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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 21,411; Week ago 23,538; Year ago 28,451
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
356 lbs.	151.65	357 lbs.	135.03	341 lbs.	121.11
454 lbs.	137.11	457 lbs.	122.88	444 lbs.	113.05
558 lbs.	125.02	541 lbs.	116.67	546 lbs.	99.27
637 lbs.	117.28	641 lbs.	106.64	658 lbs.	88.64
747 lbs.	106.26	746 lbs.	97.16	744 lbs.	84.24
857 lbs.	95.48	816 lbs.	90.68	851 lbs.	78.16
910 lbs.	92.34	938 lbs.	80.68	909 lbs.	79.64
1086 lbs.	82.25			1153 lbs.	61.50

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4800; Week ago 3112; Year ago 6061
 Compared to last week, steers under 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 600 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Heifers under 500 lbs 2.00 to 3.00 higher, over 500 lbs 3.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows mostly steady to 1.00 higher. Bulls mostly steady to 2.00 higher, following a limited test early steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
350-400 lbs.	145.00-157.00	300-400 lbs.	132.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	127.50-141.00	400-500 lbs.	114.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-129.50	500-600 lbs.	107.00-119.50
600-700 lbs.	114.00-128.00	600-660 lbs.	103.00-110.00
725-770 lbs.	104.50-111.25	700-730 lbs.	92.50-94.00
835-878 lbs.	94.00-96.50	800-830 lbs.	86.00-88.00
Pkg 903 lbs.	92.25		

Large 3 Holsteins

900-910 lbs. 77.50-80.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1550-2465 lbs, 60.00-67.50, High dressing 66.00-73.50 Low dressing 58.00-60.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium 1-2 consignment blacks 4-7 yrs 1050-1160 lbs thin, bred back 2nd stage with 435-460 lb calves 1375.00-1620.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-56.50, high dressing 52.50-58.00. Lean (85-90%) 45.00-51.50, low dressing 37.00-45.50.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1000-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 925.00-1030.00 per head. Major-city sales 2-7 yrs 1135-1440 lbs 2nd stage 825.00-950.00. pkg fancy blks 7 yrs to ss 1220 lbs 2nd stage 935.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6316; week ago 4945; year ago 9905
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2019; week ago 1675; year ago 1525
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1474, (Norwood 5/11/06)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Holsteins under 450 lbs steady, 450-600 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 lower, over 600 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls sold 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	148.00-176.00	300-400 lbs.	130.00-145.00
400-500 lbs.	133.00-140.00	400-500 lbs.	116.00-130.00
500-600 lbs.	116.75-134.00	500-600 lbs.	108.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	106.00-122.50	600-700 lbs.	95.00-109.00
700-800 lbs.	105.00-112.50	700-800 lbs.	94.00-102.00
800-900 lbs.	95.50-100.75	800-900 lbs.	89.00-92.00
900-1000 lbs.	90.25-92.00		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	115.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-121.00
500-600 lbs.	92.50-110.00
600-700 lbs.	85.00-94.00
700-800 lbs.	82.50-93.50
800-900 lbs.	75.00-81.00
1100-1200 lbs.	61.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 935-1345 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-935.00, more attractive blacks and black white face 950.00-1050.00. per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1340 lbs. with baby to 275 lb calves, few rebred 1st stage 900.00-1185.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1685.00-1850.00, Approved 1360.00-1675.00, Medium 1090.00-1325.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1650.00-1830.00, Approved 1280.00-1630.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1210.00-1285.00, 600-700 lbs 1050.00-1220.00, 500-600 lbs 990.00-1110.00, 400-500 lbs 900.00-1400.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 440.00-550.00. Holstein Bulls 220.00-240.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.50-54.00, high dressing 52.00-60.00 Lean (85-90%) 44.50-49.50, low dressing 34.00-46.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1235-2475 lbs 58.00-64.00; high dressing 64.00-69.50, low dressing 54.50-58.00

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8908; Week ago 9927; Year ago 9302
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Sows 1.00 higher

BARROWS AND GILTS:
 Base carcass meat price 62.00-63.00
 Weekly top Friday 63.00

SOWS:
 300-500 lbs 26.00-29.00
 Over 500 lbs 30.00-32.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 2424; Week ago 242; Year ago 2304

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers 1.00 to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cows firm to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs	135.00-172.50
400-500 lbs.	126.50-150.00
500-600 lbs.	118.00-137.00
600-700 lbs.	108.00-134.00
700-800 lbs.	95.00-116.50
800-800 lbs.	86.50-97.00
Load 904 lbs.	93.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 805-1425 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 700.00-985.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 5 yrs to ss, 1075-1500 lbs with 110 to 310 lb calves 1000.00-1125.00 per pair.**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	122.50-145.00
400-500 lbs.	114.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	109.50-126.00
600-700 lbs.	96.00-120.75
700-760 lbs.	94.00-105.00
915-945 lbs.	77.50-82.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.25-53.50, High dressing 51.75-58.75, Lean (85-90%) 45.25-48.00, Low dressing 42.00-46.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1385-2370 lbs 61.00-65.00, high dressing 66.00-71.00, low dressing 49.50-52.00.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 4853, Week ago 5026, Year ago 5510

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

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	135.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	129.00-150.00
500-600 lbs.	118.00-138.00
600-700 lbs.	107.00-128.75
700-800 lbs.	94.50-112.85
800-900 lbs.	91.25-105.50
Load 960 lbs.	85.85

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Select and Choice 2-4 74.25-79.25**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Select and Choice 2-4 72.75-77.75**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	124.50-144.50
400-500 lbs.	116.00-134.50
500-600 lbs.	105.00-129.50
600-700 lbs.	96.00-113.75
700-775 lbs.	94.25-98.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-55.00, high dressing 51.00-66.00, low dressing 35.00-47.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2550 lbs, 59.00-69.00, high dressing 69.00-71.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 211; week ago 3394; year ago 471

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 33; week ago 37; year ago 113

Compared to the last week steers and heifer trend not established. Slaughter Cows 1.00-2.00 higher, Slaughter steers and heifers steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	142.00-158.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-140.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-121.50
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-950 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1250 lbs. 80.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 pkg 1137 lbs. 78.60**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	124.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	114.50-118.00
500-600 lbs.	Scarce
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 51.50-58.75, low dressing 45.50-49.50.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1700-2000 lbs. 62.00-63.25.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1150; Week ago 1213; Year ago 1166

Compared to last week steers and heifers uneven 2.00 lower to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows 3.00 higher and bulls 2.00 higher. Demand uneven and supply was light.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	139.00-158.00
300-350 lbs.	135.00-151.00
350-400 lbs.	124.00-133.50
400-500 lbs.	116.00-126.00
500-550 lbs.	114.00-131.00
550-600 lbs.	110.00-119.50
600-700 lbs.	99.00-111.50
700-800 lbs.	92.00-103.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs old, 920-1425 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage cows 685.00-930.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs 915-1350 lbs with baby to 280 lb calves 955.00-1140.00 per pair.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	128.00-134.00
300-400 lbs.	113.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	108.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	96.00-119.00
600-700 lbs.	89.00-101.50
700-775 lbs.	92.00-98.75

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 45.50-50.75; high dressing 51.25-54.00. Lean 37.50-40.50.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1195-2120 lbs, 56.00-62.25; high dressing 63.00-66.75, low dressing 53.50-54.25.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 1830, Week ago 2581, Year ago 3481

Compared to last week steers steady to 2.00 higher and heifers 1.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	140.00-164.50
400-500 lbs.	123.50-147.00
500-600 lbs.	122.00-132.50
600-700 lbs.	101.00-122.00
700-800 lbs.	94.00-109.25
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1, 5 yrs to ss, 1000-1450 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 725.00-930.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, ss to bm, 1000-1300 lbs baby to 350 lbs, few rebred, 900.00-1085.00 per pair.**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	130.00-139.00
400-500 lbs.	114.50-133.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-119.50
600-700 lbs.	90.50-107.50
700-800 lbs.	88.50-91.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.00-56.00, High dressing 51.25-62.00, Lean (85-90%) 43.00-50.00, low dressing 35.00-43.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1050-2250 lbs, 61.50-67.00, high dressing 65.00-71.50, low dressing 55.00-58.50.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 600; Year ago 1000

Compared to last week, trade rather slow, No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on grid basis poorly tested. Demand and seller interest light to moderate

STEERS: 40-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 77.50-78.00 late last Friday**HEIFERS:** no sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: No Sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 129.00 to 131.00

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

Receipts: 10,799
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs not tested. 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, 100% formulated. (5700 hd AR to IA or IL)
10,799 head 10 lbs 30.00-33.00, weighted average 10 lbs 32.16

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights
Delivered
No sales reported

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 49,000; Week ago 53,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00-9.00 higher Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Steady 1-3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00-30.00
Feeder Lambs Steady 30.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 110-140 lbs shorn 1-2 50-70 lbs new crop 110.00-72.00-78.00 new crop 83.00-85.00 130.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-110.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

The warmer weather and few rays of sunshine are allowing some producers to make some progress with hay harvest. People on both sides of the hay market are searching, trying to get a feel for the new crop hay prices but most price levels are quite volatile, as supply and demand for new crop is uncertain. According to the May 12 Crop Production report hay stock were much lower in most states, Missouri reported a 60% decrease in storage from the same point in 2005. A reminder that we could very easily be in a world of hurt without a good hay season. Areas in the southern part are still seeing the effect of dry weather as most fields have two stages of growth. Demand for hay is moderate to light, supply light, and prices for mostly old crop hay are 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	698,000	1,945,000	49,000
Last week	708,000	1,931,000	53,000
Last Year	661,000	1,919,000	46,000
2006 yr. to date	12,270,000	39,407,000	1,014,000
2005 yr. to date	11,931,000	39,258,000	1,016,000

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Mid-dlings
Kansas City	172.20	163.25	140.75	54.00
St. Louis	193.00	155.00	142.75	51.50

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .08 higher, Medium .06 higher, and Small steady-.02 higher.
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .22-.31, Medium .17-.23, Small .05-.07.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .22 to .26 lower, Wheat .15 to .16 higher, Corn .04 to .06 lower, KC Wheat .20 to .24 higher, Soybean meal 3.40 to 4.40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jul	604 1/2	602 3/4	604	598	587
Aug	610 3/4	609 1/4	610	604 1/2	593 3/4
Sep	616	613 3/4	615 1/2	610 1/2	599
Nov	625 3/4	624 3/4	625 1/2	621	610 3/4
Jan	633 3/4	632 1/4	633 1/2	629 1/2	618 1/2
Wheat					
Jul	399 1/2	503 1/2	423	418 1/2	416 1/4
Sep	411 3/4	415 1/2	433 3/4	431 1/2	429 1/2
Dec	429	433	453 1/2	447 1/2	446 1/4
Mar	443 1/4	447 3/4	468 1/2	463 1/2	461
May	448 1/2	451	471	467 1/2	463 1/2
Corn					
Jul	260	259	263	260 1/4	252 3/4
Sep	270 1/2	270	274	271 1/4	264
Dec	283 3/4	283	286 3/4	285 1/4	277 1/4
Mar	293 1/4	292 1/2	295 1/2	294 1/4	287
May	299 1/4	297 3/4	300 1/2	199 3/4	292 3/4
KC Wheat					
Jul	480 1/4	485 3/4	506 1/2	506 1/4	504 1/2
Sep	486 3/4	492 3/4	512	514	511 1/2
Dec	490 3/4	496 1/4	516	517 3/4	513 1/4
Mar	494	500	518 1/2	518 1/2	514
Jul	473	472 3/4	487	494	488 1/2
SB Meal					
Jul	177.40	176.20	176.40	175.30	173.40
Aug	179.10	177.90	178.00	176.90	175.00
Sep	180.20	178.90	179.20	178.00	176.10
Oct	181.20	180.20	180.30	179.00	177.40
Dec	183.60	182.70	182.90	181.70	179.70

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle nearby .05 to .18 lower, distances .27 to .30 higher, Lean Hogs .10 to 1.05 higher, except Oct .22 lower, Pork Bellies nearby 2.03 to 3.35 higher, distances .70 lower, Feeder Cattle .07 to .87 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	77.85	77.65	77.72	77.80	77.22
Aug	79.05	78.87	78.77	79.10	78.57
Oct	82.77	82.77	82.82	82.85	82.25
Dec	84.67	84.72	84.70	84.70	84.17
Feb	87.35	87.37	87.47	87.60	87.22
Lean Hogs					
Jun	66.60	67.37	67.70	67.92	68.15
Jul	66.07	66.55	67.20	67.42	67.62
Aug	65.72	66.07	66.32	66.60	66.25
Oct	56.75	57.05	57.27	57.70	57.50
Dec	55.15	55.45	56.05	56.72	56.55
Prk Bel					
May	82.00	84.50	86.35	87.80	86.80
Jul	81.82	84.02	85.50	86.17	84.90
Aug	77.92	80.00	82.05	82.80	82.10
Feb	84.85	84.50	84.67	84.70	84.70
Mar	85.10	84.75	84.92	84.95	84.95
Fdr Cat					
May	103.05	103.85	103.55	103.50	103.05
Aug	106.85	106.82	106.47	106.45	106.22
Sep	106.17	106.25	105.87	106.12	105.95
Oct	105.27	105.32	105.00	104.95	104.87
Nov	104.25	104.25	104.05	104.20	104.00
Milk					
May	10.77	10.80	10.85	10.85	10.82
Jun	11.17	11.22	11.29	11.10	11.12
Jul	11.50	11.50	11.59	11.50	11.45

Market News Hotline
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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .20 to .29 lower
 Wheat .14 to .23 higher
 Corn .02 to .05 lower
 Grain Sorghum .11 to .12 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.75	3.80	2.30	4.20
Tuesday	5.73	3.86	2.29	4.18
Wednesday	5.74	4.07	2.33	4.25
Thursday	5.68	4.06	2.30	4.20
Friday	5.57	4.04	2.26	4.07
St. Louis				
Monday	5.87-5.90	3.82	2.50	5.00
Tuesday	5.83-5.88	3.76	2.51	4.98
Wednesday	5.84-5.87	3.78	2.53-2.55	5.03
Thursday	5.77-5.81	3.74	2.49-2.51	4.98
Friday	5.68-5.71	3.71	2.44	4.85
Central				
Monday	5.51-5.64	3.26-3.38	2.22-2.40	3.62-4.19
Tuesday	5.49-5.59	3.26-3.42	2.21-2.40	3.60-4.19
Wednesday	5.50-5.60	3.45-3.61	2.25-2.40	3.67-4.19
Thursday	5.44-5.54	3.41-3.57	2.22-2.38	3.62-4.19
Friday	5.33-5.43	3.48-3.54	2.16-2.22	3.50
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.81-5.91	3.69-3.76	2.41-2.50	4.69-5.00
Tuesday	5.79-5.90	3.64-3.77	2.43-2.47	4.67-4.98
Wednesday	5.85-5.91	3.80-3.92	2.46-2.52	4.75-5.01
Thursday	5.74-5.83	3.73-3.78	2.42-2.49	4.66-4.96
Friday	5.64-5.71	3.73-3.74	2.32-2.42	4.53-4.85

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

Cool, overcast conditions were the rule for the week, with 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork. Spring tillage stands at 89% complete, 1 week behind last year but 1 week ahead of normal. The cool, cloudy weather is slowing corn development as well as soybean planting and emergence. Initial hay cuttings are yielding below average, as expected from early spring dryness. Topsoil moisture supply is little changed from last week, rated at 1 percent very short, 8 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. Topsoil moisture ratings are lowest in the northeast district, which has seen substantially less rain than other districts in the past four weeks. Subsoil moisture levels are still a concern in much of the State. **Field Crops Report** Corn planting progress is 96 percent complete, 3 days ahead of last year and 16 days ahead of the 5-year average of 86 percent. Emergence is at 87 percent, 1 week ahead of last year and 2 weeks beyond normal. Despite rapid emergence, growth has been very slow, with plants taking on a yellowish appearance. Corn condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Soybean planting stands at 26 percent complete, while emergence is at 7 percent, about even with the normal pace. Compared to last year, planting is 4 days behind and emergence is 2 days behind. Sorghum planting is at 43 percent, the same as last year but 2 days ahead of normal. Rice planting advanced only 1 percent over last week to 91 percent complete, now a few days behind last year but still 10 days ahead of normal. Emergence is at 87 percent, several days ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Cotton planting is 53 percent complete, lagging both last year and the 5-year average by over 1 week. Cool, wet weather in the Bootheel is causing poor stands, making significant replanting of cotton likely. The condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 30 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. Wheat condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Ninety-five percent of the crop is headed, nearly 2 weeks ahead of both last year and the 5-year average, while 8 percent is turning color, slightly ahead of normal. There is some concern about rust showing up in wet fields. The first cutting of alfalfa is 17 percent complete, 4 days behind last year but on pace with the 5-year average. Other hay is 6 percent cut, a few days ahead of both last year and the normal pace. **Pasture & Livestock** Pasture condition is rated 6 percent very poor, 15 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, a slight improvement over last week. Pasture growth has also been slowed by the cool, cloudy weather. Reports indicate that stock water supplies are gradually improving.