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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 21,606; Week ago 35,933; Year ago 25,174
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
368lbs.	140.78	361 lbs.	130.42	351 lbs.	120.91
456 lbs.	132.64	456 lbs.	119.56	451 lbs.	114.09
547 lbs.	123.90	545 lbs.	114.97	543 lbs.	103.37
640 lbs.	115.73	640 lbs.	105.58	665 lbs.	84.47
742 lbs.	103.48	745 lbs.	95.51	753 lbs.	80.76
853 lbs.	94.34	844 lbs.	90.16	845 lbs.	81.59
909 lbs.	87.92	952 lbs.	79.46	949 lbs.	74.38

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3350; Week ago 4431; Year ago 4542
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, although 5-6 weight heifers 2.00-3.00 higher and most 6 weight heifers 5.00 higher. heifers over 700 lbs not tested. Slaughter cows and slaughter bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	135.00-155.00	300-400 lbs.	122.00-129.00
400-450 lbs.	138.00-146.50	400-500 lbs.	116.00-125.00
450-500 lbs.	122.00-132.50	500-550 lbs.	112.00-119.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-128.00	550-600 lbs.	102.50-111.50
600-700 lbs.	107.00-121.00	600-700 lbs.	97.00-105.00
700-725 lbs.	102.50-114.00	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
765-800 lbs.	93.00-96.00		
Pkg 833 lbs.	90.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

Lot 315 lbs.	123.50
435-480 lbs.	111.00-111.50
Pkg 531 lbs.	102.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs, 61.50-68.00, High dressing 69.00-70.00 Low dressing 58.00-61.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium 1-2 2 to 7 yrs, 800-1150 lbs, with baby to 250 lb calves 1050.00-1290.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-55.50, high dressing 51.00-57.50. Lean (85-90%) 44.00-51.50, low dressing 35.00-45.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1065-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 770.00-940.00. Large 1-2, 2-3 yrs, 1230-1290 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 1025.00-1110.00, 7 yrs to ss, 1200-1300 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 700-840.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6500; week ago 13,375; year ago 7832
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2310; week ago 4074; year ago 1800
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1385, (Springfield 4/25/06)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, over 600 lbs steady. Holsteins steady to 2.00 lower. Heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows sold steady to 1.00 higher and bulls traded steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	135.00-142.50	300-400 lbs.	127.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-139.00	400-500 lbs.	115.00-131.50
500-600 lbs.	113.00-133.00	500-600 lbs.	106.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	112.50-120.50	600-700 lbs.	97.00-108.50
700-800 lbs.	104.00	700-800 lbs.	88.00-94.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	88.10		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	123.00-132.00
300-400 lbs.	118.00-127.00
400-500 lbs.	105.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	98.00-110.50
600-700 lbs.	81.00-90.00
700-800 lbs.	79.00-82.50
800-900 lbs.	79.50-81.75
900-1000 lbs.	75.00-75.50

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1700.00-1825.00, Approved 1310.00-1500.00, Medium 900.00-1100.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1700.00-2000.00, Approved 1200.00-1675.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1310.00-1370.00, 600-700 lbs 1080.00-1300.00, 500-600 lbs 1100.00-1200.00, 400-500 lbs 940.00-1070.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 300.00-430.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1035-1365 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 635.00-875.00, more attractive blacks 885.00-1100.00. per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1300 lbs. with baby to 280 lb calves, few rebred 1st stage 1000.00-1160.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.50-53.50, high dressing 50.00-59.00 Lean (85-90%) 42.00-50.00, low dressing 33.00-45.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1195-2500 lbs 60.00-66.50; high dressing 64.00-72.50, low dressing 53.56-60.00

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 13,392; Week ago 11,839; Year ago 8960
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts mixed 1.00 lower to 1.00 higher. Sows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 58.00-59.00
 Weekly top Friday 59.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 25.00-27.00
 Over 500 lbs 28.00-31.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 2786; Week ago 3047; Year ago 2271

Compared to last week feeders unevenly steady. Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-157.00
400-500 lbs.	123.00-146.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-143.00
600-700 lbs.	109.50-120.00
700-800 lbs.	96.50-110.85
800-850 lbs.	90.00-95.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1030-1425 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 710.00-1100.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss, 975-1450 lbs with baby to 400 lb calves 795.00-1335.00 per pair.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	123.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	114.50-137.00
500-600 lbs.	105.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	95.25-112.00
700-800 lbs.	91.00-99.35
800-900 lbs.	87.50-99.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.25-52.50, High dressing 66.00-67.75, Lean (85-90%) 44.50-49.50, Low dressing 32.00-47.00.SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1210-2415 lbs 61.25-65.75, high dressing 66.00-67.75, low dressing 54.75-58.75.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 4473, Week ago 4836, Year ago 4774

Compared to last week, feeders uneven to 10.00 lower. Supply light to heavy mostly 400-900 lbs feeders. Slaughter cows mostly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	128.00-147.50
400-500 lbs.	124.00-142.25
500-600 lbs.	110.00-135.00
600-700 lbs.	102.00-120.00
700-800 lbs.	92.00-105.00
800-900 lbs.	85.00-93.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3 78.00-82.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:

High Select and Choice 2-3 78.00-82.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	120.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-127.50
500-600 lbs.	102.00-124.00
600-700 lbs.	92.00-116.25
700-800 lbs.	85.00-95.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-53.00, high dressing 49.00-59.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2350 lbs, 58.00-68.00, high dressing 68.00-71.00**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 315; week ago 4749; year ago 583

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 7; week ago 66; year ago 75

Compared to the last week not enough feeders for a good trend.

Slaughter Cows steady, Slaughter steers and heifers nearly absent.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	132.00-133.00
500-600 lbs.	Scarce
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-950 lbs.	Scarce

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3-6 yrs, 1100-1300 lbs, 200-300 lb calves, 1425.00-1525.00 per pairREPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4-6 yrs, 1100-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 1075.00-1250.00 per head.FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	101.00-114.00
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 49.00-56.75, low dressing 45.00-49.00.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs. 60.00-67.75.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1211; Week ago 1586; Year ago 1385

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 500 lbs 2.00-9.00 lower, over 1.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower and bulls sold 2.00 lower. Demand and supply were light.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

275-300 lbs.	131.00-151.00
300-350 lbs.	129.00-140.00
350-400 lbs.	124.50-134.00
400-500 lbs.	117.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	112.50-124.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-115.50
700-775 lbs.	91.00-104.00
800-850 lbs.	90.90-100.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs old, 960-1520 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage cows 660.00-840.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

275-300 lbs.	128.00-131.00
300-400 lbs.	116.00-132.50
400-500 lbs.	107.50-120.00
500-600 lbs.	100.50-112.00
600-700 lbs.	93.50-105.25
700-775 lbs.	86.00-95.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 44.50-48.50; high dressing 51.50-53.00. Lean 33.25-41.50.SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1280-1980 lbs, 55.25-60.25; high dressing 60.00-63.75, low dressing 53.50.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 2117, Week ago 3160, Year ago 3051

Compared to last week steers and heifers mixed from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	124.50-145.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-129.25
600-700 lbs.	109.00-118.00
700-730 lbs.	105.75-106.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-6 yrs, 1000-1175 lbs, 1st to 3rd stage, 800.00-925.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-3 yrs, 875-975 lbs calves from 125-225 lbs 1260.00-1350.00 per pairFEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	117.50-132.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	95.50-109.00
700-800 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-54.00, High dressing 66.50, Lean (85-90%) 42.00-49.50, low dressing 38.00-43.50.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2000 lbs, 58.00-65.00, low dressing 52.00-57.50.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 1000; Year ago 1200

Compared to last week, trade slow as of 8:00 a.m. Friday No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on the grid 1.00 lower on just a few sales. 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 132.00

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

Receipts: 17,74
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

All pig prices based on a delivered basis including freight and fees.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 80% formulated.
12,724 head 10 lbs 30.00-33.00, weighted average 10 lbs 32.17

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights
Delivered 41.40% formulated
1450 head 40-50 lbs 53.50-57.30 weighted average 47.9 lbs 55.07

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 47,000; Week ago 49,000; Year ago 48,000

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

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 110-140 lbs shorn 1-2 50-70 lbs new crop 110.00-68.00-72.00 new crop 72.00-74.00 130.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-110.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Hay farmers, as well as most others are in much better moods this week. Well over half the state has seen over 2.00 inches of rain in the past week couple weeks with driest areas in the southwest getting near or over 4.00 inches. Pond levels are still low in some areas but the added moisture will give most grass hay just the boost it needs to increase the yield on the upcoming hay harvest, especially to the areas in the north where the moisture arrived a bit earlier in the growth cycle. Just a few Alfalfa fields have been cut for the first time this season, these fields were short on yield but moisture should give a quick start to new growth. Demand for hay is moderate, supply light, and prices this week are mostly steady. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. 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) 135.00-160.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 100.00-125.00 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 3.00-4.50 per bale, 30.00-60.00 per large round bale Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-100.00, 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 15.00-35.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-45.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-80.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	624,000	1,809,000	47,000
Last week	682,000	1,974,000	49,000
Last Year	654,000	1,858,000	48,000
2006 yr. to date	10,861,000	35,531,000	912,000
2005 yr. to date	10,616,000	35,512,000	923,000

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 127 Last Month: 116 Year Ago: 172

Goats Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 140.00; 61-80 lbs 130.00. Selection 1-2 81lbs and over 85.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 130.00; 61-80 lbs 115.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 105.00; 61-80 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: medium flesh 70.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Bucks: yearlings 70.00, 106 lbs and over medium to fleshy 70.00. **Sheep** Feeder Lambs: Medium 1-2 haired 80 lbs and under medium flesh 100.00, fleshy 105.00, 81 lbs and over fleshy 90.00 per cwt.. Slaughter Ewes: not tested. Slaughter Rams: aged medium 25.00. (all prices per cwt.)

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .06 lower, Medium .04 lower, and Small steady-.02 lower.
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .14-.23, Medium .11-.17, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .03 to .07 higher, Wheat .14 to .15 higher, Corn .06 to .09 lower, KC Wheat .19 to .25 lower, Soybean meal 4.40 to 4.90 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
May	593 1/4	590 1/2	592 3/4	590	594 1/2
Jul	606 3/4	603	605 1/2	603 3/4	606 1/2
Aug	612 1/4	607 3/4	611 1/2	609	612
Sep	616 1/2	613 1/2	615 3/4	613 1/4	615 1/2
Nov	626	622 1/2	625 1/4	622 1/4	625 1/4
Wheat					
May	353 1/4	355 1/4	354	352 1/4	361 1/4
Jul	365	366 1/2	365	362 1/2	372 1/4
Sep	377 1/2	379	377 1/2	375	386
Dec	395	396 3/4	395 1/2	392 1/4	402 1/2
Mar	411 1/2	412 1/4	411 1/4	408 1/2	418 1/2
Corn					
May	238	233 1/4	232 1/4	229 3/4	230 3/4
Jul	248	243 1/2	242 1/2	239 1/4	240 1/2
Sep	258 3/4	254 1/2	253	250	251 1/2
Dec	271 1/2	267	266	262 1/2	264
Mar	280 1/2	277	275 3/4	273	274 1/4
KC Wheat					
May	435	438 1/2	434 1/2	435	449
Jul	438	444 1/4	439	438 1/2	456
Sep	443 1/4	448	445	444 3/4	461 1/2
Dec	453	456	452 1/2	452	468
Mar	457	458 3/4	457	455 1/2	468 1/2
SB Meal					
May	178.10	176.20	175.30	176.60	177.30
Jul	179.00	177.50	176.90	177.30	178.60
Aug	180.00	178.70	178.10	178.80	179.90
Sep	181.30	179.60	179.40	179.40	181.00
Oct	181.80	180.70	180.00	180.20	181.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle nearby .25 to .35 higher, distances .33 to .97 lower, Lean Hogs .57 to 1.20 lower, Pork Bellies nearby 3.17 to 4.80 lower, distances unch to .60 higher, Feeder Cattle May .72 lower others .52 to 1.00 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	75.02	75.10	75.12	74.20	73.85
Aug	76.95	77.07	77.02	75.95	75.75
Oct	80.97	81.07	80.87	79.75	79.32
Dec	82.75	82.57	82.65	81.67	80.95
Feb	85.50	85.45	85.47	84.60	83.90
Lean Hogs					
May	68.22	67.22	67.37	66.35	67.40
Jun	66.87	65.70	65.97	65.42	66.37
Jul	68.10	66.67	67.17	66.25	67.05
Aug	66.67	65.65	65.97	65.02	65.80
Oct	57.75	57.05	56.70	55.85	56.60
Prk Bel					
May	86.55	85.10	86.90	84.35	85.15
Jul	85.70	84.50	85.25	82.80	84.00
Aug	82.52	80.60	82.05	79.60	80.40
Feb	84.97	84.97	84.97	84.87	85.00
Mar	85.25	85.25	85.25	85.12	85.25
Fdr Cat					
May	102.17	102.15	101.70	100.92	99.80
Aug	104.30	104.25	104.37	103.30	102.82
Sep	103.82	103.85	103.90	103.00	102.50
Oct	103.30	103.10	103.00	102.00	101.32
Nov	102.80	102.70	102.85	101.80	101.50
Milk					
May	10.87	10.85	10.83	10.83	10.81
Jun	10.91	10.91	10.88	10.90	10.89
Jul	11.31	11.33	11.29	11.29	11.27

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .01 lower to .03 higher
 Wheat .13 to .29 higher
 Corn .04 to .12 lower
 Grain Sorghum .14 lower to .05 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.78	3.38	2.23-2.25	3.89
Tuesday	5.73	3.44	2.09	3.82
Wednesday	5.76	3.39	2.16	3.80
Thursday	5.74	3.39	2.12	3.73
Friday	5.77	3.56	2.14	3.85
St. Louis				
Monday	5.99-6.03	3.54	2.47-2.48	4.85
Tuesday	5.95-5.98	3.54	2.39-2.42	4.76
Wednesday	5.95-5.99	3.54	2.37-2.48	4.73
Thursday	5.94-5.98	3.51	2.35-2.36	4.71
Friday	5.98-6.02	3.61	2.37-2.38	4.75
Central				
Monday	5.62-5.68	3.02-3.03	2.11-2.14	3.46
Tuesday	5.57-5.64	3.04-3.16	2.07-2.20	3.39-3.83
Wednesday	5.59-5.67	3.02-3.15	2.06-2.20	3.37-3.83
Thursday	5.58-5.65	3.00-3.09	2.02-2.20	3.30-3.83
Friday	5.60-5.68	3.09-3.10	2.04-2.20	3.34-3.83
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.89-6.01	3.38-3.51	2.35-2.43	4.30-4.78
Tuesday	5.93-5.97	3.39-3.53	2.29-2.37	4.21-4.69
Wednesday	5.89-5.99	3.47-3.52	2.31-2.34	4.39-4.67
Thursday	5.91-5.96	3.37-3.47	2.25-2.32	4.14-4.55
Friday	5.93-5.98	3.49-3.56	2.26-2.32	4.16-4.61

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

Much needed rain fell late in the week, helping early planted field crops and starting a recovery in pastures. Especially heavy totals fell in the southwest district, where it was needed most after several months of severe dryness. There were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork, which came early in the week as many farmers finished corn planting and moved on to soybeans. Spring tillage stands at 84 percent complete, 4 days ahead of last year and nearly 2 weeks ahead of normal. The rain dramatically improved topsoil moisture supply, rated at 3 percent very short, 14 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. However, more rain is needed to replenish subsoil moisture in many areas, with the State averaging 12 percent very short, 38 percent short, 48 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus. **Field Crops Report:** Corn planting is 90 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 3 weeks ahead of the 5-year average of 68 percent. Emergence, at 58 percent, has advanced 6 days ahead of last year and 8 days beyond the normal pace of 40 percent. Soybean planting is 13 percent complete, 4 days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Beanleaf beetles are showing up in some areas of the Bootheel. Sorghum planting is 24 percent complete, 8 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Wheat condition is stable from last week at 3 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Sixty-four percent of the crop is headed, compared with last year at 17 percent and the 5-year average at 22 percent. The southwest district's wheat has matured too far to be helped by the rain, with very poor yields expected, but later maturing wheat elsewhere in the state will benefit from the moisture. **Pasture & Live-stock:** Pasture condition is rated 13 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 22 percent good, and 4 percent excellent, a slight improvement over last week. After the weekend rains, reporters expect to see a more marked improvement over the next week. Hay supply is rated at 18 percent very short, 20 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. The rain was too late to help early grass hay yields, thus, hay supply is still a concern. Stock water supply is rated 12 percent very short, 27 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Reports in the central district indicate some improvement in water supply, but elsewhere the soaking rain produced little runoff and left ponds critically low, especially in the southwest and northeast districts. **Weather Summary:** Temperatures were near normal for the week, averaging slightly below normal in northern districts, while the Bootheel was slightly warmer than the long-term average. Rainfall averaged 2.48 inches for the week. The lightest total fell in the east-central district at 1.41 inches, while the heaviest total was recorded in the southwest district at 4.77 inches.