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# MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 20,001; Week ago 19,276; Year ago 22,635 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. ST	EERS:	<u>Fdr. HE</u>	EIFERS:	Hols. S	TEERS
359 lbs.	145.42	350 lbs.	130.97	365 lbs.	119.73
450 lbs.	134.01	446 lbs.	124.45	447 lbs.	109.82
560 lbs.	126.06	549 lbs.	118.44	534 lbs.	99.06
643 lbs.	123.21	645 lbs.	112.02	651 lbs.	86.87
753 lbs.	113.01	734 lbs.	105.36	752 lbs.	84.93
862 lbs.	109.78	827 lbs.	101.56	854 lbs.	80.93
941 lbs.	108.14				

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 9800; Week ago no sale; Year ago 7260 Compared to last week, steers under 650 lbs and heifers under 600 lbs 2.00 to 5.00 higher, heavier weights steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		<u>HEIFERS</u> :	
Medium and	d Large 1	Medium a	nd Large 1
300-400 lbs.	140.00-155.00	300-400 lbs.	121.50-134.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-142.50	400-500 lbs.	118.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	116.50-134.00	500-600 lbs.	110.00-123.00
600-700 lbs.	113.50-125.00	600-665 lbs.	105.50-115.50
700-800 lbs.	104.00-112.00	Lot 770 lbs.	102.00
850-875 lbs.	104.00-105.50	Pkg 800 lbs.	92.50

	Large 3 Holsteins	SLAUGHTER COWS:
~		Breaking and Boning (70-85%
Scarce		lean) 45.00-52.50, high dressing
		50.00-57.00. Lean (85-90%)
		41.00-48.50, low dressing 34.50-
		42.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2375 lbs 58.00-63.00, High dressing 62.50-65.00, Low dressing 55.00-57.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 925-1300 lbs 2 yrs to ss, with baby to 450 lb calves, several bred back, 1050.00-1440.00 per pair.

#### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs 1200-1450 lbs 1st to 3rd stage 710.00-840.00 per head, with most 2-6 yr old blk/blk whiteface 890.00-1070.00 per head, ss 1150-1400 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 665.00-840.00 per head.

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#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 5305; week ago 5226; year ago 4415 Cow and Bull Receipts 1800; week ago 1316; year ago 1400 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 500 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, Holsteins steady. Slaughter cows 3.00 to 5.00 higher and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STF	EERS:	HEII	FERS:
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.	138.00-149.00 129.00-138.00 118.00-134.00 117.50-127.00 106.50-114.00 107.50-111.50	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	128.00-141.00 118.00-130.50 111.00-125.00 102.50-116.00 100.00-106.85 Scarce
	TEINS: Frame 3 Scarce 116.00-127.00 107.00-122.00 98.50-104.00 85.00-92.50 81.00-89.50 Scarce	and Boning (70- 51.50, high dres Lean (85-90%) dressing 33.00- SLAUGHTER I Grade 1-2, 1285	BULLS: Yield i-2445 lbs 57.00- sing 61.50-68.50,
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1020-1360 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 700.00-910.00, pkg blacks 2 to 3 yrs 1000.00 per head.		COW & CALF I and Large 1-2, 2 1340 lbs. with ba calves, some reb 1350.00 per pair	yrs to ss 1000- aby to 350 lb red 875.00-
NORTH	WEST MISSOUR	RI WEEKLY SU	MMARY

#### NORTH WEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(St. Joe, Maryville)

Receipts: 2355, Week ago 266, Year ago 399

Last week's feeder cattle receipts were too light for a good comparison. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, Slaughter bulls steady.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2	Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
600-700 lbs.	116.85-127.75 108.00-122.75	•	110.00-131.50
700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	103.75-113.60	600-700 lbs.	136.50 101.50-114.00
900-950 lbs. Lot 1045 lbs.	103.00-109.75 95.25	700-800 lbs. Lot 810 lbs.	100.00-109.25 105.25
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1, 6-8 yrs. 1250 lbs 3rd stage blacks 985.00		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-51.00, high dressing 47.50-52.25, Lean (85-90%) 35.00-43.00.	
		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1470-	

64.00, ind high dressing 67.00.

low dressing 53.00-58.00.

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 2676; Week ago 1396; Year ago 1070 Compared to last week feeders 1.00 to 5.00 lower, some five weight heifers 2.00 to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1& 1-2			HEIFERS: Large 1 & 1-2
300-400 lbs 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.	133.00-144.40 128.00-141.00 115.00-132.25 104.00-123.25 104.50-115.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	124.00-139.00 114.00-131.00 106.00-130.00 101.00-115.00 99.00-106.50
REPLACEMENT Medium and Larss, 910-1490 lbs, 710.00-1075.00, 1300.00 per head	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to 2nd to 3rd stage fancy 1225.00-	and Boning (70- 51.50, High dres	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 44.75-sing 49.00-58.00, 13.50-47.50, Low 2.25
COW & CALF P and Large 1-2, 3 1400 lbs with 100 1100.00-1395.00	yrs to ss 11000- 0-500 lbs calves	SLAUGHTER E Yield Grade 1-2, 57.00-63.00, hig 69.75, low dress:	, 1015-2405 lbs h dressing 63.50-

# EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 2347, Week ago 3704, Year ago 2821 Compared to last week feeders steady to firm spots 2.00 to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to firm, spots 2.00 to 4.00 higher.

FEEDER Medium and	STEERS: Large 1& 1-2		HEIFERS: Large 1 & 1-2
400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-850 lbs.	125.00-139.00 120.00-133.00 114.00-128.25 107.00-114.75 106.00-108.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs	121.00-134.00 120.00-130.00 107.50-126.00 103.00-114.25 101.00-109.50
SLAUGHTER S' Select and Choice 82.00.		Boning, and Lea	COWS: Breaking, n (70-90% lean) h dressing 47.00- ing 35.00-35.00
SLAUGHTER H Select and Choice 79.00.			BULLS: Yield -2200 lbs, 55.00- sing 60.00-62.00.

### NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon) Feeder Cattle Receipts 520; week ago 2125; year ago 162 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 56; week ago 39; year ago 48 Feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter steers and heifers 1.50 to 2.00 lower.

<u>FEEDER STEERS:</u> Medium and Large 1			HEIFERS: d Large 1&1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 528 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs.		500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs.	127.00-128.00 119.00-129.00 112.35-122.25 106.00-107.00
SLAUGHTER S Choice 2-3 1200- 81.25.		and Boning (75-	COWS: Breaking 85% lean) 49.00-ing 43.50-47.25.
SLAUGHTER H Choice 2-3 1100- 78.25		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1500 65.00	<u>BULLS:</u> Yield -2200 lbs. 57.75-
COW & CALF I	AIRS: Medium	REPLACEMEN	T COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

and Large 1-2, 5 yrs to ss 1200-

1300 lbs with 300-350 lbs calves 1375.00-1385.00 per pair.

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

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FEEDER HEIFERS:

Receipts 1052; Week ago 893; Year ago 544 Compared to last week, 500 lb steers steady, other weights 2.00 to 5.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1-2		Medium and Large 1-2	
120.00-150.00	300-400 lbs.	110.00-130.00	
115.00-133.00	400-500 lbs.	108.00-125.00	
109.00-126.00	500-600 lbs.	102.00-115.00	
104.00-113.00	600-700 lbs.	95.50-110.50	
102.00-104.00	Pkg 717 lbs.	103.50	
T COWS:	SLAUGHTER C	COWS: Breaking	
ge 1-2, 8 yrs to ss,	and boning (75-8	35% lean) 41.50-	
d-3rd stage	48.50; high dress	sing 49.25-50.50.	
er head.	Lean 33.50-37.7	5.	
PAIRS:	SLAUGHTER E	BULLS: Yield	
<b>.</b>	58.25, high dress	·	
	120.00-150.00 115.00-133.00 109.00-126.00 104.00-113.00 102.00-104.00 T COWS: ge 1-2, 8 yrs to ss, d-3rd stage er head.	120.00-150.00   300-400 lbs.   115.00-133.00   400-500 lbs.   109.00-126.00   500-600 lbs.   104.00-113.00   600-700 lbs.   102.00-104.00   Pkg 717 lbs.     T COWS: ge 1-2, 8 yrs to ss, d-3rd stage er head.   SLAUGHTER Can decided by the stage of the	

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 1989, Week ago 1123, Year ago 2313

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower.

Slaughter cows 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

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Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2
420-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-775 lbs.	128.00-135.00 123.00-130.50 115.00-131.75 107.75-121.25	:	120.00-133.00 113.75-128.75 109.00-115.50 104.50 95.80
REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss 1100-1400 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 775.00-925.00 per head.		SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.00-49.00, high dressing 49.00-54.00, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-46.00.	
COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce		SLAUGHTER B Grade 1-2, 1300- 60.00, high dress dressing 46.00-5	2450 lbs. 56.00- ing 62.50, low

# MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 1000; Week ago 400; Year ago 400 Compared to last week, trade rather slow, live sales 1.00 to 1.50 lower, and dressed sales on grid basis unevenly steady. Demand and seller interest moderate.

134.00. few 137.00.

<u>STEERS:</u> 50-60% Choice 1200- 1300 lbs 79.00 late last Friday.	STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: Four loads over 80% Choice 1300 lbs 128.00 FOB late last Friday.
HEIFERS: no sales reported	GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-959 lbs 131.00-

#### INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9063, Week ago 7893; Year ago 6812 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 4.00 to 4.50 lower. Sows steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS:	SOWS:
Base carcass meat price 58.00-	300-500 lbs 28.00-31.00
60.00 Weekly top Monday 64.00	Over 500 lbs 32.00-35.00

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

Receipts: 13,228

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs no recent sales for price comparison. Supply and Demand Moderate.

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

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights Delivered 100% formulated 11,128 head 10 lbs 31.85-33.00, weighted average 10 lbs 32.55

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated 2100 head 40 lbs 45.00

#### MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 46,000; Week ago 39,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady-1.00 lower Slaughter Ewes Steady Feeder Lambs 5.00 lower

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 22.00-30.00, Cull 1 15.00-22.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 wooled 110-125 90.00-

92.00, 125-140 lbs 92.00-95.00

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 50-70 lbs new crop 95.00-105.00, 70-90 lbs 85.00-95.00.

#### Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Hot weather has returned to the state with heat indexes approaching near 100 degrees, not as extreme as the last heat wave but southerly winds have helped to dry the ground of the little moisture left. Several producer in the southwest are continuing, or have now started, to feed hay as grass is gone or getting very scarce and fall pasture growth is at least a full month away. Northern Missouri seems to be in much better shape with hay supply and pastures, but the entire state could use a good soaking rain to refill stock water supplies and give the pastures new life. Hay supply and demand are moderate and prices steady to firm. 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 40.00-70.00, 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 50.00-70.00 Wheat straw 1.75-3.00 per small bale.

# **Buffalo Goat and Sheep Market**

Receipts: 1171, last month 1369, last year 1425 Sheep Slaughter Lambs: Choice 2-3 shorn and wooled 90-110 lbs 77.00-84.00, 75-90 lbs 80.00-89.00, hair lambs 50-75 lbs 85.00-93.00, 80-90 lbs 78.00-85.00. <u>Feeder Lambs</u>: Medium and Large 1-2, 50-70 lbs 87.00-95.00, lot 80.00, 70-95 lbs 80.00-85.00, hair lambs Small and Medium 1-2 35-60 lbs 77.00-87.00. <u>Slaughter Ewes</u>: Utility and good 1-3 26.00-44.00. <u>Slaughter Bucks</u>: few 140-215 lbs 25.00-31.00. **Goats:** <u>Kids</u>, Selection 1-2 30-60 lbs 111.00-117.00, 60-70 lbs 106.00-110.00, pkg 114.00, Selection 2 40-60 lbs 101.00-110.00, Selection 3 40-70 lbs 87.00-99.00. <u>Does/Nannies</u> Selection 2-3 75-140 lbs 40.00-45.00. <u>Billies</u> Selection 1-2 90-165 lbs 52.50-69.00. (all prices per cwt.) Replacement classes: Does/Nannies Selection 2-3 70-130 lbs 60.00-110.00 per head, few registered Boer 95.00-117.50 per head, Selection 3 65-110 lbs 37.50-72.50 per head, Stocker/Feeder Kids: Selection 2 lot 24 lbs 118.00, Selection 3 25-50 lbs 75.00-93.00 per cwt, several small 9.00-20.00 per head.

# **Dairy Cattle Sales**

Dairy Cattle Receipts 830, (Springfield 7/25/06)

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1700.00-1920.00, Approved 1500.00-1760.00, Medium 1060.00-1475.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1700.00-1920.00, Approved 1400.00-1675.00. Open Heifers: Approved 800-900 lbs 1150.00-1240.00 700-800 lbs 1060.00-1290.00, 600-700 lbs 975.00-1060.00, 500-600 lbs 860.00-970.00 400-500 lbs 800.00-890.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 410.00-460.00. Holstein Bulls 135.00-200.00.

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans unch to .01 lower, Wheat .18 to .20 lower, Corn unch to .01 higher, KC Wheat .17 to .22 lower, Soybean meal .40 to 2.70 lower.

#### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans Aug Sep Nov Jan Mar	583 /14 590 3/4 604 3/4 612 1/4 626 1/2	585 1/2 593 1/4 607 617 3/4 628	581 3/4 589 3/4 602 3/4 614 1/4 624	574 580 3/4 595 607 1/2 616 1/4	576 1/2 584 598 610 1/2 619 3/4
Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	400 1/2 420 3/4 437 445 1/2 451 1/4	393 1/4 413 1/2 430 1/2 439 445	382 404 1/4 421 430 437 1/4	387 3/4 407 1/2 424 1/2 433 1/2 440	388.1/2 408 424 1/2 432 1/2 438 3/4
Corn Sep Dec Mar May Jul	239 255 1/4 269 1/4 278 3/4 287 1/2	239 1/2 256 269 3/4 279 1/2 288	236 252 3/4 266 3/4 276 1/2 285 1/2	237 3/4 254 1/4 268 1/4 277 3/4 286 1/2	237 1/4 253 1/2 267 1/4 277 285 3/4
KC Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	499 1/4 515 3/4 517 510 1/2 483	489 1/2 505 508 502 476 1/4	482 494 1/2 499 496 469 1/2	485 1/2 500 1/4 504 1/2 496 471 1/2	484 500 503 3/4 497 468 1/4
SB Meal Aug Sep Oct Dec Jan	167.90 169.20 170.10 172.10 173.50	168.90 170.30 171.50 173.80 174.80	167.80 169.10 170.20 173.10 174.00	165.20 166.90 168.10 170.70 171.80	163.80 165.90 167.10 169.40 171.00

# WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .07 to .92 lower, Lean Hogs .67 to 2.08 higher, Pork Bellies nearby 1.73 lower, others 5.20-5.67 higher, Feeder Cattle .43 to 1.47 lower, except Jan .60 higher.

# Daily Futures Closes

Daily Futures Closes							
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.		
Cattle Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	82.67 86.22 86.87 89.62 88.00	82.50 86.20 86.82 89.67 88.22	84.27 88.02 88.40 91.10 89.25	83.47 87.85 88.30 90.62 88.75	83.35 88.15 88.45 90.37 88.37		
Lean Hogs Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	67.70 59.70 57.95 59.55 60.35	66.92 58.80 57.12 58.72 59.50	67.10 59.27 57.60 59.17 59.35	67.77 60.80 58.62 60.10 60.60	68.65 61.45 59.47 60.90 61.70		
Prk Bel Jul Aug Feb Mar May	92.25 90.05 88.25 88.50 88.50	91.00 90.15 91.25 91.50 92.50	90.55 91.42 92.75 93.00 95.00	90.65 93.77 93.80 94.75	90.12 94.02 93.90 94.60		
Fdr Cat Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	113.35 113.27 113.25 111.55 106.75	113.37 113.20 113.10 111.52 106.90	114.52 114.40 114.35 112.80 108.00	114.20 114.12 113.92 112.60 108.40	114.15 114.17 114.07 112.87 108.60		
Milk Jul Aug Sep	10.95 11.12 11.88	10.94 11.08 11.90	10.95 11.10 12.15	10.95 11.05 12.17	10.95 11.01 12.17		

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .07 lower to .02 higher Wheat .04 to .27 lower Corn .01 lower to .02 higher Grain Sorghum .01 to .03 higher

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	5.67 5.69 5.66 5.58 5.61	3.54 3.45 3.37 3.41 3.34	2.18 2.19 2.15 2.17 2.16	3.93 3.95 3.89 3.91 3.91
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.70-5.71 5.75 5.69 5.57-5.62 5.60-5.66	3.34 n/a 3.13 3.19 3.22	2.25-2.28 2.31 2.26-2.27 2.25-2.28 2.24-2.27	4.67 n/a 4.67 4.69 4.69
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.31-5.45 5.44-5.47 5.41-5.44 5.25-5.33 5.26-5.36	3.05-3.56 3.22-3.43 3.11-3.32 2.93-3.38 2.93-3.39	2.03-2.25 2.04-2.07 2.03 2.05-2.20 2.04-2.20	3.23-4.01 3.25 3.17 3.21-3.75 3.19-3.83
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	5.65-5.72 5.65-5.72 5.58-5.68 5.50-5.61 5.57-5.66	3.26-3.34 3.18-3.24 3.07-3.13 3.14-3.19 3.17-3.24	2.19-2.25 2.20-2.25 2.16-2.22 2.15-2.24 2.15-2.24	4.26-4.57 4.25-4.60 4.19-4.57 4.19-4.55 4.19-4.53

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

#### **Weekly Crop Report**

Extreme heat was the dominant feature of the week. Moisture from the previous week was quickly sapped, although it did help sustain row crops through the hot days. Corn, soybeans, and sorghum conditions declined only slightly, while Bootheel cotton and rice actually improved. Pastures continue to suffer. Topsoil moisture supplies are 24 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 34 percent adequate. Only the southeast district has over 50 percent adequate to surplus topsoil moisture supply. Field Crops Report Corn silking is at 89 percent, 3 days behind last year but slightly ahead of normal. Thirty-seven percent of the crop is in dough stage, slightly behind both last year and the normal pace. Most of the crop was pollinated before the heat wave was in place, allowing fields to escape with only a minor drop in conditions. The crop rates 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 10 percent excellent, a decline of 3 percentage points in good to excellent. Soybean blooming is at 58 percent, 2 days behind last year but 5 days ahead of average. Pod setting is at 18 percent, 2 days behind last year but 1 day ahead of normal. Condition of the bean crop is rated 3 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. Sorghum heading has reached 50 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal, while 6 percent is turning color, 3 days ahead of both last year and normal. Condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 9 percent excellent. Twenty-four percent of the rice crop is headed, 2 days behind last year but 3 days ahead of average. Cotton setting bolls jumped ahead 32 percentage points to 77 percent complete, over 1 week ahead of both last year and the normal pace. The second cutting of alfalfa is nearly wrapped up at 97 percent complete, while the third cutting is 31 percent harvested, slightly behind last year but 5 days ahead of normal. The other hay harvest is also nearing completion at 95 percent cut, about even with last year and average. Pasture & Livestock Pasture condition is rated 24 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Isolated areas saw pastures green up from rainfall, but most counties experienced a continued decline in pasture condition.