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### MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 27,562; Week ago 26,401; Year ago 27,211 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. S	STEERS:	Fdr. H	EIFERS:	Hols.	<u>STEERS</u>
360 lbs.	148.33	356 lbs.	135.95	367 lbs.	117.68
462 lbs.	135.19	458 lbs.	.127.69	453 lbs.	110.71
562 lbs.	128.88	553 lbs.	120.63	560 lbs.	99.72
653 lbs.	119.98	641 lbs.	113.17	658 lbs.	90.13
743 lbs.	110.54	737 lbs.	102.49	724 lbs.	84.28
845 lbs.	104.16	850 lbs.	95.83	850 lbs.	83.17
923 lbs.	97.91			959 lbs.	76.60

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 7650; Week ago 6255; Year ago 7964 Compared to last week, steers steady to 4.00 lower and heifers uneven under 500 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, over 500 lbs firm to 2.00 higher after opening 2.00-4.00 lower, Slaughter cows 1.00 to 4.00 lower. Bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower spots of 3.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:		
Medium ar	nd Large 1	Medium and Large 1		
300-400 lbs.	138.00-152.00 :	300-400 lbs.	130.00-143.00	
400-500 lbs.	130.00-141.00	400-500 lbs.	118.00-136.00	
500-600 lbs.	117.00-128.00	500-600 lbs.	112.00-124.50	
600-650 lbs.	118.00-126.50	600-650 lbs.	106.00-117.00	
650-700 lbs.	110.00-119.00	650-700 lbs.	98.00-106.00	
700-800 lbs.	105.00-112.00	700-815 lbs.	97.50-103.00	
800-900 lbs.	97.00-103.75			
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# Large 3 Holsteins SLAUGHTER COWS: 375-475 lbs. 108.00-112.00 fean) 45.00-53.50, high dressing 48.00-57.00. Lean (85-90%) 42.00-47.00, low dressing 35.00-40.50.

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2275 lbs, 59.50-62.50, High dressing 64.50-66.00, Low dressing 54.00-58.50

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COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 3-7 yrs, 990-1390 lbs with 100-400 lbs calves 1075.00-1210.00 per pair.

#### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs few higher quality short solid, 1060-1440 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 750.00-900.00 per head, few Large 1 2-6 yrs, blks 1000-1570 lbs. 2nd and 3rd stage 900.00-1020.00 per head.

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#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7800; week ago 8580; year ago 8668 Cow and Bull Receipts 1669; week ago 1552; year ago 2324 Dairy Cattle Receipts 864, (Norwood 6/08/06)

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 700 lbs 2.00 to 4.00 lower over 700 lbs steady to 1.00 higher, heifers under 600 lbs 1.00 to 4.00 lower over steady to 2.00 higher, Holsteins steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

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STE	EKS:	<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium a	nd Large 1	Medium a	and Large 1	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs. 900-1000 lbs.	117.50-132.50 113.50-121.50 106.00-116.00	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	129.00-143.00 119.00-134.00 110.50-124.00 103.50-119.50 100.00-105.00 92.00-95.75	
	Frame 3  Scarce 115.00-124.00 105.00-120.00	Dairy Construction   Springer Heifers   1700.00-1880.00   1300.00-1600.00   950.00-1275.00,   months: Suprem	), Approved ), Medium Bred 4-6	

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	115.00-124.00
400-500 lbs.	105.00-120.00
500-600 lbs.	95.00-106.50
600-700 lbs.	84.50-93.25
700-800 lbs.	80.00-86.50
800-900 lbs.	80.00-85.00
900-1000 lbs.	76.00-78.00

1700.00-1880.00, Approved 1300.00-1600.00, Medium 950.00-1275.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1670.00-1875.00, Approved 1375.00-1625.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1150.00-1350.00, 600-700 lbs 1025.00-1180.00, 500-600 lbs 1000.00-1060.00, 400-500 lbs 960.00-1060.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 485.00-570.00. Holstein Bulls 200.00-275.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1075-1335 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 675.00-875.00, more attractive mostly blacks 900.00-1010.00 per head

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1350 lbs. with 100 to 300 lb calves, few rebred, 975.00-1135.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.50-51.25, high dressing 49.50-56.50 Lean (85-90%) 41.25-46.00, low dressing 30.00-43.00

<u>SLAUGHTER BULLS:</u> Yield Grade 1-2, 1315-2510 lbs 57.50-65.00; high dressing 63.50-70.00, low dressing 48.00-58.00.

#### INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,129, Week ago 10,870; Year ago 6684 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 4.00 to 5.00 higher. Sows 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:
Base carcass meat price 73.00
Weekly top Friday 73.00

SOWS: 300-500 lbs 29.00-31.00 Over 500 lbs 32.00-35.00

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 1598; Week ago 3602; Year ago 1604

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs firm, over 500 lbs uneven 1.00 higher to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows uneven 1.00 higher to 2.00 lower.

	STEERS: Large 1& 1-2		HEIFERS: Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-860 lbs.	137.00-160.00 124.00-144.00 120.00-136.00 111.25-129.00 105.50-113.75 103.00-105.75	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. Lot 814 lbs.	130.00-144.0 119.00-136.00 105.00-124.75 101.50-116.50 96.00-106.50 99.25
REPLACEMEN' Medium and Lar ss, 875-1515 lbs 745.00-900.00 pc	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to 1st to 3rd stage	and Boning (70- 52.00, High dres	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 46.00-ssing 51.00-56.50, 46.00-48.75, Low 4.00.
COW & CALF F and Large 1-2, 2 1480 lbs with 120 855.00-1205.00 p	yrs to ss, 875- 0 to 420 lb calves	SLAUGHTER E Yield Grade 1-2, 58.25-63.00, hig 65.25, low dress	, 1340-2335 lbs h dressing 64.75-

#### EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 4126, Week ago 3012, Year ago 4906 Compared to last week steers and heifers 400-700 lbs steady to 3.00 lower, over steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

	STEERS: Large 1& 1-2	<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.	138.00-154.00 130.00-150.00 120.00-140.50 112.50-131.00 102.75-118.75 95.50-110.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs 700-800 lbs.	130.00-138.50 117.50-136.50 110.50-132.50 102.75-119.75 95.00-105.00 91.50-99.50	
SLAUGHTER S Select and Choic few 80.00-82.00	TEERS: High e 2-3 77.00-80.00	Boning, and Lea	h dressing 50.00-	
SLAUGHTER H Select and Choic few 80.00-82.00	EIFERS: High e 2-3 76.00-80.00	SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1300- 66.00, high dress		

#### NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 194; week ago 1653; year ago 379
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 81; week ago 77; year ago 109

Feeder steers and heifers mostly not established. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers 2.00 to 2.50 lower.

	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.		400-500 lbs.	121.00-130.00 Scarce 111.00-113.00 103.00-106.75 Scarce Scarce	
SLAUGHTER S Choice 2-3 1300 79.90	STEERS: -1500 lbs. 79.00-	and Boning (75-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 50.00-ing 45.50-50.00.	
SLAUGHTER F Choice 2-3 1100 78.00	HEIFERS: -1300 lbs. 77.00-	SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1550 64.75.	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2000 lbs. 59.50-	

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1064; Week ago 1137; Year ago 1170

**FEEDER STEERS:** 

Compared to small offerings last week, feeder steers steady to 2.00 higher and heifers steady. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 lower.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

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250-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-550 lbs. 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-750 lbs. Pkg 820 lbs.	134.00-150.00 140.00-149.00 131.00-140.00 124.00-137.50 114.00-129.50 107.00-119.00 100.50-111.50 95.75	250-300 lbs. 300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-550 lbs. 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-750 lbs.	128.00-138.00 112.50-135.00 110.50-120.50 105.00-121.50 106.25-116.00 104.00-110.50 Scarce	
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larg old, 935-1350 lbs, 730.00-980.00 per COW & CALF P. Medium and Larg 910-1340 lbs with calves 850.00-130	e 1-2, 2-7 yrs , 2nd-3rd stage r head. AIRS: et 1-2, 2-7 yrs in 110 to 260 lb	SLAUGHTER C and boning (75-8 50.50; high dress 31.50-39.00. SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1505- 60.00.	5% lean) 45.00- ing 52.25. Lean <u>ULLS:</u> Yield	

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 3977, Week ago 2020, Year ago 3794 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:		<u>FEEDER HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and L	arge 1 & 1-2	Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		
350-400 lbs.	140.00-152.50		130.00-135.00	
400-500 lbs.	130.00-144.50	400-500 lbs.	122.50-140.00	
500-600 lbs.	124.00-140.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-135.25	
600-700 lbs.	115.00-133.50	600-700 lbs.	103.00-122.00	
700-800 lbs.	107.00-124.00	Pkg 715 lbs.	106.00	
800-900 lbs.	96.75-109.25			

53.50, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-48.50, low dressing 33.00-43.00. COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Thin 5 yrs to short

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2300 lbs, 56.00-62.00

solid, 850-1175 lbs, calves 885.00-1050.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 1000; Year ago 400 Compared to last week, trade slow to moderate, Live sales 2.00-3.00 lower, and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 2.00 higher. Demand and seller interest m.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1200-STEERS AND HEIFERS: 1300 lbs 80.00 late last Friday. Carcass sales: No Sales

HEIFERS: . GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs 138.00-

140.00.

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

Receipts: 9136

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 higher and feeder pigs

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

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 90% formulated 9136 head 10 lbs 30.54-33.15, weighted average 10 lbs 32.38

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated None reported

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 44,000; Week ago 45,000; Year ago 48,000

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good Slaughter Lambs steady to 2.00 1-3 30.00-40.00, Cull 1 20.00higher Slaughter Ewes Steady 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 110.00-130.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-110.00. 75.00-85.00 new crop 94.00-97.00

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Many areas are still waiting for a good slow soaking rain, as the soil continues to lose moisture. Some areas did receive as much as 6.5 inches last weekend, but when rains come that hard it doesn't do much good. Hay harvest is still rolling on with many acres of grass hay being baled as producers try to rebuild supplies, some areas are having a more difficult time than others, as yields are quite variable. Hay demand is moderate, supply overall moderate, prices are 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	708,000	1,823,000	44,000
Last week	707,000	1,903,000	45,000
Last Year	666,000	1,914,000	48,000
2006 yr. to date	14,992,000	46,725,000	1,195,000
2005 yr. to date	14,480,000	46,675,000	1,197,000

#### Missouri Regional Fescue Seed Market

Harvest is slowly beginning in a few areas, with prices at the levels they are many buying stations feel several truck will show up this weekend, despite moisture that is still testing a bit high. Most stations should open this weekend if they're not already. Producers can fine plenty of outlets for seed south of the Missouri River, as small collection points are set up in many towns, however north of the river many stations that have bought in previous years are no longer buying. Amounts of seed to be harvested are quite variable, leaving harvest estimates up in the air. Some of the driest areas, that historically produce much of the seed have been harvested for hay, as the need for hay outweighed the option of selling seed. Several stations still projecting the feeling that seed is overpriced, but sticking to the .48 to .50 cent range in order to stay with their competition. Southwest, Northeast, South Central, Northwest .48 wet, .50 dry, Southeast, Central .40-.48 wet, .45-.50 dry.

#### MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .15 lower, Medium .14 lower, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .28-.37, Medium .07-.13, Small .05-.09.

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .09 to .15 higher, Wheat .10 to .13 lower, Corn .6 to .07 lower, KC Wheat .11 to .17 lower, Soybean meal 4.20 to 4.30 higher.

#### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Jul Aug Sep Nov Jan	600	595 3/4	589 1/2	592 1/2	600 1/4
	607 1/4	602 1/2	596 1/2	599 1/2	606 1/2
	614 1/2	609 3/4	603	606 1/4	613 1/2
	629	624 1/2	618	620 1/2	627
	638 1/4	633 1/4	626	630 1/4	635 1/4
Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar May	373 3/4	396 3/4	361 1/4	361 1/2	359
	389 1/2	387	377 3/4	376 1/2	376 3/4
	406 1/2	403 1/2	396	395	393 1/2
	422	419	411	411	409
	430	428	420	420	418
Corn Jul Sep Dec Mar May	247 1/2 259 1/2 273 1/2 284 1/2 291 1/4	243 1/4 255 268 3/4 280 287	237 249 262 1/4 273 1/2 280 1/2	233 244 1/2 258 1/2 269 1/4 276 1/2	235 1/2 247 261 1/4 272 1/4 278 3/4
KC Wheat Jul Sep Dec Mar Jul	479 1/2	471 1/2	461	464	462 1/2
	491	480 3/4	469 1/4	472 3/4	472
	498	492	479 1/2	481 1/4	482 1/4
	499 1/4	491	479 1/4	481	483 1/2
	168 1/2	463	456	457	458 1/4
SB Meal Jul Aug Sep Oct Dec	181.20	181.40	179.20	179.10	180.90
	181.90	182.10	180.10	180.20	181.90
	182.90	183.20	180.80	180.80	182.90
	183.80	184.30	181.60	181.70	183.80
	186.40	186.60	184.30	184.60	186.60

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 2.53 to 4.63 higher, Lean Hogs 2.30 to 4.77 higher, Pork Bellies .93 to 8.55 higher, Feeder Cattle 2.75 to 3.97 higher.

#### Daily Futures Closes

	Daily Futures Closes				
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle Jun Aug Oct Dec Feb	78.25 78.62 82.52 84.50 87.47	78.05 79.07 82.97 84.90 87.85	78.22 79.60 83.30 85.05 87.85	80.95 82.60 85.95 87.10 89.50	81.65 83.45 86.05 87.85 90.10
Lean Hogs Jun Jul Aug Oct Dec	73.52 70.87 69.25 58.90 56.20	75.10 73.15 71.47 60.70 57.30	73.25 70.55 60.15 56.57	75.40 72.60 61.62 57.47	75.47 72.32 61.92 58.37
Prk Bel Jul Aug Feb Mar May	87.32 83.40 84.12 84.30	88.35 84.00 84.12 84.37	91.35 87.00 85.22 84.40	94.10 89.80 84.55 84.42	95.65 91.05 85.05 85.30
Fdr Cat Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	108.22 107.90 106.65 105.90 102.90	108.80 108.38 107.37 106.35 103.25	109.42 108.82 107.82 106.72 103.60	112.35 111.82 110.47 109.57 106.30	112.57 111.97 110.60 109.80 106.15
Milk Jun Jul Aug	11.24 11.65 12.25	11.26 11.70 12.35	11.26 11.63 12.31	11.25 11.50 12.08	11.26 11.41 11.95

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .13 to .19 higher Wheat .12 to .16 lower Corn .08 lower to .04 higher Grain Sorghum .14 to .20 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy- bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.84 5.81 5.75 5.78 5.85	3.75 3.67 3.56 3.59 3.58	2.27 2.22 2.37 2.12-2.15 2.13-2.15	4.05 3.99 4.14 4.07 3.76
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.94-5.99 5.85-5.91 5.78-5.87 5.90-5.93 5.97-6.00	3.37 3.28 3.21 3.28 3.25	2.51 2.41-2.47 2.36-2.43 2.40-2.41 2.43-3.49	5.08 4.87 4.76 4.85 4.86
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.51-5.59 5.49-5.56 5.43-5.50 5.48-5.55 5.58-5.62	3.05-3.17 3.08-3.15 3.00-3.06 3.00-3.12 3.09	2.11-2.30 2.06-2.25 2.00-2.30 1.98-2.30 2.01	3.41-4.28 3.32-4.19 3.25-4.19 3.17-4.19 3.23
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.88-5.92 5.84-5.88 5.78-5.81 5.78-5.85 5.86-5.93	3.25-3.40 3.20-3.32 3.14-3.25 3.19-3.25 3.16-3.23	2.38-2.43 2.34-2.39 2.28-2.36 2.24-2.32 2.26-2.34	4.53-4.94 4.48-4.87 4.37-4.76 4.30-4.69 4.43-4.73

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

Weekly Crop Report

Most of the week was warm and dry, good weather for the current field activities of putting up hay and harvesting wheat. There is some concern in southern counties about dryness, as moisture will be needed to germinate double-crop soybeans and support tasseling of early-planted corn. Deteriorating moisture conditions in southern districts were contrasted by improvement in northern districts. Several rounds of thunderstorms developed along and north of the I-70 corridor Saturday night, bringing heavy rains and isolated flash flooding. The contrasting conditions left overall topsoil moisture supplies stable from last week at 7 percent very short, 29 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Reports across the State indicate that spring crops continue to develop well, but a lack of subsoil moisture reserves will require abundant rainfall in the coming weeks as they enter critical growth stages. There were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Field Crops Report: Corn condition is rated 5 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, nearly identical to last week. Some southern areas are already seeing a few fields in the tassel stage. Soybean planting is 90 percent complete, 1 week behind last year but 11 days ahead of the 5-year average of 77 percent. Emergence is at 76 percent, 5 days behind last year but 8 days ahead of normal. Condition of the crop is 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Sorghum** planting is 95 percent complete, slightly behind last year but 2 weeks ahead of normal. Sorghum condition is rated 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Virtually all the winter **wheat** has turned at 98 percent, over 1 week ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Condition of the crop is 9 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. It's looking to be an early wheat harvest this year, with 24 percent of the crop harvested, about 1 week ahead of both last year and the five-year average. The first cutting of alfalfa, at 95 percent complete, is wrapping up nearly two weeks ahead of normal. Some producers are starting to mow the second growth, which is 8 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year and the normal pace. Other hay is 62 percent cut, 5 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of normal. Pasture & Livestock: Pasture condition declined slightly from last week to 9 percent very poor, 18 percent poor, 43 percent fair, 28 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. Reporters in the northeast and southwest are still indicating critically low pond levels, even after recent rains. The rains have improved hay and pasture prospects, with good grass hay yields reported in a few south-central counties. However, long-term dryness still makes hay supply a concern.