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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 25,616; Week ago 30,887; Year ago 27,562
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
367 lbs	136.22	374 lbs	121.53	356 lbs	99.98
464 lbs	129.08	459 lbs	116.50	461 lbs	92.59
556 lbs	121.98	555 lbs	112.81	569 lbs	87.48
645 lbs	118.56	633 lbs	108.46	644 lbs	86.45
742 lbs	110.82	742 lbs	101.02	746 lbs	80.00
855 lbs	105.67	827 lbs	97.23	872 lbs	77.79
950 lbs	100.07	924 lbs	94.27	950 lbs	77.03

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 7450; Week ago 6196; Year ago 7589
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower, in-
 stance 2.00-4.00 lower on lesser quality, yearlings steady to 2.00
 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher, bulls fully steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
300-400 lbs.	134.50-140.00	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	122.00-132.50	400-500 lbs.	110.00-120.50
500-600 lbs.	113.00-127.50	500-600 lbs.	107.00-119.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-121.00	600-700 lbs.	97.00-112.50
700-800 lbs.	104.75-111.50	700-800 lbs.	99.50-101.25
800-900 lbs.	101.25-103.50	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce		

Large 3 Holsteins

400-515 lbs.	88.00-94.00
775-980 lbs.	76.50-79.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield
 Grade 1-2 1550-2300 lbs 59.00-
 68.00, high dressing 68.00-72.50,
 low dressing 55.00-60.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium
 and Large 1 3 to 5 yrs few ss,
 900-11150 lbs with 100 to 300 lb
 calves 900.00-1060.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85%
 lean) 46.00-55.00, high dressing
 52.00-61.00. Lean (85-90%)
 42.00-48.00, low dressing 34.00-
 41.00

REPLACEMENT COWS: Me-
 dium and Large 1-2 Mostly singles
 and small lots 2 to 6 yrs few ss,
 950-1260 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage
 720.00-840.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 6947; week ago 10,000; year ago 7715
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1791; week ago 1986; year ago 1669
 Compared to last week, steers steady to 3.00 lower, Holsteins steady,
 heifers steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 lower, bulls
 steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	129.50-139.00	300-400 lbs.	118.00-124.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-134.00	400-500 lbs.	112.00-120.00
500-600 lbs.	114.50-125.00	500-600 lbs.	104.00-117.00
600-700 lbs.	113.00-122.00	600-700 lbs.	97.50-113.50
700-800 lbs.	105.00-111.50	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	102.50-106.50	800-900 lbs.	Scarce

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

300-400 lbs.	92.50-105.00
400-500 lbs.	83.00-97.00
500-600 lbs.	87.00-89.25
600-700 lbs.	82.00-91.00
700-800 lbs.	80.00-82.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	75.00-77.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to
 ss, 900-1360 lbs, 2nd and 3rd
 stage 660.00-875.00, several
 more attractive in 3rd stage
 910.00-1050.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking
 and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-
 56.00, high dressing 53.50-64.00
 Lean (85-90%) 43.00-48.50, low
 dressing 33.00-44.50.
SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield
 Grade 1-2, 1165-2355 lbs 63.00-
 68.50; high dressing 66.50-75.00,
 low dressing 55.00-63.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium
 and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 975-
 1325 lbs. with baby to 350 lb
 calves, 925.00-1125.00, more
 attractive, rebred with 225-410 lb
 calves 1150.00-1325.00 per pair.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 3143, Week ago 550, Year ago 1184
 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers not well tested with 1st
 weeks light receipts, Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	125.50-139.00
500-600 lbs.	121.75-135.00
600-700 lbs.	115.25-125.00
700-800 lbs.	109.85-113.75
800-900 lbs.	102.75-109.25
900-1000 lbs.	97.75-102.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	118.00-120.00
400-500 lbs.	10.00-123.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-120.25
600-700 lbs.	105.00-115.25
700-800 lbs.	97.25-103.75
800-900 lbs.	96.00-97.50
900-1000 lbs.	94.10-95.10

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium
 and Large 1-2 Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking
 and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-
 54.00, high dressing 52.00-57.00,
 Lean (85-90%) 44.00-48.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium
 and Large 1-2 2yrs 1st calf heifers,
 black, 900-1100 lbs with 70-100 lb
 calves 1200.00-1400.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield
 Grade 1-2, 1400-2325 lbs. 60.00-
 68.00, low dressing 52.00-59.00.

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 2778; Week ago 3204; Year ago 1598

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher, Slaughter cows 1.00 lower to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1 and 1-2

300-400 lbs.	126.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	122.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-135.00
600-700 lbs.	107.00-125.00
700-800 lbs.	104.00-120.25
800-900 lbs.	98.75-106.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 and 1-2

300-400 lbs.	119.00-133.00
400-500 lbs.	104.25-126.50
500-600 lbs.	102.50-123.00
600-700 lbs.	98.75-116.00
700-800 lbs.	93.50-104.75

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 47.50-53.50, High dressing 52.00-59.50, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-48.00, low dressing 35.00-46.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1215-2190 lbs 59.25-67.50, high dressing 67.25-71.00.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 4869; Week ago 5279; Year ago 4126

Compared to last week, feeder steer and heifer calves steady to 3.00 lower instances 3.00 to 5.00 lower, yearlings steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	124.50-136.50
400-500 lbs.	120.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-132.00
600-700 lbs.	108.50-126.10
700-800 lbs.	105.25-117.10
800-900 lbs.	105.00-110.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	115.00-120.00
400-500 lbs.	107.00-121.50
500-600 lbs.	105.25-124.25
600-700 lbs.	102.25-117.25
700-750 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few Select and Choice 2-3 85.00-90.00**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 43.00-53.00, high dressing 48.00-58.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Few Select and Choice 2-3 85.00-87.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2300 lbs 56.00-66.00, hi dressing 66.25-70.25**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 1115; week ago 3875; year ago 194

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 79; week ago 83; year ago 81

Feeder steers and heifers steady, Slaughter cows steady, Slaughter steers and heifers 3.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	131.00-139.00
400-500 lbs.	123.50-136.50
500-600 lbs.	121.00-134.00
600-700 lbs.	120.50-124.50
700-800 lbs.	113.25-114.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	118.00-128.00
400-500 lbs.	116.0-124.00
500-600 lbs.	108.50-114.75
600-700 lbs.	105.00-119.25
700-800 lbs.	109.85
800-850 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 pkg 1100-1300 lbs 90.00-92.30**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 52.00-59.75, low dressing 46.00-52.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 1000-1300 lbs 88.00-91.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2150 lbs 57.00-67.00**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce**REPLACEMENT COWS:** Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1444; Week ago: 1738; Year ago 1289

Compared to last week heifers under 500 lbs 3.00 higher, all steers and other weights of heifers 2.00 to 6.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 2.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	118.00-131.50
400-500 lbs.	106.00-131.00
500-600 lbs.	99.00-114.00
600-700 lbs.	95.50-109.50
700-800 lbs.	93.50-102.25

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	100.50-118.50
400-500 lbs.	98.50-111.50
500-600 lbs.	91.00-110.50
600-700 lbs.	91.00-101.50
700-800 lbs.	93.50-102.25

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 855-1450 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 600.00-910.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 45.50-50.00; high dressing 52.75-54.00, Lean 35.50-40.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 2 to 7 yrs 870-1380 lbs with 70-170 lb calves 645.00-860.00 per pair.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2150 lbs, 54.00-60.25, high dressing 63.25.**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 3037, Week ago 1843, Year ago 3433

Compared to last week feeder steers under 600 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower, over 600 lbs and feeder heifers uneven 2.00 lower to 3.00 higher, Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	124.00-135.50
500-600 lbs.	119.00-128.00
600-700 lbs.	114.50-126.75
700-800 lbs.	106.35-115.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	110.00-125.00
400-500 lbs.	110.00-125.00
500-600 lbs.	107.00-119.00
600-700 lbs.	99.50-1115.25
700-800 lbs.	97.50-106.50

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.50-54.00, high dressing 55.00-59.25, Lean (85-90%) 41.50-48.00, low dressing 36.00-43.00**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2 Scarce**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-1900 lbs 57.00-62.25, high dressing 64.00-64.50.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 800; Week ago 200; Year ago 400

Compared to last week, trade rather slow. Live sales undertone lower and Dressed sales on a grid basis few 3.00 to 5.00 lower.

STEERS: 40-50% Choice 1200-1300 lbs 88.00-89.00**STEERS:** Carcass sales: No Sales**HEIFERS:** No Sales.**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):** Choice 3 550-950 lbs. 143.00-145.00**INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS**

Weekly Receipts 8195, Week ago 11,025; Year ago 10,129

Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 1.00 higher, Sows 2.00 to 3.00 higher

BARROWS AND GILTS: Base carcass meat price 65.00-67.00. Weeks top Fri 67.00**SOWS:** 300-500 lbs 34.00-36.00 Over 500 lbs 37.00-41.00

MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT

Receipts: 11,772
Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady and feeder pigs no 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 98% formulated
11,772 head 10 lbs 26.00-37.63, weighted average 10 lbs 34.96

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights
Delivered 0 % formulated
No sales reported

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	231.70	155.50	212.50	52.50
St. Louis	254.50	150.00	222.50	52.50

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

As the hay season progresses more hay is being offered to the market but movement remains slow. Heavy rains fell in southwestern Missouri early this week with areas reporting over 13 inches of rain in less than 2 days. The Southeast and bootheel area is dry and in much need of moisture. Wheat and fescue harvest is drawing very near but yields look to be poor in many cases. Farmers remain busy in hay fields falling about a week behind normal pace as of Monday, but favorable hay making weather this week should have allowed some catching up. 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) 140.00-175.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 140.00-175.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 80.00-140.00 Small, Big squares 100.00-180.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.00 per bale, 40.00-75.00 per large round bale, Good to Premium quality Prairie hay small squares 80.00-125.00, Fair to good quality Prairie hay 50.00-75.00, Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-140.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-80.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 25.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 25.00-75.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, Fair to good quality millet/sudan grass round bale 50.00-55.00, Fair to good quality Bermuda grass 65.00 per round bale Wheat hay 50.00-70.00, Wheat straw 1.75-3.50 per small bale. Corn stalks 20.00-25.00 per bale.

Missouri Regional Fescue Seed

Farmers and collection stations are standing by waiting for conditions to get right for harvest. Combines should start rolling in just a matter of days. Most stations will be open by Monday June 18th if they aren't already. Prices still expected to start at .55 cents in all areas, but yields are projected to be very light. Some question and concern if seed was far enough along in southwest Missouri to receive any damage from this weeks heavy rains and strong storms.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Dairy Cattle Receipts 2103, (Norwood 6/14/07)

Springer Heifers: Supreme 2100.00-2600.00, Crossbreds 1900.00-2050.00; Approved 1875.00-2075.00, Crossbreds 1775.00-1925.00; Medium 1550.00-1835.00, Crossbreds 1375.00-1575.00. Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 2000.00-2650.00, Jerseys 1825.00-1925.00, Crossbreds 1875.00-2200.00; Approved 1800.00-1975.00, Crossbreds 1575.00-1900.00. Bred 1-3 months Supreme 1700.00-2025.00, Approved 1525.00-1675.00, Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1325.00-1590.00, 600-700 lbs 1230.00-1475.00, 500-600 lbs 1100.00-1270.00, 400-500 lbs 975.00-1235.00, 300-400 lbs 885.00-1250.00. Replacement cows: Fresh and Open Milking Cows: Approved 1300.00-1575.00, crossbreds 1475.00-1725.00; Medium 800.00-1050.00, Jerseys 1125.00-1325.00. Springer Cows bred 7-9 months: Supreme 1800.00-2125.00, Approved 1460.00-17885.00, Few crossbreds 1675.00-1750.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 600.00-710.00, Small 540.00-550.00. Holstein Bulls 95.00-140.00, Small 45.00-50.00. Jersey bulls 30.00-60.00.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .24 to .27 higher, Wheat .48 to .79 higher, Corn .29 to .36 higher, KC Wheat .50 to .78 higher, Soybean meal 8.80 to 11.50 higher.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Jul	830	826 1/2	825 3/4	827.1/2	847 1/4
Aug	838	834 1/4	833 1/4	835	854 1/2
Sep	845	843	842	843 3/4	862 3/4
Nov	863 1/2	860 1/4	859 3/4	861	880 3/4
Jan	873 1/4	870 3/4	870	870 3/4	888 1/4
Wheat					
Jul	556	565	589 1/2	606 1/2	606 1/2
Sep	571 3/4	580 1/4	605	622 1/2	620 3/4
Dec	583 3/4	593 1/2	613	621 1/2	622
Mar	590	601	618	621 1/2	621
May	586	600	607	613	611
Corn					
Jul	396	393 1/2	404 1/2	409 1/2	419
Sep	405	402 1/2	412 1/2	417 1/2	426
Dec	406	405 1/2	415	417 1/2	424 1/4
Mar	415 1/2	415	425 1/4	426 1/2	432 1/2
May	422 3/4	422 1/4	432 3/4	433 1/2	439
KC Wheat					
Jul	548 1/2	559	588 1/2	600	596 1/4
Sep	562 1/4	573	601	612 1/2	609
Dec	578	586 1/4	610 3/4	614 1/4	611 1/2
Mar	583 1/2	595	610	620	618
May	566	580	595	600	600
SB Meal					
Jul	230.20	229.20	230.00	232.80	235.40
Aug	230.70	230.50	231.60	231.90	236.70
Sep	232.30	232.00	233.80	233.90	238.50
Oct	233.20	233.00	235.00	235.10	240.50
Dec	236.20	236.20	238.00	238.30	243.20

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .83 to 1.45 higher, Lean Hogs .72 to 2.70 higher, Pork Bellies .55 to 3.10 higher except Mar .80 lower, Feeder Cattle .82 to 1.25 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.
Cattle					
Jun	90.65	90.45	89.65	90.60	90.55
Aug	90.00	90.30	89.55	90.55	90.95
Oct	93.50	93.75	93.40	94.35	94.67
Dec	94.52	94.95	94.57	95.37	95.80
Feb	95.85	96.35	96.02	96.77	97.05
Lean Hogs					
Jun	72.67	73.02	72.77	72.70	—
Jul	74.40	75.67	75.27	76.40	76.45
Aug	73.62	75.12	74.67	75.40	75.42
Oct	67.35	68.35	68.27	68.92	68.90
Dec	65.45	65.85	65.97	66.75	66.37
Prk Bel					
Jul	96.05	97.25	96.97	99.20	98.45
Aug	96.15	97.30	97.02	98.90	98.55
Feb	99.27	100.15	99.75	100.50	99.55
Mar	101.10	100.40	100.30	100.30	100.00
May	—	—	—	—	101.00
Fdr Cat					
Aug	107.55	108.12	106.60	107.57	106.95
Sep	107.55	108.25	106.87	107.75	107.35
Oct	107.70	108.25	106.92	107.87	017.35
Nov	107.50	108.20	106.90	107.85	107.42
Jan	105.70	106.40	105.20	105.75	105.10
Milk					
Jun	20.10	20.10	20.12	20.10	20.06
Jul	21.20	21.32	21.55	21.58	21.58
Aug	20.27	20.54	20.83	20.80	20.75

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .26 to .33 higher
Wheat .67 to 1.10 higher
Corn .35 to .42 higher
Grain Sorghum .66 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soy-bean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	7.88	4.99	3.86	6.36
Tuesday	7.85	5.09	3.84	6.32
Wednesday	7.84	5.39	3.95	6.52
Thursday	7.86	5.42	4.00	6.61
Friday	8.05	5.46	4.13-4.14	6.77
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	7.92-7.95	4.96	3.99-4.00	6.53
Tuesday	7.88-7.94	5.05	3.92-3.95	6.50
Wednesday	7.89-7.95	5.20	4.08-4.10	6.69
Thursday	7.98-7.99	5.42	4.17-4.18	6.78
Friday	8.16-8.18	5.42	4.24-4.27	6.94
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	7.60-7.67	4.66-4.79	3.89-3.91	6.08
Tuesday	7.57-7.64	4.75-4.88	3.89	6.08
Wednesday	7.56-7.63	5.00-5.08	4.00	6.25
Thursday	7.58-7.65	5.17-5.27	4.05	6.33
Friday	7.77-7.82	5.22-5.27	4.14	6.50
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	7.85-7.88	4.87-4.97	3.87-3.93	6.25-6.75
Tuesday	7.81-7.84	4.98-5.06	3.81-3.83	6.21-6.73
Wednesday	7.81-7.84	5.16-5.25	3.96-4.00	6.44-6.94
Thursday	7.89-7.91	5.34-5.52	4.06-4.09	6.50-7.03
Friday	8.10-8.11	5.35-5.46	4.14-4.16	6.66-7.21

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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Weekly Crop Report

Farmers worked around light rain showers to plant soybeans and cut hay during the week, while initial fescue seed and wheat harvest took place in southern areas. In general, corn and soybean condition is very good, although topsoil dryness is causing a few problems in the eastern third of the state. Uneven emergence was reported in the east-central district, while double-crop soybeans are struggling to emerge in dry Bootheel soils. The Bootheel is also seeing some increased insect pressure, but no major damage yet. Topsoil moisture rates 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. There were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Corn emergence is at 97 percent, even with the 5-year average. Isolated infestations of white grubs in the north-central district caused some replanting. Corn condition rates 3 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 13 percent excellent. Soybean planting stands at 81 percent complete, 8 days behind last year but nearly even with normal. Emergence is at 63 percent, 1 week behind last year and slightly behind the 5-year average of 66 percent. The southwest district showed virtually no planting or emergence during the week. Rain showers on already wet soils kept it at 8 percent planted, well behind all other districts. Soybean condition is 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. All districts are above 50 percent in good to excellent except the Bootheel, where the emergence problems with dry soils pulled down the rating. Sorghum planting is 79 percent complete, 2 weeks behind last year and 5 days behind average. Some early sorghum is heading in the east-central and southwest districts. Ninety-three percent of the winter wheat is turning color, 3 days ahead of normal. Harvest is 4 percent complete, with most of the activity in the south-central and southeast districts. A few reports tell of some farmers making last minute decisions to destroy poor fields to plant another crop. Wheat condition is rated 24 percent very poor, 30 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 11 percent good, and 1 percent excellent, similar to last week. The first cutting of alfalfa is 78 percent harvested. Producers in the northern third of the state made substantial progress, although the state is still 11 days behind last year and 3 days behind average.