4.32-4.42

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

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# **2006 Prospective Plantings**

Corn Planted Acreage Down 5 Percent from 2005 Soybean Acreage Up 7 Percent All Wheat Acreage Down Slightly All Cotton Acreage Up 3 Percent

Corn growers intend to plant 78.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2006, down 5 percent from 2005 and 4 percent below 2004. If realized, this will be the lowest corn acreage since 2001 when 75.7 million acres were planted for all purposes. Expected acreage is down from last year in most States as producers intend to switch to other less input intensive crops due to high fertilizer and fuel costs. Dry conditions also contributed to lower corn planting intentions in the southern Great Plains. Soybean producers intend to plant 76.9 million acres in 2006, up 7 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the largest planted area on record. Acreage increases are expected in all growing areas, except in the central and southern Atlantic Coast States and the southern Great Plains. The largest acreage increase is in North Dakota, where record high soybean yields last year and high input costs have some farmers shifting acreage from other crops to soybeans. Large increases in sovbean acreage are also expected across the Corn Belt. including 600,000 more acres in Illinois and 500,000 more acres in Indiana. All wheat planted area is expected to total 57.1 million acres, down slightly from 2005. If realized, this will be the lowest all wheat acreage since 1972. Winter wheat planted area for the 2006 crop is 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from last year. Of the total, about 29.8 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 7.42 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 4.22 million acres are White Winter. The 2006 other spring wheat planted acreage is expected to total 13.9 million, down 1 percent from 2005. Of the total, about 13.2 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Intended Durum wheat planted area is 1.83 million acres, down 34 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the lowest Durum wheat acreage since 1961.