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Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

Location	Type	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St. Joseph	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	31.50-32.00 24.00-30.00	34.50-35.00 24.00-30.00	Scarce Scarce	Holiday	Closed
St. Paul	B & G Bulk & Top Sows - Range	32.50-33.00 24.00-31.00	33.00-34.00 24.00-31.00	33.00-34.00 24.00-31.00	Holiday	Closed

MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 1177, Week ago 5,282, Year ago 17,392
WEIGHTED AVERAGES
Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS
359 lbs	102.04	444 lbs	90.06	Scarce
445 lbs	99.20	564 lbs	82.98	
537 lbs	93.20			
633 lbs	85.20			
732 lbs	82.75			

WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Kingsville, Sedalia)

Cattle:
Receipts 428, Week ago 1464, Year ago 2197
Feeder Steers and Heifers not well tested, Slaughter Cows near 6.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:		FEEDER HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1 & 1-2		Medium and Large 1 & 1-2	
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	101.00-114.00	300-400	94.50-96.00
400-500	95.00-104.00	400-500	86.00-98.00
500-600	89.50-97.25	500-600	81.00-84.00
600-700	83.00-87.00	600-700	77.00-80.50
700-750	82.75	700-750	scarce
800-850	scarce	800-850	scarce

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY (Mountain Grove and West Plains)

Markets week of Dec 19, 2003
Cattle

Receipts 4000, Week ago 6211, Year ago 7081

Compared to last week Steers and Heifer under 450 lbs weak to 2.00 lower over 450 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, Holsteins 1.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 1.00-3.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	115.50-127.50	300-400	98.00-112.00
400-450	197.50-120.00	400-500	95.00-106.00
450-500	100.00-112.00	500-600	86.00-96.50
500-600	98.00-112.00	600-700	85.00-95.00
600-700	88.50-96.50	700-750	87.00-92.50
750-840	89.00-92.50		

HOLSTEINS: Large 3,

400-500	82.00-89.50
500-600	80.00-84.50
600-700	76.00-81.25
775-870	77.10-78.60

COW AND CALF PAIRS:
Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 45.50-55.00 high dressing 51.00-60.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2200 53.00-60.00, high dressing 60.50-68.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs. to ss 1000-1565 lbs 1st-3rd stage 630.00-1050.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Yield Grade 1-2; 1335-2150lbs 49.00-58.75, high dressing scarce.

COW AND CALF PAIRS:
Medium and Large 1-2, few 4-5 yrs, 850-1100 lbs, baby to 285 lb calves, 775.00-860.00 per pair.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

Markets week of Dec 19, 2003, except Dairy
(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle	Cows and Bulls	Dairy Cattle
Receipts 9,089	1750	Springfield
week ago 17,441	1290	12-23-2003
Year ago 8,281	1500	699

Compared to last week: Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Cows and Bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
weight	price	weight	price
300-400	scarce	300-400	111.00-123.00
400-500	105.50-121.00	400-500	95.00-119.00
500-600	96.00-115.50	500-600	91.00-105.00
600-700	92.00-104.50	600-700	88.00-99.00
700-800	91.75-99.00	700-800	89.00-93.90
800-900	93.25-98.25	800-900	86.00-92.80

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HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3
Weight price
300-400 scarce
400-500 scarce
500-600 scarce
600-700 75.00-79.00
700-800 scarce
800-900 80.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 2nd-3rd stage, 950-1350 lbs, 675.00-750.00 per head.

COW\CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 950-1200 lbs, 3 yrs to ss, with baby to 300 lb calves 740.00-900.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Breakers & Boners (70-85% lean) 53.00-60.00, Lean (85-90% lean) 43.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Yield grade 1-2, 1300-2455 lbs 63.00-69.00, high dressing 72.00-73.50.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1600.00-1680.00, Approved 1225.00-1525.00, Crossbred 890.00-1125.00, Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 910.00-980.00, 600-700 lbs 875.00-920.00, 500-600 lbs 710.00-885.00, 400-500 lbs 610.00-710.00. Baby Calves: Heifers 220.00-340.00, Bulls 130.00-190.00.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Cattle

Receipts 720 Week ago 3185 Year ago 788.

Feeder Steers and Heifers very light receipts. Slaughter Cows poorly tested undertone lower.

FEEDER STEERS:
Medium and Large 1& 1-2
weight price
350-400 scarce
400-500 scarce
500-600 scarce
600-700 scarce
700-800 scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1 & 1-2
weight price
300-400 scarce
400-500 scarce
550-650 replacements 93.50-95.50
600-700 scarce
700-800 scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Yield Grade 1-2, 1650-2050 lbs 49.50-52.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Lean, Breaking and Boning, (70-90 percent lean) 36.00-46.00, high dressing 46.00-48.00, low dressing 29.00-35.00

SLAUGHTER STEERS:
Choice 2-3, No sales

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, No sales

NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle:

Receipts 29
Week ago 761
Year ago 234

Slaughter Cattle:

Receipts No sale
Week ago 87
Year ago No sale

Feeder Steers and Heifers not established.

FEEDER STEERS:
Medium and Large 1-2
weight price
300-400 Scarce
400-500 scarce
500-600 Scarce
600-700 Scarce
700-800 Scarce
800-900 Scarce
900-950 Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1-2
weight price
300-400 Scarce
400-500 Scarce
500-600 Scarce
600-700 Scarce
700-800 Scarce
800-900 Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Bonning (80-85% lean) 38.00-44.25, low dressing 32.75-36.75

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Yield Grade 1-2 scarce.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:
Choice 2-3, no sales

SLAUGHTER STEERS:
Choice 2-3, no sales

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

Markets week of Dec 19, 2003

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 3149, week ago 4316, year ago 2822

Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 2.00 higher, Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:
Medium and Large 1& 1-2
weight price
320-400 120.00-131.00
400-500 109.00-121.00
500-600 100.00-113.50
600-700 95.00-100.00
700-800 93.00-98.35

FEEDER HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1& 1-2
weight price
330-400 103.00-108.50
400-500 96.00-108.00
500-600 93.00-99.00
600-700 89.00-99.35
700-800 87.75-93.75

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Bonning(80-85% lean) 48.00-52.50, high dressing 53.00-55.25.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2200 lbs 55.00-63.00. high dressing 67.00.

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

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to 7 yrs 1050-1300 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 800.00-950.00 per head.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

Markets week of Dec 19, 2003

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1863 Week ago 2475, Year ago 2302

Compared to last week Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter Cows and bulls 1.00 lower

FEEDER STEERS:
Medium and Large 1-2
weight price
300-400 114.00-125.00
400-500 104.00-119.00
500-600 89.00-104.00
600-700 86.00-95.00
700-750 87.25-94.50
800-900 85.25-91.50

FEEDER HEIFERS:
Medium and Large 1-2
weight price
300-400 100.00-117.50
400-500 92.00-107.00
500-600 84.00-97.00
600-700 84.50-91.50
700-800 82.00-86.50

SLAUGHTER COWS:
Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 44.00-51.25, high dressing 48.50-56.50.

REPLACEMENT COWS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 835-1450 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 650.00-950.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:
Y.G. 1-2, 1395-2450 lbs 53.25-57.50, high dressing 59.25.

COW AND CALF PAIRS:
Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 935-1485 lbs, 100-250 lb calves, 760.00-910.00 per pair.

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 0, Week ago 200; Year ago 1200

Trade inactive, demand and seller interest very light.

STEERS:
Live sales: No sales.

STEERS AND HEIFERS:
Carcass sales: No sales

HEIFERS:
Live sales: No sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT: (Grid)
Choice 550-950 lbs No sales
Select 550-950 lbs No sales

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 6566, Week ago 6404, Year ago 7702

Weekly Top: Monday 46.00

BARROWS AND GILTS:
2.00-5.00 higher
Base Carcass Meat Price 43.00-46.00

SOWS:
Steady to 2.00 higher
300-500 lbs 24.00-25.00
over 500 lbs 26.00-28.00

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

These prices for are for two weeks ending Jan 2, 2003
Receipts: 12140 [FOB 8752 Delivered 3388] compared to two weeks,
weaner pigs steady to 1.00 lower. Feeder pigs steady. Moderate demand
for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
FOB the farm 65% negotiated
7630 head 10 lbs. 27.00-33.00 weighted average 28.61

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered 20% Negotiated
3088 head 10 lbs 29.48-31.21 weighted average 30.91

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:
FOB the farm 37 % negotiated
1122 head 40-50 lbs 40.00-43.50 weighted average 43.7 lbs 41.22

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:
Delivered 100 % negotiated
300 head 40-50 lbs 38.00-39.50 weighted average 43.3 lbs 38.50

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	439,000	1,794,000	39,000
Last Week	448,000	1,563,000	35,000
Last Year	557,000	1,728,000	46,000
2004 Yr to dt	138,000	655,000	10,000
2003 Yr to dt	330,000	989,000	24,000

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts:
This week 39,000
Week ago 35,000
Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady
Slaughter Ewes Steady
Feeder Lambs Steady

SLAUGHTER EWES:
Utility and Good 1-3,30.00-40.00
Cull 1, 20.00-30.00 (per cwt.)

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Ch & Pr
90-150 lbs; shorn 82.00-84.00,
wooled 80.00-82.00.

FEEDER LAMBS:
60-80 lbs 100.00-110.00, 80-100
lbs 90.00-100.00 (per cwt.)

Weekly Hay Summary

Activity in the hay market is still showing very light movement. Farmers continue to hold good supplies of mid to low quality hay as a result of a mild winter so far. Some sellers starting to feel a bit nervous about prices for the rest of this feeding year, considering the abundant supply. Hay prices reported as steady to week. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed or for a directory call 1-800-877-HAY(4429) All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered price) Supreme quality alfalfa 110.00-140.00. Premium quality alfalfa 80.00-110.00. Prairie hay 65.00-85.00. Good quality brome hay 60.00-100.00. Good quality timothy hay 3.00-3.50 per small square. Good large round bales mixed grass hay 15.00-25.00, Good red clover hay 50.00-75.00. Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 per bale. Wheat straw 1.50-2.50 per small square.

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Prices on large steady, medium steady, small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .69-.73, Medium .50-.54, Small .37-.41.

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	239.40	207.50	210.00	99.50
St. Louis	240.00	200.00	255.00	93.75
Memphis	247.90	185.00	----	85.00
Decatur	245.00	----	----	----

Weekly Average Prices as of Dec 30, 2003

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans nearbys unch to .02 lower, others .02 to .10 higher, Wheat .33 to .39 higher, Corn .06 to .14 higher, Soybean meal 2.80 to 4.90 lower, KC Wheat .21 to .39 higher. (all price trends approximate ranges).

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Soybeans					
Jan	784 1/2	777 1/2	789	Holiday	792 1/2
Mar	792	784 3/4	794		798 1/4
May	787 1/2	780 1/2	791		795 1/4
Jul	773 1/4	769 3/4	776		784
Aug	747 1/2	746	751		759
Wheat					
Mar	364	365 1/4	377	Holiday	405 3/4
May	366 1/4	366 3/4	378 1/4		403 1/4
Jul	354 3/4	353 3/4	365 3/4		386 1/2
Sep	359	358 1/2	367 1/2		390
Dec	370	367	373		400 1/2
Corn					
Mar	242 3/4	242 1/2	246	Holiday	253 1/4
May	246 1/2	245 3/4	248 3/4		256
Jul	248 3/4	248 1/4	250 3/4		258 1/2
Sep	247 1/2	247	249 3/4		255
Dec	247 3/4	246 1/2	248 3/4		253 1/4
KC Wheat					
Mar	373 1/4	374	384 3/4	Holiday	409
May	371	372	384 1/2		409 1/2
Jul	357 3/4	358 1/2	369 1/4		390 3/4
Sep	362	362	372		396 1/4
Dec	373	372	382		396 1/2
SB Meal					
Jan	242.90	240.80	241.90	Holiday	241.80
Mar	245.90	243.80	244.10		245.70
May	244.80	242.80	244.50		245.30
Jul	240.20	237.30	238.20		240.40
Aug	231.00	227.80	228.20		231.50

WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 6.77 to 13.32 lower, Lean Hogs nearbys .05 to 2.22 higher, others .13 to .70 lower, Pork Bellies feb .50 higher, others .40 to 1.45 lower, Feeder Cattle 4.15 to 9.62 lower.

Daily Live Futures Closes

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Cattle					
Dec	82.85	77.95	77.20	Holiday	----
Jan	82.62	77.62	73.77		74.30
Feb	81.17	76.17	73.52		73.80
Mar	76.70	74.75	72.00		72.50
Apr	73.72	72.20	71.50		71.95
Lean Hogs					
Feb	53.92	53.80	53.42	Holiday	55.42
Apr	56.65	56.10	54.90		56.90
May	58.75	58.20	56.70		58.40
Jun	61.42	61.15	60.10		61.97
Jul	59.10	58.85	57.85		59.47
Prk Bel					
Feb	87.07	87.05	86.47	Holiday	86.90
Mar	85.75	86.05	86.52		86.20
May	87.60	86.80	86.30		87.10
Jul	89.70	89.70	88.17		88.25
Aug	89.75	89.75	89.00		89.00
Fdr. Cat.					
Jan	85.72	80.72	78.92	Holiday	81.10
Mar	80.90	78.05	78.75		80.02
Apr	80.12	78.60	79.05		80.20
May	81.15	79.97	80.25		81.37
Aug	83.65	81.85	82.35		83.75

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .02 to .03 higher
 Wheat .34 lower
 Corn .13 higher
 Grain Sorghum .14 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	7.85	3.68	2.43-2.45	4.43-4.45
Tuesday	7.78-7.79	3.69	2.43-2.45	4.40-4.43
Wednesday	7.87-7.88	3.80	2.46-2.48	4.48-4.55
Thursday	Holiday	-----	-----	-----
Friday	7.91-7.92	4.04	2.53-2.55	4.61-4.68
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	7.95-7.97	3.71	2.54-2.55	4.84
Tuesday	7.87-7.98	3.68	2.55	4.84
Wednesday	8.02	3.68	2.57	4.75
Thursday	Holiday	-----	-----	-----
Friday	8.06-8.07	4.08	2.65	4.91
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	7.66-7.67	3.29	2.30	4.09
Tuesday	7.59-7.60	3.30	2.29-2.30	3.93
Wednesday	7.69-7.71	3.42	2.33	3.98
Thursday	Holiday	-----	-----	-----
Friday	7.73	3.71	2.40	4.11
<u>S.E. Mo.</u>				
Monday	7.91-7.95	3.62-3.72	2.46-2.50	4.73-4.79
Tuesday	7.84-7.89	3.66-3.73	2.46-2.50	4.71-4.76
Wednesday	7.95-8.02	3.79-3.84	2.50-2.54	4.78-4.80
Thursday	Holiday	-----	-----	-----
Friday	8.01-8.05	4.06-4.22	2.57-2.59	4.91-4.93

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VENEMAN ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PROTECTION MEASURES TO GUARD AGAINST BSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 2003—Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced additional safeguards to bolster the U.S. protection systems against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or BSE, and further protect public health. “For more than a decade, the United States has had in place an aggressive surveillance, detection and response program for BSE,” said Veneman. “While we are confident that the United States has safeguards and firewalls needed to protect public health, these additional actions will further strengthen our protection systems.” While many cattle in the United States can be identified through a variety of systems, the Secretary also announced that USDA will begin immediate implementation of a verifiable system of national animal identification. The development of such a system has been underway for more than a year and a half to achieve uniformity, consistency and efficiency across this national system. “These are initial steps that USDA will take to enhance our protection system,” Veneman said. “I am appointing an international panel of scientific experts to provide an objective review of our response actions and identify areas for potential additional enhancements.”

Specifically, USDA will take the following actions:

Downer Animals. Effectively immediately, USDA will ban all downer cattle from the human food chain. USDA will continue its BSE surveillance program.

Product Holding. USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service inspectors will no longer mark cattle tested for BSE as “inspected and passed” until confirmation is received that the animals have, in fact, tested negative for BSE.

Specified Risk Material. Effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register, USDA will enhance its regulations by declaring as specified risk materials skull, brain, trigeminal ganglia, eyes, vertebral column, spinal cord and dorsal root ganglia of cattle over 30 months of age and the small intestine of cattle of all ages, thus prohibiting their use in the human food supply.

Advanced Meat Recovery. AMR is an industrial technology that removes muscle tissue from the bone of beef carcasses under high pressure without incorporating bone material when operated properly. AMR product can be labeled as “meat.” FSIS has previously had regulations in place that prohibit spinal cord from being included in products labeled as “meat.” The regulation, effective upon publication in the Federal Register, expands that prohibition to include dorsal root ganglia, clusters of nerve cells connected to the spinal cord along the vertebrae column, in addition to spinal cord tissue. Like spinal cord, the dorsal root ganglia may also contain BSE infectivity if the animal is infected. In addition, because the vertebral column and skull in cattle 30 months and older will be considered inedible, it cannot be used for AMR.

Air-Injection Stunning. To ensure that portions of the brain are not dislocated into the tissues of the carcass as a consequence of humanely stunning cattle during the slaughter process, FSIS is issuing a regulation to ban the practice of air-injection stunning.

Mechanically Separated Meat. USDA will prohibit use of mechanically separated meat in human food **For more information please visit www.usda.gov.**