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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 14,864; Week ago 20,001; Year ago 23,518
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
362 lbs.	145.07	264 lbs.	155.81	355 lbs.	111.38
448 lbs.	133.84	358 lbs.	130.31	445 lbs.	107.99
552 lbs.	129.32	449 lbs.	124.63	553 lbs.	101.98
640 lbs.	124.50	546 lbs.	118.15	665 lbs.	93.02
747 lbs.	114.53	652 lbs.	110.95	715 lbs.	89.79
856 lbs.	113.16	726 lbs.	106.06		
950 lbs.	100.00	836 lbs.	97.54		

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3776; Week ago 4350; Year ago 4821
 Compared to last week, steers under 500 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 higher, and bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	123.00-138.00	400-500 lbs.	115.00-136.50
500-600 lbs.	125.50-138.50	500-600 lbs.	110.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	116.00-124.50	600-700 lbs.	101.50-112.25
700-800 lbs.	111.00-115.50	700-800 lbs.	102.50-108.50
800-900 lbs.	106.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-53.00, high dressing 51.00-60.00. Lean (85-90%) 40.00-47.50, low dressing 34.00-42.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1055-2355 lbs 57.00-62.00, High dressing 62.50-64.00, Low dressing 50.00-57.50

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 900-1300 lbs 3 to 7 yrs, with baby to 350 lb calves, several bred back, 725.00-1250.00 per pair.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs 1000-1250 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 725.00-850.00 per head, blk/blk whiteface up to 960.00 per head, short solid 1000-1250 lbs 1st stage 510.00-750.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 4594; week ago 4876; year ago 5177
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2025; week ago 1278; year ago 1470
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers 400-600 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, under 400 lbs steady to 5.00 higher, over 600 lbs steady, Holsteins under 500 lbs 5.00 to 10.00 lower, over 500 lbs steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	138.00-161.00	300-400 lbs.	124.00-136.00
400-500 lbs.	129.00-136.00	400-500 lbs.	117.00-128.50
500-600 lbs.	121.00-132.00	500-600 lbs.	112.00-124.50
600-700 lbs.	120.00-125.00	600-700 lbs.	105.00-112.00
700-800 lbs.	113.50-115.00	700-800 lbs.	104.50-107.50
800-900 lbs.	104.50-110.50	800-900 lbs.	92.50-100.00

HOLSTEINS:
 Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	105.00-115.00
400-500 lbs.	100.00-115.50
500-600 lbs.	95.00-110.00
600-700 lbs.	87.00-98.00
700-800 lbs.	86.50-90.00
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-52.00, high dressing 49.00-58.50 Lean (85-90%) 43.00-49.00, low dressing 33.00-43.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2330 lbs 56.00-64.00; high dressing 61.50-67.50, low dressing 51.00-61.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1340 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 710.00-975.00, several blacks 925.00-1025.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 1000-1300 lbs. with baby to 410 lb calves, some rebred 885.00-1285.00 per pair.

NORTH WEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (St. Joe, Maryville)

Receipts: 100, Week ago 2355, Year ago 400
 Due to excessive heat not enough cattle of any class for a market test.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
Pkg 395 lbs.	145.00	Pkg 330 lbs.	129.00
Pkg 620 lbs.	123.00	400-500 lbs.	118.00-130.00
		500-600 lbs.	104.00-110.00

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-52.25, Lean (85-90%) 37.25-42.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1570-1950 lbs. 55.00-62.00, high dressing 63.00-64.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 1381; Week ago 2676; Year ago 2232
 Compared to last week feeders uneven with a higher undertone on yearlings and weaned packages and a lower undertone on others.
 Slaughter cows 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs 129.00-150.50
 400-500 lbs. 123.00-140.00
 500-600 lbs. 117.00-134.50
 600-700 lbs. 110.50-128.25
 700-800 lbs.. 102.50-118.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs. 125.00-139.00
 400-500 lbs. 115.00-135.00
 500-600 lbs. 110.00-132.25
 600-700 lbs. 102.50-120.75
 700-750 lbs. 102.75-105.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1490 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage 800.00-1050.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-52.225, High dressing 49.75-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 42.25-47.50, Low dressing 32.00-42.25

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to ss 1000-1500 lbs with 90-380 lbs calves 950.00-1085.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1155-2460 lbs 55.25-63.50, high dressing 63.00-64.00, low dressing 50.00-56.75.

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 STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

400-500 lbs. 125.00-139.00
 500-600 lbs. 120.00-133.00
 600-700 lbs. 114.00-128.25
 700-800 lbs. 107.00-114.75
 800-850 lbs. 106.00-108.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs. 121.00-134.00
 400-500 lbs. 120.00-130.00
 500-600 lbs. 107.50-126.00
 600-700 lbs 103.00-114.25
 700-800 lbs. 101.00-109.50

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 78.00-82.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 42.00-52.00, high dressing 47.00-59.00, low dressing 35.00-35.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 76.50-79.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2200 lbs, 55.00-60.00, high dressing 60.00-62.00.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2116; week ago 520; year ago 3940
 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 23; week ago 56; year ago 60
 Feeder steers steady except 600-700 lbs 2.00-4.00 higher, heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady to 3.00 lower, Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 141.50-146.00
 400-500 lbs. 136.00-150.00
 500-600 lbs. 131.00-143.75
 600-700 lbs. 124.75-137.25
 700-800 lbs. 115.00-121.25
 800-900 lbs. 107.35-117.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1&1-2

400-500 lbs. 127.00-134.50
 500-600 lbs. 119.50-138.00
 600-700 lbs. 113.00-126.25
 700-800 lbs. 107.75-113.90
 Load 853 lbs. 102.10

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1200-1300 lbs. 77.75-78.75.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.00-55.00, low dressing 44.00-49.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1300 lbs. 75.60-76.10

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1700-2400 lbs. 57.75-64.75

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 636; Week ago 1052; Year ago 891
 Compared to last week, steers over 600 lbs 5.00 higher, all other weights 1.00 to 5.00 lower on a light test. Slaughter cows steady, and bulls 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs. 124.00-149.00
 400-500 lbs. 113.00-130.00
 500-600 lbs. 109.00-125.00
 600-625 lbs. 112.00-118.00
 750-800 lbs. 102.00-111.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

325-400 lbs. 113.00-120.00
 400-500 lbs. 103.00-119.50
 500-600 lbs. 99.00-110.50
 600-700 lbs. 96.50-105.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 985-1320 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 610.00-900.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 43.25-48.50; high dressing 52.50. Lean 34.00-38.5.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 8 yrs 945-1430 lbs with 90-230 lbs calves 960.00-1190.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1355-1895 lbs, 56.00-59.25, high dressing 60.25.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 757, Week ago 1989, Year ago 3276
 Compared to last week steers and heifers steady .
 Slaughter cows 2.00 to 3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

525-600 lbs. 122.00-126.50
 600-700 lbs. 113.85-125.00
 700-750 lbs. 112.25-119.85

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

400-500 lbs. 119.00-123.50
 500-600 lbs. 111.00-121.50
 600-700 lbs. 103.00-116.00
 700-735 lbs. 99.00-108.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-52.00, high dressing 53.00-59.00, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-48.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2100 lbs. 55.00-59.00, low dressing 53.00-54.00.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 1000; Week ago 1000; Year ago 600
 Compared to last week, trade slow to moderate, live sales 1.00 to 1.50 higher, and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 1.00 higher. Demand and seller interest moderate to good.

STEERS: 50-60% Choice 1200-1500 lbs 80.00-80.50.

STEERS AND HEIFERS: Carcass sales: no sales reported

HEIFERS: no sales reported

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-959 lbs 131.00-135.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,003, Week ago 8768; Year ago 8273
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 5.00 higher. Sows 1.00-2.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: Base carcass meat price 63.00-65.00 Weekly top Friday 65.00

SOWS: 300-500 lbs 30.00-33.00
 Over 500 lbs 34.00-36.00

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

Receipts: 10,686
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 higher and feeder pigs not tested. 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
10,686 head 10 lbs 31.50-35.90, weighted average 10 lbs 33.29

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

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 45,000; Week ago 49,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady-1.00 higher
Slaughter Ewes Steady
Feeder Lambs Steady

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 22.00-30.00, Cull 1 15.00-22.00.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 50-70 lbs new crop 95.00-105.00, 70-90 lbs 85.00-95.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 woolled 110-125 90.00-93.00, 125-140 lbs 93.00-95.00

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Heat levels once again rose over the century mark this week. Conditions of pastures in the state reach from one end of the scale to the other just depending on where one stands. Some areas are completely burnt up and starting to sell cattle while others are buying as they have a surplus of grass. The supply of hay in south central Missouri is moderate to heavy, the rest of the state is light to moderate. May farmers are feeding in the southwest part of Missouri try to hold out in hopes of fall rains. 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.

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market

(Koshkonong 07/29/2006)

Receipts: 277 Last Month: 290 Year Ago: 140

Compared to the last market date of June 24, classes and grades of kid goats present at this sale were steady to 10.00 lower with the previous market. Does were steady and bucks were 5.00 higher. Sheep were steady to 1.00 lower. Demand and supply moderate. All sheep and goats graded by MO Dept of Ag-USDA Graders and bought per cwt. **Goats** Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 110.00; 61-80 lbs 105.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 105.00; 61-80 lbs 100.00. Selection 1-2 81 lbs and up 75.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 95.00. Feeder Kids all grades 20-44 lbs 85.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: Selection 2 50.00 per cwt. Slaughter Bucks all grades yearling 75.00, Selection 1-2 106 lbs and up 60.00, Selection 3 40.00 **Sheep** Slaughter Lambs: Choice 2-3 Haired 80 lbs and under 83.00-85.00, 81 lbs and over 75.00. Feeder Lambs: not tested. Slaughter Ewes: not tested. Slaughter Rams: Not tested. (all prices per cwt.)

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 .01 higher to .01 lower, Wheat .08 to .12 higher, Corn .08 to .09 higher, KC Wheat .02 to .12 higher, Soybean meal .20 to 1.50 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	577	573 1/2	581 3/4	576	577 1/2
Sep	583 3/4	579 1/4	587 1/4	581 1/2	582
Nov	597 1/2	593 3/4	601 1/4	595 1/2	597
Jan	610	605 3/4	613 1/4	607 1/4	609 1/2
Mar	620	616	622 1/4	617 1/4	619
Wheat					
Sep	393 1/2	392 1/2	401 1/2	395 1/4	396
Dec	413 1/2	413 1/4	421 1/2	414 1/2	417 1/4
Mar	429 1/2	431 1/4	439	435	435
May	438	440	448	444	444
Jul	443 1/2	444	453 1/2	447	449 1/2
Corn					
Sep	238	240 1/2	247 1/4	245	245
Dec	254 1/2	257 3/4	264 1/4	262	262 1/4
Mar	268 1/2	271 1/4	277 1/2	276	276 1/4
May	278	281 1/4	287 1/4	285 1/4	285 1/4
Jul	287	289 3/4	292 1/4	294 1/4	294 1/4
KC Wheat					
Sep	488 1/2	482	485 1/4	484 1/2	486
Dec	503 1/2	497	501 3/4	500 3/4	501
Mar	508 1/2	501	506 1/2	506	507
May	502	497	501	499	500
Jul	473 1/2	466 1/2	476	476	480 1/2
SB Meal					
Aug	163.20	161.10	162.50	162.40	163.20
Sep	164.80	162.70	164.30	163.90	164.60
Oct	166.30	164.30	165.80	165.30	166.00
Dec	168.70	167.10	168.60	168.10	169.20
Jan	170.30	168.70	170.10	169.40	170.70

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.03 to 1.47 higher, Lean Hogs .20 to 1.32 higher, except Apr .30 lower. Pork Bellies 1.45 to 10.97 lower, Feeder Cattle .57 to 1.38 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	83.72	83.75	82.92	82.87	84.82
Oct	88.70	88.30	87.67	87.95	89.50
Dec	88.97	88.62	88.05	88.25	89.70
Feb	90.30	90.42	89.85	90.15	91.40
Apr	88.70	88.72	88.35	88.42	89.57
Lean Hogs					
Aug	68.55	68.60	69.37	69.00	69.97
Oct	61.75	61.27	61.72	60.80	61.65
Dec	59.87	59.62	59.70	59.35	59.80
Feb	60.65	61.12	61.27	60.75	61.12
Apr	61.50	61.15	60.82	60.65	61.40
Prk Bel					
Aug	88.05	82.22	83.90	82.15	79.15
Feb	92.65	91.62	92.55	92.95	91.85
Mar	92.25	91.40	91.65	91.70	91.75
May	93.75	92.75	93.05	93.10	93.15
Jul	---	---	---	---	---
Fdr Cat					
Aug	114.32	114.42	113.17	113.82	115.12
Sep	114.77	114.90	113.17	114.00	115.25
Oct	114.77	114.87	113.40	114.07	115.45
Nov	113.70	113.72	112.40	112.65	114.25
Jan	109.00	108.95	107.70	108.00	109.17
Milk					
Jul	10.94	10.94	10.94	10.91	---
Aug	11.06	11.06	11.05	11.00	11.92
Sep	12.24	12.24	12.13	12.00	12.55

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans unchanged to .06 higher
 Wheat .01 lower
 Corn .08 to .13 higher
 Grain Sorghum .16 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy-bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.64	3.43	2.18	3.95
Tuesday	5.58	3.32	2.20	3.98
Wednesday	5.66	3.35	2.26	4.09
Thursday	5.60	3.35	2.25	4.05
Friday	5.62	3.31	2.25	4.05
St. Louis				
Monday	5.62-5.69	3.31	2.26-2.30	4.73
Tuesday	5.59-5.65	3.31	2.28-2.35	4.85
Wednesday	5.68-5.71	3.42	2.40	4.96
Thursday	5.62-5.65	3.30	2.31-2.32	4.85
Friday	5.66-5.67	3.31	2.36-2.37	4.85
Central				
Monday	5.13-5.38	3.00-3.48	2.06-2.20	3.23-3.83
Tuesday	5.29-5.32	3.22-3.43	2.08	3.26
Wednesday	5.36-5.40	3.31-3.52	2.14	3.37
Thursday	5.27-5.35	2.85-3.45	2.12-2.25	3.33-4.01
Friday	5.32-5.35	3.25-3.46	2.12	3.33
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.52-5.60	3.20-3.26	2.13-2.20	4.42-4.50
Tuesday	5.48-5.60	3.16-3.22	2.12-2.30	4.28-4.60
Wednesday	5.55-5.68	3.26-3.37	2.18-2.36	4.39-4.53
Thursday	5.54-5.61	3.18-3.28	2.17-2.30	4.35-4.50
Friday	5.57-5.65	3.19-3.26	2.20-2.32	4.30-4.50

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

Weekly Crop Report

Another heat wave moved into the State late in the week, further reducing soil moisture and inflicting moderate to severe stress on row crops and pastures. Rain is needed to fill corn kernels, set soybean pods, restart pasture growth, and fill ponds. Reporters have yet to see disease and insect pressure, saving the crops further stress. Topsoil moisture supplies are 35 percent very short, 43 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. All districts saw declines except the south-central, which remained stable. The west-central, central, and southwest districts all rate under 10 percent in the adequate to surplus categories. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. **Field Crops Report: Corn** silking is virtually complete. Fifty-nine percent of the crop is in dough stage, slightly behind last year but slightly ahead of the normal pace. Corn in the dent stage has reached 20 percent, about 2 days ahead of both last year and average. Reporters saw a substantial decline in corn condition, raising concerns of poor kernel fill and the loss of top-end yields. The crop is rated 4 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 8 percent excellent, a decline of 9 percentage points in good to excellent. The northwest, central, and east-central districts all experienced sharp deterioration of just under 20 points. Despite the drop in condition, this year's crop on a statewide basis is still rated 22 points better in good to excellent than last year's corn crop at this time. **Soybean** blooming is at 74 percent, 1 day behind last year but 5 days ahead of average. Pod setting is at 33 percent, 2 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of the 5-year average of 30 percent. Condition of the bean crop is rated 4 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, a drop of 4 percentage points in good to excellent. Extreme heat has caused concern about pods aborting. **Sorghum** heading has reached 74 percent, 2 days ahead of last year and over 1 week ahead of normal, while 10 percent is turning color, about even with last year and normal. Condition of the crop is rated 1 percent very poor, 5 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Thirty-four percent of the rice crop is headed, 4 days behind last year but even with average.