Weekly Market Summary

Weekly Slaughter Hog Quotations

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SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

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- Replacement Cows: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 865-1545 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 660.00-985.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

- Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.
- Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 865-1545 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 660.00-985.00 per head.

MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

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Compared feeder steers and heifers steady. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower. Compared to last week, Feeder Steers and Heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Demand and seller interest good. Trade moderate to active, live sales undertone higher, dressed on grid 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand and seller interest good.

**MSouri WEEKLY DIRECT**

**SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 800, Week ago 400; Year ago 800

Trade moderate to active, live sales undertone higher, dressed on grid 1.00-3.00 higher. Demand and seller interest good.

**STEERS:**
Live sales: 50-60% Choice 1200-1250 lbs 84.50-85.00

**SOWS:**
Steady to 2.00 lower
Base Carcass Meat Price 58.00-60.00.

**BARROWS AND GILTS:**
Base Carcass Meat Price 58.00-60.00.
MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT
Receipts: 13160 [FOB 3435 Delivered 9725] Compared to last week, weaner pigs and feeder pigs steady. Moderate demand for moderate supply.
Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
FOB the farm 0% negotiated
3445 head 10 lbs. 28.65-33.00, weighted average price 30.29

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered 36.2% negotiated
3465 head 10 lbs 30.07-32.00 weighted average price 31.26
ARK to Ill and NEB
5060 head 10 lbs 30.33-31.75 weighted average price 30.91

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:
Fob the farm no sales

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes:
Delivered 100% negotiated.
1200 head 40-50 lbs 40.00-46.00 weighted average 44.7 lbs 44.40

WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT
Compared to last Friday: Soybeans uneven, .09 lower to .06 higher, Wheat .11 to .17 lower, Corn .04 to .06 lower, Soybean meal 3.90 to 6.60 higher, KC Wheat .08 to .12 lower. (all price trends approximate ranges).

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS
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WEEKLY COMMODITY LIVE FUTURES TRENDS
Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.40 to 2.45 higher, except Aug .57 lower, Lean Hogs April 10 lower, others .50 to 1.10 higher, Pork Bellies .33 to 2.00 lower, Feeder Cattle Mar .80 higher, others .23 to .75 lower. Daily Live Futures Closes

WEANER AND FEEDER PIG REPORT
Compared to last week: Prices paid to producers. (Cents
Wheat straw 1.50-2.50 per small square.
50.00-75.00. Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-20.00 per bale.
Hay 60.00-100.00. Good quality timothy hay 3.00-3.50 per small square.
Quality alfalfa 80.00-110.00. Prairie hay 65.00-85.00, Good quality brome prices are mostly steady. Supreme quality alfalfa 110.00-140.00. Premium moderate to heavy on average quality hay, it appears that most plies will new growth in many parts of southern Missouri and farmers are full of bugs. A few guys even repaired tarps after the mice got hungry this winter or two. A few guys even repaired tarps after the mice got hungry this winter and ate holes in them. It seems now everything is on the up and up and you can bet it won’t be long before someone can’t take it no more and gets stuck in a field somewhere. Pasture grass and wheat is just beginning to show new growth in many parts of southern Missouri and farmers are full of energy and hope of what this new growing year might offer. Supply is moderate to heavy on average quality hay, it appears that most plies will have some left when it comes time to stack new crop, buyers still have to look pretty hard for the high quality hay. Hay demand is moderate and hay prices are mostly steady. 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 .12 higher, medium .12 higher, small .08 to .09 higher, IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (Cents per dozen) Large .86-.93 Medium .76-.80, Small .44-.47.

WHOLESALE FEEDSTUFFS PRICES
(DOLLARS PER TON-BULK BASIS)
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Weekly Average Prices as of Mar 02, 2004
**Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids**

**Area** | **#1 Soybean** | **#2 Soft Wheat** | **#2 Corn** | **#2 Grain Sorghum**
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**Kansas City** | 9.65 | 3.79 | 2.93-2.94 | 5.11-5.13
Monday | 9.36 | 3.93 | 2.86-2.87 | 5.00-5.02
Tuesday | 9.50 | 3.71-3.73 | 2.88-2.89 | 5.04-5.05
Wednesday | 9.44 | 3.71-3.76 | 2.87-2.88 | 5.02-5.04
Thursday | 9.45 | 3.68-3.73 | 2.87-2.88 | 5.02-5.04
Friday | 9.68 | 4.00 | 3.06 | 5.53
**St. Louis** | 9.32 | 3.94 | 2.95 | 5.37
Monday | 9.49 | 3.94 | 3.01 | 5.48
Tuesday | 9.39 | 3.96 | 3.00 | 5.46
Wednesday | 9.38-9.40 | 3.87 | 2.99 | 5.37
**Central** | 9.29-9.36 | 3.31-3.41 | 2.80-2.82 | 4.75
Monday | 9.22-9.30 | 3.34-3.44 | 2.79-2.81 | 4.73
Tuesday | 9.23-9.31 | 3.29-3.39 | 2.79-2.81 | 4.75
Wednesday | 9.61-9.66 | 3.98-4.01 | 2.97-3.01 | 5.37-5.50
Thursday | 9.29-9.35 | 3.95-3.99 | 2.90-2.94 | 5.25-5.35
Friday | 9.40-9.48 | 3.31-3.91 | 2.92-2.96 | 5.28-5.41
**S.E. Mo.** | 9.32-9.38 | 3.80-3.94 | 2.91-2.95 | 5.14-5.39
Monday | 9.34-9.40 | 3.76-3.89 | 2.91-2.95 | 5.14-5.39
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Wednesday | 9.32-9.38 | 3.80-3.94 | 2.91-2.95 | 5.14-5.39
Thursday | 9.34-9.40 | 3.76-3.89 | 2.91-2.95 | 5.14-5.39
Friday | 9.61-9.66 | 3.98-4.01 | 2.97-3.01 | 5.37-5.50

**2003 Missouri Farm Numbers and Land in Farms**

"Farm numbers continue to decline in Missouri," says Marlowe Schlegel, State Statistician. Current numbers at 106,000 farms compare with 138,000 thirty years ago. "The complexion of Missouri agriculture has and continues to change," says Schlegel. Economic conditions and lifestyle choices are the major contributors to the decline. The number of Missouri farms in 2003 was estimated at 106,000, down 1,000 farms from a year earlier. The average farm size in Missouri during 2003 is estimated at 285 acres, up 3 acres from a year ago. A farm is defined as "any establishment from which $1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year."

Total land in Missouri farms is estimated at 30.2 million acres, the same as the previous year. Missouri farms in the economic sales class of $1,000 to $9,999 are estimated at 59,600, down slightly from a year earlier. Farms in the sales group of $10,000 to $99,999 totaled 36,100, down 2 percent from last year. The $100,000 to $499,999 group is estimated at 8,600, down slightly from 2002, while farms with sales of $500,000 and over totaled 1,700, the same as 2002.

**U.S. Farms and Land in Farms Decline Slightly in 2003**

The number of farms in the United States in 2003 is estimated at 2.13 million, 0.4 percent fewer than in 2002. The decline in farms occurred in all sales categories except the $250,000-$499,999 class which remained unchanged. Total land in farms, at 938.8 million acres, decreased 1,550,000 acres from 2002. The average size farm during 2003 was 441 acres, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms continues to reflect consolidation in farming operations and competition for agricultural land for other uses. The U.S. number of agricultural operations in the economic sales class $1,000-$9,999 declined 0.2 percent to 1,199,270 in 2003. Farms with sales of $10,000-$99,999 decreased 0.7% from 2002 to 600,530. The number of farms with $100,000-$249,999 in sales was 167,230, a decline of 0.9 percent. In the $250,000-$499,999 sales class, the number of farms was unchanged from the previous year. The number of agricultural operations with $500,000 or more of sales declined 0.4% from 2002. Generally favorable weather, stronger commodity prices, higher value of commodities produced, farm consolidation, and competition for other uses of farmland contributed to the shifting of farms among the sales categories. The number of farms in 2003 declined in 20 States, remained unchanged in 28 States, and increased in two States. The largest decline in farms occurred in California which lost 1,200 places followed by Missouri with 1,000.