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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 8559; Week ago 25,380; Year ago 12,203
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
351 lbs.	157.30	365 lbs.	137.95	379 lbs.	120.18
457 lbs.	138.44	456 lbs.	124.87	428 lbs.	114.56
546 lbs.	129.42	551 lbs.	117.23	515 lbs.	104.87
642 lbs.	121.12	646 lbs.	108.21	657 lbs.	92.36
738 lbs.	109.67	729 lbs.	96.95	788 lbs.	86.25
829 lbs.	104.14			881 lbs.	84.59

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 2600; Week ago 4858; Year ago 4524
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers firm to 3.00 higher,
 Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Bulls 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	166.00-172.50	400-500 lbs.	117.00-127.00
450-500 lbs.	131.00-137.00	500-550 lbs.	111.00-120.00
500-550 lbs.	130.00-134.00	550-600 lbs.	104.00-117.00
550-600 lbs.	118.00-129.00	600-700 lbs.	101.00-114.00
600-650 lbs.	117.00-125.00	700-710 lbs.	97.50-100.00
650-700 lbs.	113.00-117.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

788-881 lbs. 85.25-86.25

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-55.00, high dressing 52.50-57.50. Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.00, low dressing 40.00-45.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2265 lbs, 63.00-69.00, Low dressing 58.00-64.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 3yrs to ss 1100-1500 lbs with baby to 250 lbs calves 975.00-1150.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 1125-1380 lbs in 2nd and 3rd stage 835.00-1025.00 per head. 18 head home raised blks 6-7 yrs few ss 1376 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 1085.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1584; week ago 7330; year ago 2025

Cow and Bull Receipts 969; week ago 1952; year ago 2182

Dairy Cattle Receipts 668, (Springfield 5/23/06)

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady, Holsteins under 550 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher, over 550 lbs steady to 2.00 higher on a light test. Slaughter cows mostly 2.00 higher with instances of 3.00 higher, bulls steady.

STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	121.50-133.00
600-700 lbs.	115.00-127.00
700-800 lbs.	111.00-114.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	137.00-140.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-125.00
600-700 lbs.	97.00-113.50
700-800 lbs.	95.00-98.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	116.00-130.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-121.00
500-600 lbs.	95.00-108.00
600-700 lbs.	85.00-95.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1600.00-1800.00, Approved 1360.00-1635.00, Medium 1140.00-1300.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1700.00-1910.00, Approved 1330.00-1690.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1150.00-1185.00, 600-700 lbs 1200.00-1225.00, 500-600 lbs 800.00-1075.00, 400-500 lbs 860.00-1050.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 490.00-580.00. Holstein Bulls 180.00-260.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1050-1340 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-900.00, more attractive blacks and black white face few reds, 910.00-975.00. per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 1000-1320 lbs. with 125 to 250 lb calves, 975.00-1180.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.50-55.00, high dressing 55.00-62.50 Lean (85-90%) 46.00-52.00, low dressing 36.50-46.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2040 lbs 60.00-61.50; high dressing 66.00-68.00, low dressing 54.50-59.00

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 8612, Week ago 7595; Year ago 6064

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.50 to 2.00 higher.

Sows 1.00 higher

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 60.00-62.00
 Weekly top Friday 62.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 28.00-30.00
 Over 500 lbs 31.00-33.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 991; Week ago 2329; Year ago 1637

Compared to last week feeders lightly tested, with a firm to higher undertone. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs	135.00-166.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-142.50
500-600 lbs.	117.00-137.00
600-700 lbs.	105.50-127.00
700-800 lbs.	103.00-114.00
Pkg 839 lbs.	99.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.00-148.00
400-500 lbs.	114.50-132.50
500-600 lbs.	107.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	98.50-109.75
750-800 lbs.	96.00-96.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1300 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 750.00-875.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.50-54.00, High dressing 52.25-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 42.25-50.00, Low dressing 42.25-47.00.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs, 800-1200 lbs with 180 to 320 lb calves 1150.00-1285.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1180-2285 lbs 60.00-65.50, high dressing 66.00-68.00, low dressing 55.00-60.00.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 1814, Week ago 4088, Year ago 2308

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to firm, Slaughter cows steady to firm.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	135.50-145.50
400-500 lbs.	125.50-151.50
500-600 lbs.	122.00-137.50
600-700 lbs.	111.00-134.00
700-800 lbs.	103.50-116.50
Load 830 lbs.	104.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	125.00-136.00
400-500 lbs.	118.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	110.50-126.00
600-700 lbs.	103.00-111.50
700-750 lbs.	95.00-105.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 82.00-84.00SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 44.00-56.00, high dressing 50.00-60.00, low dressing 40.00-45.00SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 3 pkg. 83.00SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2350 lbs, 59.00-65.00, high dressing 67.00-72.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 0; week ago ; year ago

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 0; week ago ; year ago

No sales this week. Prices from 05/26/06

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	146.00-165.00
400-500 lbs.	139.00-151.75
500-600 lbs.	129.50-140.25
600-700 lbs.	121.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	108.25-118.75
800-900 lbs.	104.50-113.60
900-950 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	135.00-138.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	119.00-131.75
600-700 lbs.	100.75-122.00
700-800 lbs.	97.00-107.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1400 lbs. 78.50-80.50SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-57.75, low dressing 44.25-51.00.SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1200 lbs. 78.00-78.35SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs. 61.50-66.75.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 177; Week ago 1380; Year ago 327

Compared to last week not enough feeder steers or heifers for a price trend. Slaughter cows steady, and bulls 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-350 lbs.	Scarce
350-375 lbs.	129.00-138.00
400-450 lbs.	130.00-130.50
450-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-525 lbs.	120.50-122.50
600-650 lbs.	111.00-119.00
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-850 lbs.	Scarce
1000-1050 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	120.00-127.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-121.50
500-550 lbs.	111.50-116.00
600-650 lbs.	95.25-100.50
700-775 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs old, 975-1435 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 720.00-910.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 46.00-50.25; high dressing 53.00. Lean Scarce.COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs 1020-1358 lbs with 160 to 240 lb calves 960.00-1040.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1420-2055 lbs, 56.50-59.25, low dressing 54.00.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 1434, Week ago 2994, Year ago 2277

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

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	140.00-162.50
400-500 lbs.	125.00-144.50
500-600 lbs.	115.00-138.75
600-700 lbs.	110.00-122.50
700-800 lbs.	100.00-114.50
800-900 lbs.	98.00-98.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	123.00-136.50
400-500 lbs.	115.00-133.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-125.50
600-700 lbs.	96.75-119.50
700-800 lbs.	90.25-100.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2 3-5 yrs 1000-1550 lbs 2nd stage 895.00-945.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-54.00, High dressing 52.00-59.00, Lean (85-90%) 42.00-49.75, low dressing 39.00-41.75.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, short solid mouth, 1200-1400 lbs with 150-250 lbs calves 1000.00-1125.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1425-2330 lbs, 59.00-63.50, high dressing 64.25-65.50, low dressing 51.75-55.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1000; Week ago 800; Year ago 400

Compared to last week, trade slow to moderate, Live sales 2.00 higher, and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 2.00 higher. Demand and seller interest moderate

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 80.00-80.50 late last Friday, 2 loads 80% Choice 1200 lbs 81.00 FOB.STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: No SalesHEIFERS: 50-60% Choice 1100-1150 lbs 80.00-80.50 late last Friday.GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 132.00 to 135.00.

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

Receipts: 9301
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower and feeder pigs not tested last week. USDA National pig reporter indicates weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs 1.00 lower. 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
8851 head 10 lbs 28.35-33.00, weighted average 10 lbs 31.24

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights
Delivered 0 % formulated
450 head 40 lbs 49.00

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 39,000; Week ago 53,000; Year ago 41,000

Slaughter Lambs steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Steady 1-3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00-
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-
72.00-80.00 new crop 83.00-90.00 130.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-110.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Once again the week hay harvest was going at a rapid pace. Several small areas around the state were put on hold however as spots of heavy rain developed during the afternoons. Hay harvest state wide is several days ahead of the average for this time of year. Yields are being reported any were from a 1/3 to 2/3 lower than the average in most areas. New crop straw is just a few weeks away as is the fescue seed harvest. Hay supply is light to moderate, Demand is moderate, and prices for old crop are steady, new crop steady to firm. 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	609,000	1,668,000	39,000
Last week	698,000	1,924,000	53,000
Last Year	568,000	1,653,000	41,000
2006 yr. to date	13,577,000	42,999,000	1,106,000
2005 yr. to date	13,156,000	42,851,000	1,102,000

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 269 Last Month: 127 Year Ago: 222

Goats Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 140.00; 60-80 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. Feeder Kids any grade 20-44 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: yearlings 70.00, medium flesh 70.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Bucks: yearlings 70.00, 80-105 lbs medium to fleshy 70.00. **Sheep** Slaughter Lambs Good and Choice 2-3 81-110 lbs 90.00, 110-140 lbs 80.00. Feeder Lambs: Medium 1-2 haired 80 lbs and under fleshy 105.00, medium flesh 100.00, thin flesh 85.00. Slaughter Ewes: 160 lbs and under Utility and Good 1-4 38.00. Slaughter Rams: not tested. (all prices per cwt.)

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .06 higher, Medium .steady, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .43-.52, Medium .24-.30, Small .05-.09.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .17 to .27 higher, Wheat .09 to .12 lower, Corn .04 to .06 higher, KC Wheat .06 to .12 lower, Soybean meal 10.20 to 12.10 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jul	Holiday	583 1/2	579 1/2	586 3/4	609
Aug		590 1/4	587	593 3/4	614 3/4
Sep		596 3/4	593	600 1/4	621
Nov		608 3/4	604 1/4	612 1/2	633 1/4
Jan		618	614 3/4	621 1/2	642
Wheat					
Jul	Holiday	412	393 1/2	392	403 3/4
Sep		426	408	408	417 1/2
Dec		443 1/4	425	425	436 1/4
Mar		457 1/2	438 1/2	440 1/4	450 1/2
May		462 1/2	448	446 1/2	457 1/2
Corn					
Jul	Holiday	254 1/2	251 1/4	254 1/2	259 1/2
Sep		265 3/4	252 1/2	266 1/4	271
Dec		279 3/4	277	280 3/4	285
Mar		290 1/2	287 3/4	290 3/4	295
May		297 1/4	295 1/4	298	301
KC Wheat					
Jul	Holiday	502	487 3/4	483 1/2	494 1/4
Sep		508 3/4	494 1/2	495	504 1/2
Dec		517	510 1/4	501	511
Mar		518	503	502 3/4	512
Jul		491 1/2	479 1/2	478	486 3/4
SB Meal					
Jul	Holiday	171.90	172.40	175.20	185.40
Aug		172.80	173.50	176.10	185.40
Sep		173.70	174.10	176.90	106.10
Oct		174.40	175.10	178.10	186.50
Dec		176.60	177.20	180.20	188.80

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .72 to 1.45 higher, Lean Hogs 2.00 to 3.68 higher, Pork Bellies nearby 2.45 to 3.20 higher others .45 to .85 lower, Feeder Cattle 1.00 to 1.47 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	Holiday	80.05	79.70	79.97	80.32
Aug		80.87	80.07	80.70	81.30
Oct		84.47	84.17	84.55	84.95
Dec		86.45	86.00	86.77	86.97
Feb		89.25	88.82	89.22	89.42
Lean Hogs					
Jun	Holiday	67.70	68.07	69.60	69.40
Jul		66.62	66.42	68.60	68.90
Aug		65.10	65.15	67.20	67.55
Oct		56.65	56.60	57.92	58.52
Dec		55.10	54.80	56.30	56.37
Prk Bel					
Jul	Holiday	80.77	80.60	83.35	84.45
Aug		77.00	77.00	79.10	80.65
Feb		83.50	83.00	84.25	83.50
Mar		84.25	83.25	83.30	83.35
May		---	---	---	---
Fdr Cat					
Aug	Holiday	109.42	109.12	109.97	110.22
Sep		108.75	108.47	109.00	109.37
Oct		107.80	107.47	108.20	108.40
Nov		106.97	106.90	107.30	107.40
Jan		103.52	103.40	103.87	104.20
Milk					
May	Holiday	10.82	10.82	---	---
Jun		11.45	11.35	11.42	11.34
Jul		12.15	11.84	11.88	11.93

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .31 to .36 higher
 Wheat .03 to .12 lower
 Corn .06 higher
 Grain Sorghum .11 to .22 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	5.59	3.97	2.30	4.29
Wednesday	5.60	3.83	2.26	4.21
Thursday	5.67	3.79	2.30	4.29
Friday	5.89	3.89	2.35	4.38
St. Louis				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	5.80	3.75	2.55	5.16
Wednesday	5.74-5.77	3.64	2.51	5.08
Thursday	5.81-5.83	3.64	2.56	5.23
Friday	6.03-6.04	3.76	2.60	5.32
Central				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	5.30-5.40	3.45-3.51	2.17-2.40	3.51-4.28
Wednesday	5.32-5.36	3.29-3.32	2.13-2.40	3.46-4.19
Thursday	5.39-5.43	3.28-3.30	2.16-2.40	3.53-4.19
Friday	5.60-5.65	3.40-3.42	2.22-2.40	3.62-4.19
S.E. MO				
Monday	Holiday			
Tuesday	5.68-5.69	3.61-3.66	2.36-2.46	4.55-4.98
Wednesday	5.66-5.69	3.50-3.54	2.33-2.43	4.50-4.98
Thursday	5.54-5.60	3.53-3.57	2.36-2.47	4.55-5.05
Friday	5.95-5.99	3.61-3.73	2.43-2.49	4.64-5.12

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
 *NEW CROP

Weekly Crop Report

Agricultural Summary Hot, dry weather took hold during the week, with temperatures soaring into the upper 90's in the Bootheel and lower 90's in the rest of the state. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, during which farmers made steady progress in cutting hay and planting soybeans and sorghum. Topsoil moisture supply deteriorated markedly to 10 percent very short, 31 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus, a decline of 16 percentage points in the adequate to surplus categories. The lack of moisture is especially pronounced in the northeast district, where 76 percent is rated short to very short. Thus far, the dryness has not adversely affected row crop conditions, although reporters indicate crops will deteriorate rapidly without relief in the near future. Meanwhile, areas of the Bootheel have experienced the opposite problem of excessive rainfall, which, in addition to hail storms, has made some replanting of soybeans and cotton necessary. **Field Crops Report** **Corn** emergence is at 98 percent, 4 days ahead of last year and 18 days ahead of the normal pace of 86 percent. Corn condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, similar to last week. The dry weather enabled **soybean** planting to progress to 74 percent complete, 2 days behind last year but 11 days ahead of the 5-year average of 56 percent. Emergence is at 44 percent, 3 days behind last year but 4 days ahead of normal. **Sorghum** planting advanced 20 percentage points over last week to 83 percent complete, about the same as last year but nearly 2 weeks ahead of normal. **Wheat** turning color has reached 61 percent, nearly 1 week ahead of both last year and the 5-year average. Some counties in the west-central and southwest districts are reporting short, poor quality wheat with blank heads showing up in spots. Abandonment is expected to be higher than normal, with many fields already baled for hay. However, other districts are mostly good to excellent. State-wide, wheat condition is rated 7 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. The first cutting of **alfalfa** is 75 percent complete, 5 days ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of normal. **Other hay** is 35 percent cut, 2 days ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of normal. Early yields have been light, with reporters estimating production at one-third to two-thirds of normal.