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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 27,569; Week ago 31,807; Year ago 20,180
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
366 lbs.	156.53	277 lbs.	154.54	368 lbs.	127.28
461 lbs.	148.94	365 lbs.	142.08	457 lbs.	120.72
547 lbs.	138.84	453 lbs.	135.06	556 lbs.	109.85
645 lbs.	128.57	550 lbs.	126.88	663 lbs.	98.93
740 lbs.	116.19	644 lbs.	119.95	732 lbs.	92.38
831 lbs.	108.18	754 lbs.	108.57	838 lbs.	89.65
931 lbs.	102.55	827 lbs.	104.55	964 lbs.	80.73

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4100; Week ago 4558; Year ago 3750

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00, several steers 500-650 lbs and heifers over 650 lbs that sold 2.00 to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	155.00-170.00	300-400 lbs.	138.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	140.00-157.50	400-500 lbs.	127.00-144.00
500-600 lbs.	130.00-142.00	500-600 lbs.	115.50-131.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-132.00	600-730 lbs.	111.00-116.00
700-800 lbs.	Scarce	750-800 lbs.	Scarce
Lot 850 lbs.	107.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

350-400 lbs.	125.00-130.00
Lot 572 lbs.	106.00
650-680 lbs.	97.50-100.00
Pkg 861 lbs.	82.50

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2250 lbs., 65.00-73.50, high dressing 74.00-80.50, low dressing 60.00-65.50.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, few 3-7 yrs a few ss, 800-1200 lbs with baby to 250 lb calves 1000.00-1250.00; Few rebred 1200.00-1400.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.00-62.00, high dressing 58.50-63.50. Lean (85-90%) 51.00-58.50, low dressing 44.00-52.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2-7 yrs, 1050-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 800.00-1000.00 per head, some 4-6 yrs, fancy blacks 1285-1390 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage, 1050.00-1200.00 per head

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 8190; week ago 8410; year ago 3981 (Joplin)
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1700; week ago 2000; year ago 1000 (Joplin)
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1365; Springfield 04/26/05

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 700 lbs steady to 4.00 higher, over steady. Heifers steady to firm spots 1.00 to 3.00 higher, holsteins under 750 lbs steady, over 3.00 to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 higher.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	146.00-166.00	300-400 lbs.	134.00-144.00
400-500 lbs.	140.00-156.00	400-500 lbs.	128.00-139.00
500-600 lbs.	127.50-144.00	500-600 lbs.	122.00-133.00
600-700 lbs.	118.00-129.50	600-700 lbs.	108.00-119.50
700-800 lbs.	109.00-119.00	700-800 lbs.	100.00-109.00
800-900 lbs.	105.00-108.00	800-900 lbs.	100.00-105.70
900-1000 lbs.	104.10		

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	124.00-135.00
400-500 lbs.	117.00-128.00
500-600 lbs.	108.00-117.00
600-700 lbs.	101.50-107.50
700-800 lbs.	85.00-98.50
800-900 lbs.	85.00-88.50

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1950.00-2175.00, Approved 1725.00-1900.00, Medium 1500.00-1700.00. Springer Heifers: Supreme 1950.00-2175.00, Approved 1725.00-1900.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1175.00-1350.00, 600-700 lbs 1080.00-1410.00, 500-600 lbs 1035.00-1350.00, 400-500 lbs 1030.00-1170.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 430.00-620.00. Bulls 130.00-170.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1250 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 800.00-1270.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1200 lbs. with baby-350 lb calves 1000.00-1430.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 55.50-65.00, high dressing 62.00-68.00, Lean (85-90%) 47.50-58.50, low dressing 43.00-50.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2150 lbs. 67.00-77.75, high dressing 76.50-79.00.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 9598; Week ago 8269; Year ago 8334
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 5.00 higher. Sows 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 68.00
 Weekly top price Friday 68.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 36.00-40.00
 Over 500 lbs 41.00-43.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 2763; Week ago 2627; Year ago 2334

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs mixed 4.00 lower to 4.00 higher, feeders over 500 lbs firm to 7.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls unevenly steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	142.00-166.00
400-500 lbs.	139.00-154.75
500-600 lbs.	125.00-143.00
600-700 lbs.	118.50-134.50
700-800 lbs.	111.25-124.00
800-900 lbs.	105.00-113.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	133.00-152.50
400-500 lbs.	125.50-141.00
500-600 lbs.	117.00-133.50
600-700 lbs.	109.50-129.50
700-750 lbs.	108.50-118.50
800-850 lbs.	scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 800-1425 lbs, 2nd to 3rd stage, 750.00-1135.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.50-61.00, high dressing 61.25-68.00, Lean (85-90%) 49.50-56.25

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 840-1175 lbs with 150 to 340 lb calves, 900.00-1200.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS:

Yield Grade 1-2, 1330-2285 lbs 61.50-72.00, high dressing 74.25-77.00, low dressing 57.00

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 5008; Week ago 5419; Year ago; 5175

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers steady to 5.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	144.50-171.50
400-500 lbs.	135.00-157.50
500-600 lbs.	125.00-147.50
600-700 lbs.	115.00-136.50
700-800 lbs.	105.00-124.50
800-900 lbs.	98.25-112.75

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	125.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	125.00-147.00
500-600 lbs.	115.00-132.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-129.00
700-800 lbs.	101.50-110.50
800-900 lbs.	scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few High Select and Choice 2-3 90.00-93.00**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 50.00-60.00, high dressing 55.00-65.00, low dressing 40.00-50.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Few High Select and Choice 2-3 90.00-93.00, pkg 94.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2150 lbs, 65.00-73.50, high dressing scarce**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2187; Week ago 4410; Year ago 2501

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 145; Week ago 108; Year ago 95
Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers mostly steady, some steer calves 1.00-3.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 higher. Slaughter steers and heifers steady to 1.00 higher.**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs.	155.00-170.00
400-500 lbs.	148.00-163.00
500-600 lbs.	140.00-156.50
600-700 lbs.	121.50-139.00
700-800 lbs.	114.00-123.00
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	142.00-154.00
400-500 lbs.	128.00-145.00
500-600 lbs.	119.75-135.00
600-700 lbs.	117.00-129.00
700-800 lbs.	110.00-113.75
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3, 1100-1400 lbs 91.75-94.50**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 59.00-66.00, low dressing 52.00-58.50**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3, 1000-1400 lbs 90.50-93.50**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2150 lbs 68.00-74.50**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 1700; Week ago 1541; Year ago 1150

Compared to last week steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher, except 400-500 lbs 1.00 to 3.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady and bulls 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-350 lbs.	149.00-172.00
350-400 lbs.	145.00-157.50
400-450 lbs.	138.00-150.00
450-500 lbs.	130.00-141.00
500-600 lbs.	122.50-136.50
600-700 lbs.	111.00-124.75
700-775 lbs.	102.00-117.00

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

300-350 lbs.	140.00-152.00
350-400 lbs.	129.00-147.00
400-450 lbs.	123.00-139.00
450-500 lbs.	116.00-129.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-125.00
600-650 lbs.	110.00-119.00
650-700 lbs.	101.00-108.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 925-1415 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 760.00-935.00 per head.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking

and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-57.50, high dressing 56.00-63.75, Lean (85-90%) 39.50-46.00.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 960-1480 lbs with 80-230 lb calves 850.00-1130.00 per pair.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield

Grade 1-2, 1440-2220 lbs 66.50-69.00, high dressing 71.50-72.00, low dressing 57.00-63.75

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 2749; Week ago 3950; Year ago 2679

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 7.00 higher, over 600 steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	150.00-169.50
400-500 lbs.	140.00-156.00
500-600 lbs.	129.00-146.00
600-700 lbs.	121.00-135.00
800-850 lbs.	107.25-108.85

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

350-400 lbs.	142.00-150.00
400-500 lbs.	130.00-149.00
500-600 lbs.	120.00-131.00
630-770 lbs.	115.25-125.00
750-850 lbs.	108.00-109.00
42 head 811 lbs replacements	112.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, none Reported

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.00-59.00, high dressing 59.00-64.00, Lean (85-90%) 48.50-54.25, low dressing 43.00-48.00.**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium

and Large 1, none reported

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1400-2150 lbs, 62.00-68.00, low dressing 57.00-61.00.**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 1200; Year ago 1000

Compared to last week, trade moderate to slow. no confirmed live sales and dressed sales on grid basis steady to 5.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate with lower bids.

STEERS: few 70% choice 94.00 late last Friday**STEERS AND HEIFERS:** Carcass sales: No Sales**HEIFERS:** No Sales**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):** Choice 3 550-950 lbs 150.00-152.00, few early 155.00. Select 3 550-950 lbs. 136.00-138.00.

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

Receipts: 15,456 (FOB 3,433 Delivered 12,023)
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, 9.6% negotiated.
3,433 head 10 lbs 32.00-40.00 weighted average 10 lbs 33.49.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.
Delivered, 14% negotiated.
11,448 head 10 lbs 32.00-40.00 weighted average 10 lbs 39.58

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.
Delivered 11% negotiated
575 head 40-50 lbs 73.25-78.00 weighted average 43.5 lbs 74.90

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 47,000; Week ago 51,000; Year ago 46,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00 higher Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes steady-5.00 higher 1-3 35.00-45.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs steady 35.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 106.00- 1-2 60-80 lbs 125.00-140.00, 80-
108.00, woolled 104.00-106.00. 100 lbs 110.00-125.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Cool wet weather has put a hold on most farming at the current time. Many farmers are also hoping that it has also delayed as second round of weevils before cutting time. So far fields are looking very good this year, some wheat is now starting to head in some of the southern areas of the state. If the weather would break and provide a week or so of nice weather it is very likely that some producers could begin baling the first cutting of alfalfa as most areas seem to be a week or so ahead of average this year. Hay prices are reported steady, Demand is light. Supply is moderate. (All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa (RFV>185) 115.00-135.00 Premium quality Alfalfa (RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 30.00-80.00 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 20.00-40.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-70.00 Good quality Brome 50.00-85.00 Fair quality Brome some mixed with grass round bales 10.00-25.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 2.50-3.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 10.00-25.00 per round bale 1.25 to 2.50 per small square Fair quality large round bales Fescue 7.00-15.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 1.50-3.00 per small bale.

Buffalo Livestock Market Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale

Receipts: 958 (all prices per cwt.)

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1-2 40-65 lbs 150.00-154.00; pkg 84 lbs 120.00. Selection 2-3 40-60 lbs 135.00-148.00. Selection 3 35-40 lbs 131.00-138.00; 40-60 lbs 121.00-130.00. Slaughter Does/Nannies: mostly thin 75-120 lbs 69.00-86.00. Slaughter Billies: 90-165 lbs medium flesh 78.00-90.00; thin 74.00-80.00. Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 1-2 75-85 lbs 124.00-131.00. Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2 25-40 lbs 140.00-142.50; 40-70 lbs 139.00-150.00. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-3 43.00-54.00 per cwt.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	622,000	1,918,000	47,000
Last week	601,000	1,970,000	51,000
Last Year	665,000	1,911,000	46,000
2005 yr. to date	9,959,000	33,669,000	857,000
2004 yr. to date	10,405,000	34,017,000	939,000

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large steady, Medium steady, and Small steady. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .26-.35, Medium .15-.21, Small .06-.10.

By-Product Feed Prices

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 60.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 150.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 84.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 65.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 33.00. Prices per ton.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .07 to .14 lower, Wheat .08 to .09 higher, Corn .02 to .05 lower, KC Wheat .09 to .13 higher, Soybean Meal 1.60 to 3.30 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
May	635 1/4	636 3/4	627 1/4	618	619 1/4
Jul	642	643 1/2	633 3/4	625 1/2	626 1/4
Aug	641 1/4	641 1/4	632	624 3/4	626
Sep	634 1/2	634 1/4	626 1/2	620 1/2	623 1/4
Nov	629 3/4	630 3/4	623 1/2	619 3/4	621
Wheat					
May	320 3/4	322 3/4	319 1/2	317 1/4	318
Jul	330 1/2	333 1/2	329 1/4	327 1/4	326
Sep	337 1/2	340 3/4	337 1/4	336	334 1/2
Dec	346 1/2	350	346 1/2	345	343 3/4
Mar	356	358 1/2	355	354	353
Corn					
May	213 1/4	213	208 1/4	204 1/2	204 3/4
Jul	222 1/4	221 3/4	217	213	213 1/2
Sep	229	228 3/4	224 1/2	220 3/4	221 1/4
Dec	237 1/4	237 3/4	234 1/4	230 1/4	230 3/4
Mar	244 1/4	244 3/4	241 1/4	237 1/2	238 1/2
KC Wheat					
May	338 1/2	342	340	338 3/4	341
Jul	333 3/4	337	331 1/2	331	331 3/4
Sep	339	344	339	337	339 1/2
Dec	351 1/2	354 1/2	348 1/2	348 1/4	349
Mar	360 1/2	361 1/2	358	357	357
SB Meal					
May	200.00	199.60	196.00	194.70	194.50
Jul	199.60	199.10	195.50	193.80	193.50
Aug	199.40	199.00	195.70	193.80	193.30
Sep	197.50	197.50	194.30	192.70	192.60
Oct	196.50	196.40	193.80	192.00	192.00

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .63 to 1.90 higher, except Jun .10 lower, Lean Hogs 1.07 to 2.25 higher, Pork Bellies 1.50 to 1.80 higher, except Mar unch, Feeder Cattle .22 to 1.77.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Apr	93.75	93.90	92.45	92.35	93.92
Jun	87.12	87.12	85.62	85.60	85.62
Aug	86.02	86.25	85.47	85.77	86.00
Oct	86.07	86.22	85.57	85.67	85.90
Dec	87.15	87.12	86.55	86.50	86.72
Lean Hogs					
May	75.25	76.92	77.07	77.30	78.15
Jun	75.15	76.75	76.92	76.70	77.45
Jul	75.77	77.20	77.45	77.62	78.75
Aug	74.12	74.75	74.87	74.95	75.80
Oct	63.70	63.72	63.57	63.85	64.37
Prk Bel					
May	81.50	81.50	81.95	81.60	83.12
Jul	80.97	82.12	81.77	82.55	84.00
Aug	80.40	81.35	80.55	80.55	82.05
Feb	85.90	86.15	86.35	86.35	87.00
Mar	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50	85.50
Fdr Cat					
Apr	111.25	111.57	111.60	111.65	—
May	108.65	108.75	108.00	108.40	108.67
Aug	109.25	109.35	108.02	108.15	108.10
Sep	107.97	108.07	107.10	107.25	107.40
Oct	106.72	106.75	106.10	106.20	106.10
Milk					
May	13.50	13.53	13.51	13.54	13.60
Jun	13.42	13.42	13.28	13.30	13.40
Jul	13.87	13.85	13.89	13.85	13.91

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .09 to .17 lower
 Wheat .13 to .15 higher
 Corn .02 to .05 lower
 Grain Sorghum .01 to .06 lower

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
<u>Kansas City</u>				
Monday	6.30	3.34	1.96-1.98	3.36-3.42
Tuesday	6.37	3.37	1.98	3.41-3.45
Wednesday	6.22	3.35	1.93	3.33-3.36
Thursday	6.18	3.34	1.90	3.26-3.29
Friday	6.19	3.36	1.90	3.26-3.30
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	6.49-6.50	3.38	2.26	3.89
Tuesday	6.52-6.53	3.40	2.27-2.28	3.96
Wednesday	6.44-6.45	3.38	2.23	3.87
Thursday	6.35	3.38	2.19	3.80
Friday	6.29-6.36	3.40	2.18-2.19	3.78
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	6.08-6.15	2.96-2.98	1.86-1.91	3.09
Tuesday	6.10-6.17	2.98-3.03	1.88-1.91	3.09
Wednesday	6.00-6.07	2.95-3.00	1.81-1.85	3.00
Thursday	5.93-5.98	2.92-2.97	1.80-1.81	2.95
Friday	5.94-5.99	2.92-2.97	1.80	2.95
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	6.45-6.48	3.27-3.32	2.13-2.17	3.62-3.71
Tuesday	6.47-6.50	3.29-3.46	2.18-2.21	3.69-3.80
Wednesday	6.37-6.41	3.29-3.40	2.13-2.17	3.62-3.75
Thursday	6.28-6.29	3.27-3.37	2.10-2.12	3.55-3.80
Friday	6.29-6.32	3.28-3.37	2.08-3.12	3.63-3.79

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

Farmers were making good progress with fieldwork during the warm, dry weather early in the week before wet, cool weather stopped tillage and planting. The State averaged 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Seventy-seven percent of the ground intended for spring crops has been worked at least once, still a week ahead of both last year and normal. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 1 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus, an increase from a week earlier. **Field Crops Report:** Sixty-two percent of the intended corn acreage has been planted, a week behind the early progress of last year but 1 day ahead of the 5-year average of 60 percent. Corn on 25 percent of the expected acreage has emerged, a few days behind both last year and average. Reporters in several northwestern counties indicated that both planting and emergence remain behind normal due to continued wet, muddy fields. Soybean planting has begun, with 3 percent in the ground, 1 day behind last year but a day ahead of average. Seven percent of the sorghum is planted, a week behind a year earlier and 2 days behind normal. Rice planting is 21 percent complete, 10 days behind last year's early progress and 1 day behind the average of 25 percent. Rice emergence is just beginning, at 2 percent, also behind average. Thirteen percent of the cotton is planted, virtually the same as both last year and average on this date. The winter wheat crop is 6 percent headed, 3 days behind last year and 2 days behind the average of 9 percent by this date. Condition of wheat is rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 51 percent good and 8 percent excellent, virtually the same as a week earlier. **Pasture & Livestock:** Pasture condition is reported as 3 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 61 percent good and 6 percent excellent, continuing to show a gradual improvement resulting from the favorable moisture supply. **Weather Summary:** Missouri temperatures varied widely, ranging from highs in the 80's early in the week to the lower 30's in many areas late in the week. Overall, averages for the period were mostly normal to slightly above normal. Rainfall for the week averaged 0.96 inch, ranging from less than 0.50 inch in the west-central and southwest districts to 1.57 inches in the northwest district.