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### MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 21,278; Week ago 26,489; Year ago 20,001 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. ST	EERS:	Fdr. HE	EIFERS:	Hols. S	TEERS
361 lbs.	135.50	367 lbs.	124.34	368 lbs.	83.84
457 lbs.	130.07	457 lbs.	117.92	465 lbs.	83.30
554 lbs.	125.39	557 lbs.	114.21	522 lbs.	85.61
635 lbs.	121.66	657 lbs.	111.97	641 lbs.	91.76
729 lbs.	118.45	748 lbs.	109.67	749 lbs.	83.78
858 lbs.	110.06			842 lbs.	79.49
967 lbs.	105.25				

#### SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 3250; Week ago 4869; Year ago 4470 Compared to last week, steers and heifers fully steady, instances 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 lower

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some mixed 7 yrs to short solid

stage 585.00-720.00 per head.

mouth 1085-1200 lbs 2nd and 3rd

CTEED C.

fancy lot 15 pair 3-4 yrs 1150 lbs

rebred 1st stage with 450 lb

calves 1540.00 per pair

STE	ERS:	<u>HEIFERS</u> :		
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1		
		1		
350-400 lbs.	132.00-138.00	300-400 lbs.	117.00-128.00	
400-500 lbs.	127.00-135.00	400-500 lbs.	113.00-120.00	
500-600 lbs.	118.00-131.00	500-600 lbs.	107.50-117.00	
600-700 lbs.	116.00-123.50	600-700 lbs.	105.50-110.00	
700-800 lbs.	110.00-116.25	700-800 lbs.	104.00-106.50	
Load 878 lbs.	109.75			
Large 3 I	Holsteins	SLAUGHTER C	OWS:	
		Breaking and Bor	ning (70-85%	
Lot 423 lbs.	95.00	lean) 47.50-56.00	), high dressing	
518 lbs.	86.00	57.50-60.50. Lea	n (85-90%)	
750-800 lbs.	80.50-85.00	43.50-48.50, low		
		43.50	C	
ar irrarreen n		DEDI LOCATOR		
SLAUGHTER B		REPLACEMENT COWS: Me-		
Grade 1-2 1500-2		dium and Large 1		
69.50, high dress		1050-1435 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage		
low dressing 55.0	00-62.00	820.00-925.00 pe		
		black-blackbaldie		
COW & CALF P			2nd and 3rd stage 875.00-1025.00,	
and Large 1-2 2 t	•	couple lots young		
lbs with 250 to 45		•	3-4 yrs 1200-1370 lbs 2nd and 3rd	
rebred 1310.00-1	450.00 per pair,	stage 1060.00-12	00.00 per pair,	

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#### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 65595; week ago 6254; year ago 5311 Cow and Bull Receipts 1150; week ago 1175; year ago 1800 Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Holsteins steady to 2.00 higher except 600 weights 2.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:

Medium and Large 1		Medium a	and Large 1
	121.00-134.00 117.00-124.00 115.00-117.75 120.50-122.00 113.00 104.25 TEINS: Frame 3 86.00-90.00 86.50-95.00 81.00-89.00 78.00-83.00	60.00, high dress Lean (85-90%) 4 dressing 35.00-4 <u>SLAUGHTER E</u> Grade 1-2, 1225-	85% lean) 53.00- sing 57.00-67.00 45.00-52.00, low 5.00. 8 <u>ULLS:</u> Yield -2505 lbs 64.00- sing 59.50-76.00,
REPLACEMEN' Medium and Lar short and solid m 3rd stage 710.00 head.	ge 1-2, 2 yrs to nouth 2nd and	COW & CALF P and Large 1-2, 3 mouth 1000-1450 lb calves 860.00-	yrs to broken ) lbs w/ 200-350

#### NORTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Maryville, St Joe)

Receipts: 3077, Week ago 765, Year ago 2285

Compared to last week undertone higher on yearlings; calves lightly tested. Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

FEEDER S	TEERS:	<u>FEEDER</u>	HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
500-600 lbs.	123.00-128.00	500-600 lbs.	111.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	120.00-125.75	600-700 lbs.	109.25-118.50
700-800 lbs.	110.50-123.35	700-800 lbs.	109.25-115.00
800-900 lbs.	110.25-116.60		
900-1000 lbs.	106.00-106.75		
1000-1100 lbs.	103.50		

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Large 1-2 Scarce

and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-55.00, high dressing 53.00-56.00, Lean (85-90%) 31.50-39.25

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 few 7 yrs-ss mouth 1250-1375 lbs w/ 200-250 lb calves 64.00, low dressing 53.25-58.00. 850.00-860.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2485 lbs. 60.00-

#### WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville, Passaic)

Receipts 2294; Week ago 2753; Year ago 2676

Compared to light receipts last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower to 1.00 higher.

<u>FEEDER</u>	STEERS:	<u>FEEDER</u>	HEIFERS:
Medium and I	Large 1 and 1-2	Medium and	Large 1 and 1-2
300-400 lbs.	127.50-138.00		117.00-130.00
400-500 lbs.	120.50-137.00		111.50-125.00
500-600 lbs.	112.00-132.50		106.50-119.50
600-700 lbs.	109.00-127.00		104.50-117.00
700-800 lbs.	108.00-119.00	700-800 lbs.	102.50-112.75
800-900 lbs.	11075-111.60		
REPLACEMEN' Medium and Lar 1050-1600 lbs, 21 760.00-890.00 pe	ge 1-2 3 yrs to ss, nd-3rd stage,	and Boning (75-	
COW & CALF P and Large 1-2 4 1200 lbs, with 31 calves, 985.00-13	-5 yrs, 1150- 0 to 485 lbs	SLAUGHTER F Grade 1-2, 1050 69.75, high dress low dressing 47.	-2110 lbs 63.00- sing 70.50-72.00

# EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville) Receipts: 3007; Week ago 4933; Year ago 2347

EEEDED STEEDS

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

FEEDER HEIFERS:

FEEDER S			TILII LIKO.
Medium and L	arge 1& 1-2	Medium and	Large 1 & 1-2
350-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 845-850 lbs.	124.00-141.50 120.00-136.00 116.50-129.50 1150-131.75 109.25-124.25 114.90-116.00	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-650 lbs	117.00-124.00 110.00-120.00 110.00-124.00 107.50-117.00 109.25-112.25
SLAUGHTER STE ers: High Select an 85.00-90.00		Boning, and Lea	h dressing 51.00-
		SLAUGHTER E Grade 1-2, 1400- 68.75, high dress	-2200 lbs 62.75-
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#### NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria, Macon)
Feeder Cattle Receipts 244; week ago 3552; year ago 520
Slaughter Cattle Receipts 64; week ago 96; year ago 56
Feeder steers and heifers not tested on a near absent supply. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00-1.50 lower.

lower.			
	ER STEERS: and Large 1-2	<u>FEEDER H</u> Medium and	
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-900 lbs.	Scarce Scarce Scarce 109.25-112.25	300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. 800-850 lbs.	Scarce Scarce 110.00-113.00 108.50-110.00 Scarce Scarce
	<u>STEERS</u> : Choice lbs. 86.00-88.00.	SLAUGHTER CO and Boning (75-85 60.25, low dressing	% lean) 52.25-
	HEIFERS: Choice lbs 86.85-87.50	SLAUGHTER BU Grade 1-2, 1400-22 69.00	
COW & CALF	F PAIRS: Medium	REPLACEMENT	COWS: Me-

dium and Large 1-2 Scarce

and Large 1-2 Scarce

#### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1628; Week ago: 1475; Year ago 1082

Compared to last week steers and heifers sold uneven, 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady.

Medium and	Large 1-2	Medium	and Large 1-2
300-400 lbs. 400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. Pkg. 1074 lbs.	120.00-137.50 118.00-133.00 107.00-129.00 105.00-113.25 92.50	400-500 lbs. 500-600 lbs.	113.00-127.00 108.00-125.00 100.00-117.00 97.00-109.25 92.00-103.25

REPLACEMENT COWS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 910-1345 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 640.00-770.00 per head.

FEEDER STEERS:

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and boning (75-85% lean) 46.75-52.75; high dressing 55.50-57.00, Lean 37.00-42.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2 3 to 7 yrs 900-1375 lbs with 80-230 lb calves 650.00-1130.00 per pair.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2350 lbs, 56.75-62.00, high dressing 65.00-66.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1

#### SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts: 2553, Week ago 2144, Year ago 1989

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady.

300-400 lbs.	129.00-142.50:	350-400 lbs.	117.00-130.00
400-500 lbs.	123.50-138.00	400-500 lbs.	114.25-127.50
500-600 lbs.	122.00-134.50	500-600 lbs	111.00-122.00
600-700 lbs.	121.00-131.00	600-700 lbs.	108.00-118.75
700-800 lbs.	116.00-124.50	700-800 lbs.	106.00-109.00
REPLACEMENT CO Medium and Large 1-2 1475 lbs, 2nd and 3rd a 950.00 per head.	2, 5-6 yrs 1250-	SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 48.00-53.75, high dressing 54.00-58.00, Lean (85-90%) 43.00-49.00, low dressing 37.00-43.00	
COW & CALF PAIRS Large 1-2 Scarce	S: Medium and	SLAUGHTER BU Grade 1-2, 1400-2 69.50.	

#### MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 600; Year ago 1000 Compared to last week trade very slow as of 8:00 am Friday. No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on a grid basis not well tested.

STEERS: 50% Choice 89.00-	STEERS AND HEIFERS:
90.00 late last Friday	No Sales
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HEIFERS: 50% Choice 89.00-90.00 late last Friday GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid): Choice 3 550-950 lbs. few 143.00

#### INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9760, Week ago 7083; Year ago 8768 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 2.50 to 3.50 higher, Sows steady to 1.00 lower

ı	BARROWS AND GILTS:	<u>SOWS:</u>
	Base carcass meat price 65.00-	300-500 lbs 32.00-35.00
	66.50. Weeks top Fri 66.50	Over 500 lbs 36.00-39.00

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

Receipts: 11,741 (07-27-07)

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower 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 95% formulated 11,741 head 10 lbs 24.00-41.50, weighted average 10 lbs 33.82

Feeder pigs 40-50 base weights Delivered 0 % formulated

No sales reported

## WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES (DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)

Area		Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	204.40	163.50	235.00	51.00
St. Louis	226.50	155.00	247.50	59.00

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Hay activity is starting to increase along with the decrease of moisture in much of north Missouri. Some farmers are beginning to feed some hay due to the lack of pasture. Areas that were flooded are finding much damage to crops and even pastures now that most water is back with in the banks at least. Phones are also staying fairly busy as both sellers and buyers are feeling out the market conditions. The hay supply is moderate to light, demand is light and prices are steady. (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 150.00-180.00 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 90.00-160.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 3.00-6.50 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 80.00-130.00 Good quality Brome 70.00-120.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 35.00-50.00. Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale, Good quality Mixed Grass hay 30.00-60.00 per round bale. Fair to good quality bluestem 40.00 per round bale, 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.

Springfield Dairy Sale 07/24/07

Receipts: 650 Last Month: 1232 Year Ago: 820 Springer heifers: Bred 7-9 months: Supreme 2025.00-2410.00; Cross breds 2000.00-2225.00; Approved 1800.00-2050.00; Crossbreds 1725.00-1925.00, Medium 1500.00-1775.00, Bred 3-6 months: Supreme 2000.00-2425.00; Crossbreds 1950.00-2200.00, Ind Jersey 2000.00; Approved 1775.00-2040.00, Crossbreds 1675.00-1850.00 Medium 1590.00-1750.00, Open Heifers Approved 300-400 lbs 900.00-1000.00; 400-500 lbs 800.00-1110.00; 500-600 lbs 1090.00 1350.00; Springer Cows 7-9 months Supreme 1825.00-2100.00; Approved 1475.00-1800.00. Baby Calves: Holstein heifers 420.00-60.00 crossbred heifers 200.00-330.00, Holstein bulls 95.00-200.00.

Buffalo Livestock Market Sheep and Goat 07/24/07
Receipts: 1062, Last Month 1670, Last Year 1169
Sheep: Slaughter Lambs: Choice 1-2 wooled/shorn new crop 50-60 lbs 80.00-97.00; 60-80 lbs 84.00-98.00; 80-100 lbs 80.00-87.00; hair lambs 50-60 lbs 80.00-90.00, 60-70 lbs 80.00-96.00, 70-80 lbs 72.50-99.00, 80-100 lbs 72.00-79.00. Feeder/Stocker Lambs: hair lambs- 30-40 lbs 75.00-81.00, 40-50 lbs 62.00-80.00, few 85.00. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-2 120-215 lbs 20.00-28.00, hair ewes60-158 lbs 24.00-40.00, . Slaughter Bucks: hair bucks 125-185 lbs 22.00-31.00. Replacement Ewes: hair ewes 111-130 lbs 40.00-58.00 few young 85 lbs 95.00. Goats: Slaughter Classes- Kids: Selection 1-2 50-60 lbs 99.00-106.00; 60-70 lbs 95.00-100.00; 70-80 lbs 80.00-87.00, Selection 3 50-60 lbs 61.00-91.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1-3 73-130 lbs 35.00-40.00. Billies: 100-135 lbs 81.00-92.00 per cwt. Replacement Classes- Does/Nannies: Selection 1-2 52.50-95.00, Selection 3 49.00-57;00 per head, young nannies 35-50 lbs 96.00-122.00 per cwt. Stocker/Feeder Kids: Selection 2 25-40 lbs 92.00-104.00, 40-50 lbs 90.00-101.00, Selection 3 40-50 lbs 75.00-80.00.

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .35 to .36 lower, Wheat .19 to .37 higher, Corn .02 to .03 higher, KC Wheat .19 to .40 higher, Soybean meal 11.60 to 12.00 lower.

#### Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	
Soybeans Aug Sep Nov Jan Mar	816 1/4 824 841 856 3/4 868 3/4	820 1/4 828 3/4 845 1/2 862 873	815 822 3/4 839 1/4 855 867 3/4	821 1/2 829 3/4 846 1/2 861 1/2 875 1/2	815 1/2 823 3/4 840 1/2 856 1/4 867	
Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	620 1/4 637 1/2 640 1/2 624 568 1/2	6442 659 658 638 581 1/2	634 652 1/2 648 1/2 630 577	651 669 663 643 583 1/2	653 1/4 669 662 3/4 645 582 3/4	
Corn Sep Dec Mar May Jul	310 325 1/2 340 3/4 351 1/2 361 1/4	311 1/2 326 3/4 342 353 362 1/4	311 1/2 327 1/4 342 1/2 353 3/4 363	317 1/2 333 348 1/2 359 367 3/4	321 336 1/2 351 3/4 362 1/4 370 3/4	
KC Wheat Sep Dec Mar May Jul	609 3/4 625 1/4 632 1/2 615 560 1/4	630 645 1/2 653 1/2 615 572 1/2	626 3/4 642 650 610 571	641 1/2 653 1/2 663 620 579	644 658 3/4 665 626 579	
SB Meal Aug Sep Oct Dec Jan	214.40 217.00 219.90 223.80 225.50	215.40 218.70 220.70 224.70 227.50	215.00 218.00 220.10 224.00 226.60	217.70 220.30 222.60 226.40 228.70	213.60 216.40 219.00 222.80 225.20	

#### WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .97 to 2.80 higher, Lean Hogs Aug 1.10 lower, others .20 to .58 higher, Pork Bellies Aug 3.40 higher others .30 to 1.80 lower, Feeder Cattle .10 to 1.62 higher.

Daily Futures Closes							
	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.		
Cattle Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	91.97 97.17 99.17 99.35 99.32	92.62 97.47 99.35 99.37 99.57	92.07 96.85 99.07 99.20 99.27	92.02 97.20 99.02 99.42 99.35	93.62 98.65 99.82 99.87 99.92		
Lean Hogs Aug Oct Dec Feb Apr	74.55 92.17 70.00 71.97 72.25	74.15 71.35 69.05 70.92 71.55	74.10 71.97 69.30 71.17 71.50	73.15 81.05 68.65 70.75 70.25	72.77 72.55 69.85 71.55 71.87		
Prk Bel Jul Aug Feb Mar May	94.40 89.70 91.40 92.30 93.30	92.00 90.15 91.50 92.30 93.30	91.00 90.15 90.75 92.05 93.05	88.80 89.30 89.40 92.05 93.05	90.65 90.00 92.05 93.05		
Fdr Cat Aug Sep Oct Nov Jan	116.70 117.82 117.85 117.27 115.20	116.50 117.57 117.82 117.20 115.00	115.85 116.85 117.02 116.50 114.30	116.35 117.05 117.27 116.80 114.30	117.12 117.77 118.10 117.45 114.40		
Milk Jul Aug Sep	21.29 19.10 17.90	21.29 18.90 17.65	21.30 19.40 18.25	21.29 19.19 18.05	21.43 19.30 18.15		

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#### MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .09 to .31 lower Wheat .40 to .44 higher Corn .03 to .14 higher Grain Sorghum .05 to .36 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	7.54 7.58 7.53 7.67 7.61	5.65 5.85 5.82 5.97 5.99	3.10 3.12 3.12 3.13-3.14 3.16-3.17	5.11 5.13 5.13 5.23 5.30
St. Louis Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.41-7.50 7.48-7.57 7.49-7.62 7.61-7.69 7.47-7.64	5.52 5.82 5.82 5.93 5.95	3.00-3.02 3.05-3.06 3.05-3.10 3.12-3.18 3.13-3.21	5.37 5.48 5.48 5.76 5.87
Central Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.25-7.31 7.29-7.35 7.24-7.30 7.31-7.37 7.25-7.31	5.35-5.40 5.62 5.54 5.71 5.73	2.95-2.97 2.97-2.99 2.97-3.02 3.08 3.11	4.37 4.41 4.41 n/a 4.66
S.E. MO Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	7.31-7.44 7.47-7.48 7.48-7.54 7.54-7.61 7.48-7.67	5.55-5.66 5.78-5.91 5.47-5.83 5.88-6.00 5.91-6.02	2.59-2.98 2.62-3.00 2.64-2.99 2.70-3.06 2.74-3.09	4.62-5.26 4.64-5.57 4.64-5.61 4.78-5.92 4.87-6.26

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

#### **Weekly Crop Report**

Light, widely scattered rain showers failed to improve soil moisture levels in drier areas of the state, particularly the northern third. However, crop conditions remain mostly favorable statewide. The corn crop showed only a modest decline in condition, as most of the crop is past the critical pollination stage. Soybean condition held steady. The greater concerns in northern areas are the short hay crop and poor pasture conditions. In fact, nearly every district experienced at least some deterioration in pasture condition along with declining soil moisture supplies. Topsoil moisture fell 11 points from last week in the adequate and surplus categories to 10 percent very short, 39 percent short, 50 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. The west-central, central, and southwest districts are mostly adequate to surplus, but all other districts are 42 percent or less in those categories. There were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork. The corn crop is 87 percent silked, while 34 percent is in dough stage, both nearly even with normal. Light to moderate stress has been reported in drier northern areas. The north-central district fell 16 points from last week in good to excellent, with the northwest, northeast, and west-central showing less severe declines. The declines more than offset improvements in other districts, resulting in a moderate drop of 4 points at the state level, rated 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Soybean blooming is at 51 percent, the same as the 5-year average. Seventeen percent is setting pods, the same as last year but slightly ahead of normal. Soybean condition is rated 3 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. Sorghum heading is at 40 percent, about 2 days behind last year but marginally ahead of normal. Three percent is turning color. Pasture condition is rated 5 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 39 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 8 percent excellent, a decline of 3 points in good to excellent. An increasing number of reports across the north are indicating that short hay production and poor pastures are forcing cattle producers into supplemental feeding. If conditions do not improve, some might have to consider liquidating part of their herds. Additionally, the flooding in Bates and Vernon counties destroyed considerable grass acreage.