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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 19,425; Week ago 17,963; Year ago 31,661  
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
363 lbs.	151.49	349 lbs.	138.21	438 lbs.	109.62
450 lbs.	139.93	458 lbs.	125.34	512 lbs.	101.50
555 lbs.	133.18	544 lbs.	122.50	666 lbs.	93.72
648 lbs.	128.26	652 lbs.	117.35	738 lbs.	85.98
744 lbs.	120.64	748 lbs.	113.77	826 lbs.	86.68
849 lbs.	115.67	820 lbs.	108.55		

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts 5000; Week ago 4856; Year ago 5169  
 Compared to last week steers 400-600 lbs and heifers 400-500 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, other weights calves and yearlings steady to 3.00 higher, Slaughter Cows steady to 3.00 lower, Bulls 2.00-3.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
250-300 lbs.	169.00-182.50	300-400 lbs.	134.00-144.00
350-400 lbs.	149.00-156.00	400-500 lbs.	115.00-125.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-147.00	500-600 lbs.	114.00-122.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-131.00	600-700 lbs.	108.00-116.00
600-700 lbs.	118.00-129.00	700-800 lbs.	104.00-110.00
700-870 lbs.	110.75-120.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

400-525 lbs.	101.50-113.00
600-700 lbs.	92.50-97.00
Pkg 829 lbs	83.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**  
 Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 1100-1400 lbs. 2nd and 3rd stage, 950.00-1150.00, per head.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs, 1000-1400 lbs with baby-300 lb. calves 1010.00-1325.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 53.00-61.00, high dressing 58.00-63.00. Lean (85-90%) 50.00-58.00, low dressing 44.00-51.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1200-2335 lbs., 71.50-79.00, high dressing 79.00-84.00, low dressing 62.00-72.00.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3600, week ago 2970, year ago 5380  
 Cow and Bull Receipts 850; week ago 790; year ago 1476  
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 756; Springfield 07/27/04

Compared to last week steers and heifers mostly steady except heifers over 650 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher, Slaughter cows 2.00-3.00 lower, bulls 2.00-4.00 lower.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
1 lot 387 lbs.	155.00	300-400 lbs.	137.00-147.00
400-500 lbs.	138.00-146.00	400-500 lbs.	123.00-133.00
500-600 lbs.	126.00-134.00	500-600 lbs.	117.00-125.00
600-700 lbs.	118.00-127.00	600-700 lbs.	109.00-118.50
700-800 lbs.	116.50-118.00	700-800 lbs.	108.50-114.00
Load 826 lbs.	112.60		

**HOLSTEINS:**  
 Large Frame 3

Lot 402 lbs.	109.00
Lot 749 lbs.	89.50

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**  
 Medium and Large 1-2, 1050-1500 lbs, 2 to 7 yrs few ss, 3rd stage, 800.00-1300.00 per head.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 3 yrs to bm, 1000-1300 lbs. with 100 to 350 lb calves, 975.00-1225.00 per pair.

**Dairy Cattle Sales**  
 Springer Heifers: Supreme 1825.00-1980.00, Crossbreds 1580.00-1650.00, Approved 1530.00-1775.00, Bred Heifers 4 to 6 months Supreme 1700.00-2050.00, Approved 1400.00-1675.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 910.00-1260.00, 600-700 lbs 1050.00-1150.00, 500-600 lbs 900.00-1080.00, Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 230.00-460.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 60.00-65.50, high dressing 66.00-70.00 Lean (85-90%) 52.50-59.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1425-2415 lbs., 75.50-82.00, high dressing 83.00-86.00, low dressing 71.00-75.50

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 7,201; Week ago 8,135; Year ago 9,363  
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower. Sows steady to 2.00 lower.

**BARROWS AND GILTS:**  
 Base carcass meat prices 72.00-73.00  
 Weekly top price Monday 75.00

**SOWS:**  
 300-500 lbs 45.00-49.00  
 Over 500 lbs 51.00-53.50.

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 1208; Week ago 1064; Year ago 3140

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers firm to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs	139.00-160.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	122.00-142.00
600-700 lbs.	116.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	114.25-121.00
825-900 lbs	104.50-115.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	127.00-132.50
400-500 lbs.	124.50-134.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-126.75
600-700 lbs.	110.00-124.75
700-800 lbs.	107.00-113.25

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs, 825-1260 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 835.00-1085.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.50-63.00, high dressing 62.50-69.00. Lean (85-90%) 49.00-57.25.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1125-2100 lbs. 68.00-76.75, high dressing 77.00-81.75.**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 2731; Week ago 3131; Year ago; 3564

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

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	136.00-151.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-140.00
500-600 lbs.	122.50-142.50
600-700 lbs.	119.00-140.00
700-750 lbs.	115.00-130.00
800-825 lbs.	pkg. 115.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs.	125.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	120.00-131.50
500-600 lbs.	115.00-131.50
600-700 lbs.	107.00-127.50
700-775 lbs.	105.00-110.00

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice 2-4, 80.00-83.00.**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-62.00, high dressing 58.00-69.50, low dressing 45.00-55.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-4, 79.25-82.25.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2000 lbs, 70.00-78.00, high dressing 78.75-85.75.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria, and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 3153; Week ago 119; Year ago 4971

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 94; Week ago 177; Year ago 186

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 4.00 higher.

Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	149.00-153.00
400-500 lbs.	138.00-149.00
500-600 lbs.	135.00-145.00
600-700 lbs.	126.25-142.50
700-800 lbs.	114.25-126.25
800-900 lbs.	115.25-119.85

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	121.00-137.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-135.00
600-700 lbs.	114.75-132.00
700-800 lbs.	109.10-118.25
800-850 lbs.	107.50-112.25

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice 2-3 1100-1400 lbs 83.50-84.75**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 58.00-65.75, low dressing 54.00-58.00.**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-1000-1350 lbs. 82.00-84.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2300 lbs. 70.50-78.50.**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1008; Week ago 1071; Year ago 1287

Compared to last week, steers and heifers steady to 3.00 higher.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls 1.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs	150.00-154.00
300-400 lbs.	139.00-152.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-143.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-126.50
600-700 lbs.	114.00-127.50
700-750 lbs.	100.00-111.50

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	137.00-139.00
300-400 lbs.	118.00-148.00
400-500 lbs.	107.00-132.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	100.00-115.50
700-750 lbs.	90.00-107.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 5 to 7 yrs 1080-1375 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 800.00-830.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.50-60.00, high dressing 56.50-64.25, Lean (85-90%) 41.50-48.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 875-1360 lbs with 100-250 lbs calves 850.00-1235.00 per pair.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1250-2015 lbs 68.00-75.50, high dressing 74.50-77.00**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 1607; Week ago 2559; Year ago 4376

Compared to last week steers steady to 2.00 lower, heifers very uneven from 3.00 higher to 5.00 lower. Slaughter Cows 4.00-6.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	139.00-159.00
400-500 lbs.	134.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	127.00-141.25
600-700 lbs.	121.00-142.00
700-750 lbs.	108.00-118.50
800-900 lbs.	104.25-110.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	Pkg. 133.00
400-500 lbs.	119.00-135.00
500-600 lbs.	116.50-137.00
600-700 lbs.	110.00-130.00
700-750 lbs.	105.00-117.50

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 8 yrs, 975-1350 lbs, 1st to 3rd stage, 925.00-1140.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 51.00-58.25, high dressing 59.25-65.00, Lean (85-90%) 47.00-52.50, low dressing 41.00-47.000.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 6 yrs, 950-1250 lbs with 150-350 calves 1125.00-1250.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-1900 lbs, 66.00-74.25, high dressing 77.00, low dressing 57.00-63.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 800; Week ago 1200; Year ago 1500

Compared to last week, trade light. Live sales 3.00 lower and dress sales on a grid basis 2.00-4.00 lower. Demand and Seller interest light to moderate.

**STEERS:** 50-70% Choice 1200-1300 lbs 82.00.**STEERS AND HEIFERS:** Carcass sales: No Sales.**HEIFERS:** 50-70% Choice 1100-1200 lbs 82.00.**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):** Choice 3 550-950 lbs few 132.00-136.00, Select 3 550-950 lbs few 128.00-130.00.

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

Receipts: 15075 (FOB 4205 Delivered 10870). Compared to last week, weaner and feeder pigs steady. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.

Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.

4205 head 10 lbs 28.00-34.69 weighted average price 29.93.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.

Delivered, 42.3% negotiated.

9330 head 30.00-35.38 weighted average 10 lbs 34.03.

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.

Delivered 100% negotiated

1540 head 40-50 lbs 43.00-46.00, weighted average 44.8 lbs 43.60

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts

This week 49,000; Week ago 51,000; Year ago 55,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00 lower,

Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-

Slaughter Ewes 5.00 higher,

3 35.00-45.00, Cull 1 25.00-35.00.

Feeder Lambs steady.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large

2-3 woolled 110-120 lbs 86.00-

1-2 60-80 lbs 95.00-100.00, 80-100

88.00, 120-140 lbs 88.00-90.00.

lbs 90.00-95.00.

**WEEKLY HAY SUMMARY**

Hard rains fell in most areas north of the Missouri River on Wednesday. Some areas in Saline County reported five plus inches in a short period of time. Hay farmers around the state have had a rough year. Most have put up much more hay than average. However, there have been far fewer good hay making days to work with. Pastures are much better than anyone remembers for this time of year, which means that it could be a long time before most begin to feed hay. It's hard to believe that most years we would be looking ahead about a month to fall pasture growth. Hay movement has been slow, with very few interested in looking for winter hay this year. Barns are overflowing with average quality hay. Most producers are thankful for the few faithful dairy and horse farmers they have spent years building relationships with. Hay prices remain steady, movement is light, and supply is heavy. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for both buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY (4429) (All prices per ton unless specified and most reflect delivered prices) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 100.00-140.00 Premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 80.00-110.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa(RFV130-170) Round bales 35.00-80.00 Small, Big squares and baleage (dry weight) 70.00-100.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.00 per bale 30.00-45.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 55.00-75.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-85.00 Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 30.00-60.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 10.00-30.00 per bale Wheat hay 50.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small square bale

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

Area	Soybean Meal 48% Solvent	Cottonseed Meal 41% Solvent	Meat Meal	Wheat Middlings
Kansas City	192.50	182.50	182.50	66.00
St. Louis	217.50	190.75	197.50	61.00

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

CATTLE

HOGS

SHEEP

Week to date	625,000	1,895,000	49,000
Last week	634,000	1,896,000	51,000
Last Year	720,000	1,812,000	55,000
2004 yr. to date	19,505,000	59,643,000	1,584,000
2003 yr. to date	21,649,000	58,066,000	1,683,000

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Prices on large and medium .04 lower, other sizes of eggs steady.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .37-.44, Medium .17-.21, Small .10-.12.

**By-Product Feed Prices**

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 70.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 120.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 106.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 61.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 34.00. Prices per ton.

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans Aug .07 higher, others .05 to .11 lower, Wheat .02 to .08 higher, Corn .08 to .11 higher, KC Wheat .02 to .06 higher, Soybean Meal 2.80 to 9.30 lower. (All price trends approximate ranges).

**Daily Grain Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Aug	598	599 1/2	590	609 1/2	606 3/4
Sep	569 1/2	572 3/4	565 1/2	581 1/2	569 1/4
Nov	566	567	557	571 1/4	561 3/4
Jan	574 1/2	574	564	578 1/4	567 1/2
Mar	582 1/4	582	570 1/2	583 1/2	574 3/4
Wheat					
Sep	317	317	318 1/2	321 1/2	315 3/4
Dec	330 3/4	331 1/4	332 3/4	336	332
Mar	342 1/4	342 3/4	344 1/2	348	344
May	345 1/2	345 1/2	348 3/4	352 1/2	348
Jul	350	351	352	354 1/2	350 1/2
Corn					
Sep	218 1/4	219 1/4	221 1/4	224	225 3/4
Dec	227 3/4	228 3/4	231 1/4	234 3/4	236 3/4
Mar	236 1/2	237 3/4	240 1/4	243 3/4	245 1/4
May	242 1/2	243 1/2	246 1/4	249 1/2	254 1/2
Jul	247 1/2	248 3/4	241 1/4	254 1/4	256 1/2
KC Wheat					
Sept	340 1/2	339 1/4	342	343	339 3/4
Dec	353 1/2	351 3/4	354 1/2	357	352
Mar	362 1/4	361	363 1/2	367	360 1/2
May	366	365 1/2	367 1/2	369	364 1/2
Jul	366 1/2	367	370	370	361
SB Meal					
Aug	192.80	188.00	183.80	186.80	188.70
Sep	183.70	180.40	179.40	182.70	181.20
Oct	174.30	172.80	171.80	176.20	173.50
Dec	173.90	173.40	171.80	175.20	172.70
Jan	175.30	174.40	172.70	176.00	173.50

**WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .37 to 1.17 lower, Lean Hogs .58 to 1.53 higher, Pork Bellies Aug 3.90 lower, others 3.22 to 3.70 higher, Feeder Cattle nearby .02 to .60 lower, others .67 to .87 higher.

**Daily Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Aug	85.25	83.07	84.82	84.55	84.55
Oct	88.50	86.37	87.50	87.40	87.60
Dec	89.62	87.52	89.27	89.00	89.02
Feb	89.62	88.30	89.50	89.35	89.55
Apr	87.12	86.10	87.37	87.15	87.30
Lean Hogs					
Aug	78.50	77.37	78.55	78.62	79.25
Oct	70.35	69.25	70.20	70.15	70.75
Dec	65.90	64.77	65.45	65.42	65.80
Feb	63.12	62.55	63.42	63.55	63.45
Apr	60.95	60.57	61.10	61.10	61.25
Prk Bel					
Aug	102.95	99.95	99.27	101.97	100.20
Feb	93.80	94.67	96.00	97.25	96.45
Mar	92.50	94.50	94.50	94.90	96.25
May	92.77	95.77	95.77	96.00	95.97
Jul	97.00	—	—	—	—
Fdr Cat					
Aug	114.32	111.55	113.75	113.97	114.05
Sep	113.35	110.45	112.55	112.42	112.45
Oct	112.85	110.05	112.05	111.95	112.12
Nov	110.22	107.75	109.57	109.80	109.77
Jan	105.90	103.75	105.50	105.50	105.47
Milk					
Aug	14.27	14.21	14.14	14.08	14.00
Sep	16.02	15.85	15.38	15.23	14.66
Oct	15.15	14.98	14.65	14.59	14.25

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans uneven, .17 lower to .11 higher  
 Wheat .07 higher  
 Corn .09 to .19 higher  
 Grain Sorghum .20 to .39 higher

**Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids**

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<b>Kansas City</b>				
Monday	5.96	3.31	2.03	3.63
Tuesday	5.92	3.29	2.04	3.64
Wednesday	5.77	3.33	2.16	3.68
Thursday	5.91	3.33	2.19	3.75
Friday	5.82	3.30	2.21	3.79
<b>St. Louis</b>				
Monday	5.75-5.81	3.21	2.29-2.31	3.71
Tuesday	5.76-5.86	3.21	2.33-2.34	3.75
Wednesday	5.76-5.79	3.25	2.36-2.37	3.80
Thursday	5.90-5.99	3.30	2.36-2.41	3.87
Friday	5.90	3.25	2.39-2.43	3.96
<b>Central</b>				
Monday	5.55-5.68	3.22	2.10-2.13	3.12
Tuesday	5.56-5.62	3.22	2.09-2.14	3.10
Wednesday	5.41-5.52	3.24	2.11-2.13	3.14
Thursday	5.55-5.61	3.27	2.14-2.16	3.20
Friday	5.52	3.21	2.16-2.21	3.23
<b>S.E. MO</b>				
Monday	5.60-5.71	3.04-3.12	2.04-2.15	3.71-3.87
Tuesday	5.54-5.72	3.06-3.12	2.05-2.16	3.73-3.89
Wednesday	5.47-5.62	3.09-3.13	2.08-2.18	3.76-3.94
Thursday	5.61-5.88	3.12-3.21	2.14-2.18	3.78-4.01
Friday	5.52-5.79	3.08-3.16	2.16-2.23	3.87-4.05

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

The major crops in Missouri are developing a few days ahead of average, with growth conditions continuing favorable in most areas. Field Crops Report Seventy-two percent of the corn has reached the dough stage or beyond and 24 percent is dented, 1 week ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of the 5-year average of 58 percent in the dough stage. Corn development by area ranges from 54 percent in the dough stage or beyond in the northeast district to the entire crop in the southeast district. Reporters rated condition of the crop as 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 56 percent good and 26 percent excellent, holding nearly the same high levels of expectation as a week earlier. Seventy-four percent of the soybeans are blooming and 41 percent are setting pods. Development is 8 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the normal pace of 68 percent blooming and 31 percent setting pods. The crop is most advanced in the northwest district with 85 percent blooming and 52 percent setting pods, while the southwest district is least advanced at 52 percent blooming and 22 percent setting pods. Soybean condition is rated as 2 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 53 percent good and 16 percent excellent, holding nearly steady with a week ago. Sudden Death Syndrome has appeared in a few bean fields in the central and northeastern counties but reporters indicate the disease is not significant in most areas. Sixty-five percent of the sorghum has headed, 4 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of average for this date. Heading varies from 40 percent in the northwest district to 88 percent in the southeast. Ten percent of the sorghum is coloring, with most of the crop in the northern counties just beginning to color, while 19 percent is coloring in the southeast district. Sorghum condition is rated as 3 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 62 percent good and 11 percent excellent, similar to a week ago 0.73 inches, varying by area from 0.33 inch or less in the west-central district and across the northern third of the State, to 1.48 inches in the east-central district. Monthly rainfall for July averaged 5.53 inches, well above the 30-year average of 3.76 inches.