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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 26,024; Week ago 21,345; Year ago 24,775
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
354 lbs.	149.71	363 lbs.	130.45	354 lbs.	122.40
440 lbs.	139.15	449 lbs.	124.81	460 lbs.	107.85
547 lbs.	131.03	546 lbs.	118.51	547 lbs.	100.47
646 lbs.	124.33	639 lbs.	114.28	619 lbs.	91.80
743 lbs.	118.05	735 lbs.	108.86	739 lbs.	88.89
848 lbs.	115.84	840 lbs.	100.85	848 lbs.	93.37
949 lbs.	108.11			947 lbs.	87.17

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4750; Week ago 3649; Year ago 7319
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher with several 4 weight calves 3.00 to 6.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 5.00 lower, and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	138.00-155.00	300-400 lbs.	124.00-141.00
400-500 lbs.	132.00-146.00	400-500 lbs.	112.00-127.00
500-600 lbs.	121.00-128.50	500-600 lbs.	110.00-118.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-127.50	600-700 lbs.	106.50-118.00
700-800 lbs.	111.50-116.00	700-800 lbs.	109.00-111.00
800-900 lbs.	110.00-114.00		

Large 3 Holsteins

445-500 lbs.	105.00-108.00
500-575 lbs.	100.00-105.00
625-750 lbs.	87.00-92.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1380-2300 lbs 60.00-62.00, High dressing 64.50-65.00, Low dressing 56.00-58.00

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

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-53.50, high dressing 51.00-55.00. Lean (85-90%) 42.00-48.50, low dressing 34.00-42.50.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 7 yrs 1080-1450 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 750.00-860.00 per head, some fairly fancy blacks 5 to 7 yrs 3rd stage 1100-1335 lbs 900.00-1030.00 per head

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 7000; week ago 6641; year ago 6806
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2562; week ago 2169; year ago 1928
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 higher, Bulls 2.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	145.50-155.00	300-400 lbs.	124.50-133.00
400-500 lbs.	132.00-146.50	400-500 lbs.	121.50-132.00
500-600 lbs.	122.50-135.00	500-600 lbs.	111.00-123.50
600-700 lbs.	113.00-126.00	600-700 lbs.	108.00-118.50
700-800 lbs.	111.50-117.00	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	104.00-109.80	800-900 lbs.	Scarce

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3	
200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	121.00-129.00
400-500 lbs.	107.50-118.00
500-600 lbs.	91.00-108.50
600-700 lbs.	Scarce
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	86.50-94.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 46.50-53.50, high dressing 51.00-58.50. Lean (85-90%) 42.50-49.50, low dressing 33.00-44.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2435 lbs 58.00-64.00; high dressing 62.50-67.00, low dressing 51.50-59.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1045-1365 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage 650.00-950.00, several blacks and blk/whiteface 1000.00-1175.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss 900-1310 lbs. with 135 to 300 lb calves, some rebred 900.00-1210.00 per pair.

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

Receipts: 675, Week ago 2221, Year ago 760
 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs undertone higher, over 500 lbs steady. Slaughter cows and bull steady.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	155.00	300-400 lbs.	126.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	138.50-140.25	400-500 lbs.	116.75-131.00
500-600 lbs.	125.00	500-600 lbs.	112.00-116.50
600-700 lbs.	124.10-124.75	600-700 lbs.	107.10-111.60
700-800 lbs.	116.00-118.75	700-800 lbs.	106.00-107.50

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-50.00, high dressing 50.75-53.00, Lean (85-90%) 40.00-45.00, high dressing 46.00-47.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1, Scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2180 lbs. 58.00-60.00, high dressing 62.00-62.50.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 2307; Week ago 3089; Year ago 2627

Compared to last week feeder steers mixed from 5.00 lower to 5.00 higher, heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows mixed 2.00 lower to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs	138.00-157.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	116.00-136.50
600-700 lbs.	113.00-132.50
700-800 lbs.	105.00-122.00
800-900 lbs.	105.75-112.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	114.50-134.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-129.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-126.00
700-800 lbs.	101.25-116.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1030-1505 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage 700.00-985.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-52.25, High dressing 51.00-60.00, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-47.00, Low dressing 39.00-43.50.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, scarce.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1290-2470 lbs 58.00-64.00, high dressing 65.00-66.00, low dressing 53.25-58.50.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 3802, Week ago 2449, Year ago 4671

Compared to last week calves steady and yearlings steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	130.00-160.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-150.00
500-600 lbs.	123.00-143.00
600-700 lbs.	115.00-132.00
700-800 lbs.	110.00-123.00
800-900 lbs.	110.00-117.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	120.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	112.50-127.50
600-700 lbs.	105.00-123.00
700-800 lbs.	105.00-114.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 82.00-84.00.SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-53.00, high dressing 50.00-57.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00.SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 82.00-83.90.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2200 lbs, 52.50-62.50, high dressing 63.00-66.00.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3796; week ago 646; year ago 3042

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 103; week ago 95; year ago 35

Feeder steers under 700 lbs steady to firm, over 700 lbs 5.00-7.00 higher. Heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 1.00.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

400-500 lbs.	Scarce
500-600 lbs.	132.00-146.50
600-700 lbs.	124.00-140.00
700-800 lbs.	114.75-125.00
800-900 lbs.	113.20-123.50
900-1000 lbs.	107.80-110.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1&1-2

300-400 lbs.	138.50-143.00
400-500 lbs.	126.50-132.00
500-600 lbs.	124.00-136.75
600-700 lbs.	115.00-130.50
700-800 lbs.	106.25-116.75
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1200-1400 lbs. 84.00-85.80SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.00-55.75, low dressing 42.00-48.00.SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 1050-1330 lbs. 81.50-83.25.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2350 lbs. 60.50-68.50.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, ScarceREPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1101; Week ago 1035; Year ago 1200

Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

200-300 lbs.	142.00-161.00
300-400 lbs.	124.00-142.00
400-500 lbs.	113.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	104.00-120.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	116.00-137.00
400-500 lbs.	111.50-125.00
500-600 lbs.	104.00-115.75
600-700 lbs.	104.50-114.50
700-775 lbs.	99.00-104.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 970-1310 lbs, 2nd-3rd stage 620.00-730.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 43.50-50.000; high dressing 51.00-52.50. Lean 34.25-39.50.COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 1045-1320 lbs with 130-280 lbs calves 970.00-1060.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1355-2005 lbs, 56.00-58.50, high dressing 60.50.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 2502, Week ago 2204, Year ago 2449

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 500 lbs firm to 5.00 higher instances 8.00 higher, over 500 lbs firm to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	133.00-154.00
400-500 lbs.	123.00-146.50
500-600 lbs.	116.00-140.00
600-700 lbs.	115.00-137.25
700-800 lbs.	111.50-119.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	122.50-139.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-132.50
500-600 lbs.	112.75-130.50
600-700 lbs.	108.00-125.00
700-800 lbs.	103.50-110.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.00-54.50, high dressing 53.00-56.75, Lean (85-90%) 42.00-48.25.COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss 1000-1350 lbs with 100-300 lb calves 835.00-1390.00 per pair.SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1355-1985 lbs. 56.00-62.00, high dressing ind 65.25.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 200; Week ago 1600; Year ago 1000

Compared to last week, trade inactive as of 8:00 am Friday, no confirmed live sales and dressed sales on a grid basis poorly tested. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: 50-60% No SalesSTEERS AND HEIFERS:

Carcass sales: no sales reported

HEIFERS: 50-60% No SalesGRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-959 lbs 137.00-142.00.**INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS**

Weekly Receipts 10,047, Week ago 9920; Year ago 9085

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower. Sows Steady to 1.00 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 62.00-63.00 Weekly top Friday 63.00

SOWS:300-500 lbs 30.00-33.00
Over 500 lbs 34.00-37.00

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

Receipts: 10,999
Compared to last week, weaner pigs mostly steady 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 90% formulated
10,999 head 10 lbs 32.00-36.85, weighted average 10 lbs 33.88

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

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

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

Slaughter Lambs 5.00 to 6.00 lower Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Steady 1-3 22.00-30.00, Cull 1 15.00-
Feeder Lambs Steady 22.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 woolled 110-125 83.00- 1-2 50-70 lbs 95.00-105.00, 70-90
86.00, 125-140 lbs 86.00-90.00 lbs 85.00-95.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Most sectors of the hay market aren't much different than last week, North Missouri continues to get rains about anytime they need one, while most of the stat south of I-70 is dry to completely bunt up. Many farmers are holding out hope for lots of fall rain, otherwise it could be a very long winter, considering most hay is going to have to come from state to the North or East. Hay supplies in Kansas and Nebraska seem to be much lower than normal as well. 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.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 856, (Norwood 8/10/06)
Springer Heifers: Supreme 1725.00-1950.00, Approved 1400.00-1710.00, Medium 1225.00-1300.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1750.00-1910.00, Approved 1550.00-1725.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1210.00-1400.00, 600-700 lbs 1040.00-1235.00, 500-600 lbs 1050.00-1100.00 400-500 lbs 950.00-1100.00, 300-400 lbs 810.00--940.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 400.00-525.00, small 210.00-390.00, Holstein Bulls 165.00-225.00, Jersey Heifer 250.00.

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large steady, Medium steady, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.)
Large .35-.44, Medium .09-.15, Small .07-.11.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	621,000	1,947,000	46,000
Last week	629,000	1,867,000	45,000
Last Year	617,000	1,920,000	46,000
2004 yr. to date	20,981,000	63,607,000	1,605,000
2003 yr. to date	20,195,000	63,357,000	1,610,000

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	155.40	161.00	144.50	68.50
St. Louis	171.00	152.00	170.00	61.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .05 to .06 lower, Wheat .09 to .12 lower, Corn .08 to .10 lower, KC Wheat unchanged to .10 lower, Soybean meal Sep .30 higher, others .30 to 1.40 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	549 3/4	---	---	---	---
Sep	556 1/4	556 1/2	552 1/4	551 1/2	547
Nov	569 1/4	569 1/4	565	564 1/2	560 1/2
Jan	582 1/4	582	577 3/4	577 1/4	572 3/4
Mar	592 1/4	591 1/2	587	585 1/2	582 3/4
Wheat					
Sep	374	376 3/4	371 1/2	363 1/2	364 1/2
Dec	394 1/4	397 1/4	391 1/2	383	383 1/4
Mar	412	414 1/2	410	400 1/2	402
May	422	424 1/2	421	411	411
Jul	428	430 1/2	425	417 1/2	417 1/2
Corn					
Sep	222	222	221 1/2	219	219 3/4
Dec	238 1/4	238 1/2	238	235 1/2	235 3/4
Mar	253 1/4	253 1/4	252 1/2	249 3/4	250
May	262 1/2	263	262	259 1/4	259 1/4
Jul	271 3/4	272	271	268	268
KC Wheat					
Sep	444	449 3/4	452 1/4	446 3/4	454 1/4
Dec	461 3/4	463 1/2	467	461	466 3/4
Mar	469	472	473	469	472
May	466	471	469	463	468
Jul	451	453	450 3/4	443 1/2	443 1/4
SB Meal					
Aug	158.70	---	---	---	---
Sep	160.90	159.90	159.20	160.50	159.30
Oct	161.80	161.00	160.10	161.60	159.90
Dec	164.80	164.10	162.70	163.70	162.10
Jan	166.20	165.20	163.70	164.60	162.90

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .38 to 1.68 lower, Lean Hogs .77 to 3.68 higher. Pork Bellies 2.50 to 11.55 higher, Feeder Cattle nearby .67 to 2.03 lower, Nov and Jan .07 to .75 higher.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	88.32	87.75	87.92	87.10	87.25
Oct	91.80	91.70	91.80	92.05	90.87
Dec	90.30	90.42	90.95	90.90	90.15
Feb	90.32	89.82	90.05	90.37	90.22
Apr	88.85	88.67	88.90	89.05	88.97
Lean Hogs					
Aug	71.75	---	---	---	---
Oct	64.50	63.15	64.77	65.72	66.32
Dec	61.85	61.22	62.17	62.62	63.25
Feb	61.90	61.90	62.17	62.32	62.97
Apr	62.10	62.00	62.35	62.60	62.97
Prk Bel					
Aug	75.50	77.35	80.35	83.35	85.60
Feb	88.75	87.80	90.80	93.80	92.15
Mar	89.82	88.50	90.50	93.50	92.50
May	91.80	90.40	92.25	95.00	94.50
Fdr Cat					
Aug	116.05	115.62	115.67	115.57	115.32
Sep	116.27	116.07	115.92	116.27	115.97
Oct	116.87	116.62	116.82	117.15	116.60
Nov	116.05	115.90	116.45	116.70	116.65
Jan	111.50	111.40	112.20	112.45	112.35
Milk					
Aug	11.00	11.00	11.02	11.03	11.05
Sep	11.85	11.90	11.80	12.23	12.22
Oct	12.52	12.55	12.45	12.79	12.68

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .01 to .07 lower
 Wheat unchanged to .05 lower
 Corn .03 to .06 lower
 Grain Sorghum .11 to .12 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy-bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.33	3.09	2.02	3.63
Tuesday	5.33	3.15	2.02	3.64
Wednesday	5.29	3.17	2.04	3.63
Thursday	5.29	3.12	2.01	3.59
Friday	5.25	3.19	2.02	3.59
St. Louis				
Monday	5.38-5.44	3.19	2.22-2.23	4.14
Tuesday	5.48-5.51	3.25	2.27	4.16
Wednesday	5.45-5.48	3.20	2.29-2.31	4.21
Thursday	5.43-5.44	3.11	2.20-2.22	4.17
Friday	5.35-5.36	3.12	2.16-2.19	4.17
Central				
Monday	5.04-5.08	3.04-3.24	1.89-1.92	3.07
Tuesday	5.04-5.08	3.06-3.27	1.89-1.94	3.10
Wednesday	5.00-5.04	3.01-3.22	1.89-1.94	3.10
Thursday	5.00-5.04	2.93-3.09	1.86-1.93	3.08
Friday	4.94-5.00	2.60-3.10	1.87-1.95	3.10-3.30
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.27-5.40	3.09-3.14	2.07-2.18	3.83-4.03
Tuesday	5.27-5.40	3.12-3.19	2.10-2.22	3.83-4.05
Wednesday	5.20-5.36	3.04-3.13	2.12-2.19	3.82-4.07
Thursday	5.19-5.34	2.98-3.05	2.06-2.13	3.76-4.01
Friday	5.15-5.30	3.03-3.06	2.09-2.12	3.78-4.03

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Weekly Crop Report

After a very hot start to the week, moderating temperatures later in the week as well as rainfall in some parts of the State helped stabilize row crop and pasture conditions. Topsoil moisture supplies rate 39 percent very short, 34 percent short, 26 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, an increase of 9 points in adequate to surplus. The three northern districts improved substantially in topsoil moisture. However, the west-central, central, east-central, and southwest districts remain nearly 100 percent short to very short. **Field Crops Report** Ninety-three percent of the **corn** crop is in dough stage, 3 days ahead of last year and 10 days ahead of normal. Corn in dent stage is at 68 percent, 1 day ahead of last year and 6 days ahead of average. Corn mature is at 16 percent, 2 days behind last year but 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 8 percent. Silage harvest is well under way, while nearly all districts reported early maturing varieties will soon be ready for grain harvest. The crop is rated 5 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 6 percent excellent, nearly the same as last week. This year's 47 percent in good to excellent compares to 30 percent last year at this time. **Soybean** blooming is at 92 percent, even with last year but 5 days ahead of average. Pod setting is at 71 percent, 1 day behind last year but 6 days ahead of the 5-year average of 58 percent. Condition of the bean crop rates 7 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 5 percent excellent, an improvement of 2 points in good to excellent over last week. This compares to 23 percent in good to excellent last year. Reports indicate that rain over the past few days should help with pod set and fill, especially in northern areas. **Sorghum** heading has reached 92 percent, slightly ahead of last year and over 1 week ahead of normal. Forty-four percent is turning color, 3 days ahead of last year and 1 week ahead of normal. Three percent of the crop has reached maturity. Sorghum condition is rated 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 3 percent excellent, a decrease of 9 points in good to excellent. The third cutting of **alfalfa** is 81 percent harvested. The short crop is allowing harvest to progress over two weeks ahead of both last year and normal. **Pasture** condition is rated 37 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 24 percent fair, and 7 percent good.