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## MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 12,203; Week ago 26,386; Year ago 12,783  
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
359 lbs.	157.40	366 lbs.	142.11	293 lbs.	133.07
452 lbs.	148.30	454 lbs.	135.69	364 lbs.	125.15
542 lbs.	139.10	548 lbs.	125.24	458 lbs.	116.02
643 lbs.	126.91	634 lbs.	119.45	533 lbs.	110.38
750 lbs.	115.42	747 lbs.	108.16	649 lbs.	100.75
851 lbs.	107.82			761 lbs.	93.04
913 lbs.	103.96			866 lbs.	90.31

## SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4500; Week ago 6490; Year ago 2624

Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 650 lbs steady to 2.00 lower, steers over 650 lbs steady to 2.00 higher heifers over 650 lbs steady to firm. Slaughter cows steady to 1.00 higher, bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	155.00-162.50	335-350 lbs.	142.50-149.00
400-500 lbs.	145.00-155.00	400-500 lbs.	126.00-142.00
500-550 lbs.	140.00-144.50	500-600 lbs.	116.00-125.00
550-600 lbs.	129.00-136.00	600-650 lbs.	109.50-119.00
600-650 lbs.	118.00-129.50	650-700 lbs.	106.50-108.50
650-700 lbs.	113.50-122.50	740-765 lbs.	99.50-107.00
700-800 lbs.	108.00-117.00		
800-900 lbs.	103.50-123.50		

### Large 3 Holsteins

Pkg 435 lbs.	105.00
pkg 467 lbs.	112.50
500-550 lbs.	107.50-108.00
600-700 lbs.	94.00-100.00
780-795 lbs.	90.50-92.00

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2100 lbs., 68.00-73.50, high dressing 75.50-76.00, low dressing 62.00-66.00.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, most 4-7 yrs few ss, 1050-1250 lbs with baby to 250 lb calves 985.00-1250.00 per pair, lot 16 pair 3-4 yrs, 1000 lbs, with 150-250 lb calves 1390.00 per pair.

### SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 54.50-62.50, high dressing 59.50-63.50. Lean (85-90%) 52.00-58.50, low dressing 44.50-51.00.

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3-7 yrs, 1100-1350 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 785.00-935.00 per head, several blk/blk baldie 925.00-1130.00. Several ss, 1150-1335 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 720.00-920.00 per head.

## SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2025; week ago 8850; year ago 720  
 Cow and Bull Receipts 2182; week ago 1527; year ago 1350  
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 950; Springfield 05/24/05

Compared to last week, feeder steers under 600 lbs steady heavy weight steers and holsteins 1.00 to 3.00 higher and heifers steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 2.00 lower and bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	Scarce	300-400 lbs.	Scarce
400-500 lbs.	145.00-155.50	400-500 lbs.	132.00-142.00
500-600 lbs.	130.50-140.00	500-600 lbs.	118.50-129.00
600-700 lbs.	119.00-132.50	600-700 lbs.	108.00-121.50
700-800 lbs.	114.50-119.50	700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	110.00-112.25	800-900 lbs.	Scarce
900-1000 lbs.	107.00		

### HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	124.00-131.00
400-500 lbs.	118.00-127.00
500-600 lbs.	114.00-120.00
600-700 lbs.	98.00-107.50
700-800 lbs.	Scarce
800-900 lbs.	87.50-96.25
1000-1100 lbs.	82.00-90.50

### REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 950-1400 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 760.00-980.00 per head.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 900-1200 lbs. with baby-200 lb calves 1025.00-1325.00 per pair.

### Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 1950.00-2250.00, Approved 1750.00-1885.00, Medium 1375.00-1650.00. Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1900.00-2375.00, Approved 1650.00-1875.00. Open Heifers: Approved 700-800 lbs 1300.00-1525.00, 600-700 lbs 1250.00-1335.00, 500-600 lbs 1100.00-1360.00, 400-500 lbs 1085.00-1210.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 380.00-520.00. Bulls 160.00-220.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 59.00-65.00, high dressing 65.50-67.00, Lean (85-90%) 50.50-58.50, low dressing 45.00-50.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2265 lbs. 71.50-77.00, high dressing 79.00-80.50.

## INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 6664; Week ago 6995; Year ago 7,478  
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts 3.00 lower.  
 Sows steady to 1.00 to 3.00 higher.

### BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat prices 61.00  
 Weekly top price Tuesday 64.00

### SOWS:

300-500 lbs 42.00-44.00  
 Over 500 lbs 45.00-47.00

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**WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Kingsville and Sedalia)

Receipts 1637; Week ago 2616; Year ago 1395  
 Compared to last week feeder steers near steady and heifers weak to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1&amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 142.00-170.00  
 400-500 lbs. 138.00-164.00  
 500-600 lbs. 125.00-147.00  
 600-700 lbs. 118.00-135.00  
 700-800 lbs. 107.00-120.00  
 800-850 lbs. 107.75-110.25

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. 135.00-149.00  
 400-500 lbs. 125.00-139.00  
 500-600 lbs. 114.50-135.00  
 600-700 lbs. 109.50-127.00  
 700-800 lbs. 100.00-110.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, none reported.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 55.50-60.75, high dressing 59.50-65.75, Lean (85-90%) 49.50-57.75

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, none reported.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1320-2295 lbs 66.75-75.75, high dressing 77.75-80.75.

**EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, and Boonville)

Receipts 2308; Week ago 3809; Year ago; 3794  
 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers calves 400-600 lbs mostly steady spots 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady to 1.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1&amp; 1-2

300-400 lbs. Scarce  
 400-500 lbs. 135.00-164.00  
 500-600 lbs. 125.00-145.00  
 600-700 lbs. 120.00-131.50  
 700-800 lbs. 112.50-122.50  
 800-900 lbs. Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 &amp; 1-2

350-400 lbs. 135.00-145.00  
 400-500 lbs. 125.00-138.00  
 500-600 lbs. 116.50-133.50  
 600-700 lbs. 111.50-119.50  
 700-800 lbs. Scarce

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice 2-3 82.00-86.00.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 52.00-62.00, high dressing 57.00-67.00, low dressing 42.00-52.00

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 82.00-85.00.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2200 lbs, 67.00-74.00, high dressing 76.25-79.25.

**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, New Cambria and Green City) (w/e 05/27/05)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2339; Week ago 471; Year ago 3340  
 Slaughter Cattle Receipts 53; Week ago 113; Year ago 46  
 Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 5.00 higher over 600 lbs steady. Slaughter cows 2.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs. 164.00-173.00  
 400-500 lbs. 146.50-169.00  
 500-600 lbs. 141.00-152.50  
 600-700 lbs. 122.25-134.50  
 700-800 lbs. 112.00-116.00  
 800-900 lbs. Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

300-400 lbs. 141.00-156.00  
 400-500 lbs. 135.00-148.00  
 500-600 lbs. 125.00-141.50  
 600-700 lbs. 118.50-133.50  
 700-800 lbs. Scarce  
 800-900 lbs. Scarce

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice 2-3, 1200-1400 lbs 87.00-88.00

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 57.00-64.50, low dressing 52.00-57.50

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3, 1000-1250 lbs 85.75-86.25

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2150 lbs 71.25-78.50

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Patton Junction and Fruitland)

Receipts 325; Week ago 1046; Year ago 367  
 Compared to last week steers and heifers no well tested. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs. 153.00-166.00  
 300-400 lbs. 135.50-150.00  
 475-500 lbs. 123.50-136.00  
 500-550 lbs. 128.00-135.00  
 550-600 lbs. 118.00-129.50  
 600-650 lbs. 115.00-126.50  
 650-700 lbs. 110.00-117.00

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs. 148.50-151.00  
 300-400 lbs. 130.00-135.00  
 450-500 lbs. 113.00-135.00  
 500-525 lbs. 116.00-130.50  
 600-700 lbs. 105.00-115.50  
 700-725 lbs. 100.00

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 945-1315 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 890.00-1080.00 per head.

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 52.50-58.00, high dressing 59.00-63.25, Lean (85-90%) 44.00-46.75.

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs, 945-1315 lbs with 90-230 lb calves 1140.00-1295.00 per pair.

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1355-2140 lbs 66.50-68.00, high dressing 71.00, low dressing 58.00

**SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Cuba and Vienna)

Receipts 1616; Week ago 3500; Year ago 3076  
 Compared to last week steers and heifers mixed from 2.00 higher to 4.00 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 lower.

**FEEDER STEERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 149.00-168.00  
 400-500 lbs. 131.00-154.00  
 500-600 lbs. 128.00-144.50  
 600-700 lbs. 113.00-136.75  
 700-800 lbs. 106.75-118.50  
 800-900 lbs. Scarce  
 900-1000 lbs. Scarce

**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs. 135.00-152.00  
 400-500 lbs. 126.00-145.00  
 500-600 lbs. 118.00-136.00  
 600-700 lbs. 108.00-129.75  
 700-800 lbs. 106.00-115.00  
 800-900 lbs. Scarce

**REPLACEMENT COWS:**

Medium and Large 1-2, none reported

**SLAUGHTER COWS:** Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 50.00-64.00, Lean (85-90%) 51.75-53.00, low dressing 42.00-44.00

**COW & CALF PAIRS:** Medium and Large 1-2, none reported

**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1570-2080 lbs, 66.00-77.25, low dressing 64.00-70.00

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT  
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 400; Week ago 1000; Year ago 1400  
 Compared to last week, trade very slow. No confirmed live sales and dressed sales on grid basis 2.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

**STEERS:** no sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:** Carcass sales: No Sales**HEIFERS:** no sales

**GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):**  
 Choice 3 550-950 lbs 138.00-140.00  
 Select 3 550-950 lbs. 127.00-130.00.

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

Receipts: 16,463 (FOB 1,605 Delivered 14,850)  
Higher feed costs and lower hog futures combined to pressure pig prices this week. Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady to 2.00 lower and feeder pigs steady. USDA National Feeder Pig Report indicates weaners 1.00 lower and feeders pigs steady to 4.00 lower.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Fob the farm, 0% negotiated.  
1,605 head 10 lbs 28.44-33.00 weighted average 10 lbs 33.06

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights.  
Delivered, 13% negotiated.  
14,358 head 10 lbs 30.67-39.00 weighted average 10 lbs 33.41

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes.  
100% negotiated  
Delivered 500 head 50 lbs 58.00

**MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW**

Slaughter Receipts: 42,000; Week ago 48,000; Year ago 44,000

Slaughter Lambs 2.00 higher      Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good  
Slaughter Ewes steady              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 old crop      1-2 50-70 lbs 125.00-140.00, 70-90  
shorn 110.00-114.00, new crop      lbs 110.00-125.00.  
116.00-118.00.

**Missouri Weekly Hay Summary**

Farmers continue to have no problem getting hay baled dry this season. Truth is most farmers would sacrifice a few acres of hay to get some rain. Even the areas in the state that have had a little moisture are showing signs of need now and the areas that had been missing are beginning to look more like August than June. Other than just a few small areas mostly along the west edge of the state moisture has pretty much been void for the last month. Grass has stopped growing in many areas and many farm ponds are well below normal levels. Unless Mother Nature shows some mercy it could be a very long summer. Hay supply and demand is moderate, prices steady. (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 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 35.00-60.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 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.

**Koshkonong—Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market**

Receipts: 222 Last Month 89

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1-2 40-60 lbs 130.00, 60-80 lbs 115.00. Selection 2 40-60 lbs 125.00, 60-80 lbs 110.00. Selection 1-2 80 lbs and up 97.00. Selection 3 40-60 lbs 100.00, 80 lbs and up 71.00. Slaughter Does/ Nannies: medium 60.00, thin 40.00. Slaughter Billies: yearlings 75.00. Slaughter Lambs: Good and Choice 2-3 woolled over 100 lbs 90.00. Haired 80 lbs and under 90.00-95.00, over 80 lbs 80.00-85.00. Good 1-2 haired 80 lbs abd under 80.00. Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good 1-4 30.00-35.00, thin 25.00. All prices per cwt.

**WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER**

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	568,000	1,653,000	42,000
Last week	657,000	1,947,000	48,000
Last Year	578,000	1,632,000	44,000
2005 yr. to date	13,153,000	42,860,000	1,093,000
2004 yr. to date	13,738,000	43,128,000	1,157,000

**MIDWEST EGG REVIEW**

Large .02 lower, Medium .01 to .02 lower, and Small .01 lower.  
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .14-.23, Medium .05-.09, Small .05-.09.

**By-Product Feed Prices**

Soy Hulls Mexico, MO 55.00, Alfalfa Pellets 17% St Louis, MO 150.00, Distillers Grain dried, Macon, MO 90.00, Corn Gluten Feed pelleted, Decatur, Il 62.00, Brewers Grain pressed 70% moisture, St Louis, MO 33.00. Prices per ton.

**WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .08 to .12 higher, Wheat .10 to .13 lower, Corn .02 to .03 lower, KC Wheat .11 to .14 lower, Soybean Meal 5.30 to 6.60 higher.

**Daily Grain Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans	Holiday				
Jul		680 1/2	685 1/4	668 1/2	675 1/4
Aug		681 1/2	686 3/4	670	677 1/4
Sep		681	688 1/2	670 1/4	677 3/4
Nov		682	689 3/4	672 1/2	680
Jan		681 1/2	688 1/2	673	679 1/2
Wheat	Holiday				
Jul		331 3/4	331 1/2	323 1/2	323 1/4
Sep		342 1/4	341 1/2	333 1/4	334 1/2
Dec		350 1/4	350 3/4	343 1/2	343
Mar		359 1/2	360 1/2	353 1/4	353
May		363	364	357	356 1/2
Corn	Holiday				
Jul		222	224 1/2	217	218 1/4
Sep		230 3/4	233 1/4	225 3/4	227 1/4
Dec		239 1/4	241 3/4	235	236 1/4
Mar		247	249 1/2	243	244 1/2
May		252	254 1/4	247 3/4	248 3/4
KC Wheat	Holiday				
Jul		337 1/4	334 1/4	327 1/2	327
Sep		343 1/4	341 3/4	334 1/4	334 1/4
Dec		355	351 1/4	345	344
Mar		360	358 1/2	351 1/2	351
May		350	—	—	356 1/2
SB Meal	Holiday				
Jul		214.70	215.60	210.90	215.20
Aug		214.70	215.90	211.10	215.30
Sep		214.50	215.10	210.20	214.50
Oct		214.00	214.50	209.50	213.90
Dec		214.60	214.90	209.80	214.10

**WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TRENDS**

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle .10 to .75 lower, Lean Hogs 2.10 to 4.05 lower. Pork Bellies 2.28 to 4.40 lower, Feeder Cattle .25 to .42 higher.

**Daily Futures Closes**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle	Holiday				
Jun		85.42	84.45	84.45	84.97
Aug		84.70	83.55	83.15	83.42
Oct		86.45	85.57	85.02	85.35
Dec		88.27	87.42	87.10	87.42
Feb		89.15	88.65	88.30	88.55
Lean Hogs	Holiday				
Jun		72.00	71.45	69.80	68.20
Jul		71.40	70.30	69.15	67.95
Aug		70.00	69.65	67.82	66.75
Oct		60.62	59.82	58.72	57.77
Dec		58.55	57.87	56.87	56.17
Prk Bel	Holiday				
Jul		70.75	71.67	69.60	70.72
Aug		68.22	68.82	67.75	68.20
Feb		82.85	82.00	80.10	81.20
Mar		83.00	81.75	80.10	80.10
May		—	86.00	84.00	83.00
Fdr Cat	Holiday				
Aug		112.67	111.80	111.10	111.70
Sep		111.42	110.72	110.17	110.67
Oct		110.15	109.45	108.92	109.55
Nov		109.30	108.60	108.00	108.52
Jan		106.50	105.80	105.10	105.70
Milk	Holiday				
Jun		13.65	13.83	13.83	13.88
Jul		14.02	14.24	14.19	14.30
Aug		14.35	14.56	14.48	14.63

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**MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS**

Soybeans .06 to .09 higher  
 Wheat .10 to .12 lower  
 Corn .01 to .05 lower  
 Grain Sorghum .03 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	holiday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	6.68-6.70	3.37-3.42	2.02-2.04	3.54
Wednesday	6.73-6.75	3.34-3.39	2.05-2.07	3.59
Thursday	6.57	3.28-3.33	1.97-1.99	3.45
Friday	6.63	3.27-3.32	1.98-2.03	3.46
<u>St. Louis</u>				
Monday	holiday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	6.86	3.40	2.21	4.17
Wednesday	6.92	3.40	2.25	4.25
Thursday	6.75-6.77	3.37	2.20	4.12
Friday	6.84	3.38	2.21-2.23	4.16
<u>Central</u>				
Monday	holiday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	6.53-6.67	3.01-3.07	1.92-1.97	3.16
Wednesday	6.60-6.72	3.01-3.07	1.95-2.00	3.21-3.30
Thursday	6.44-6.54	2.93-2.99	1.87-1.92	3.07
Friday	6.50-6.60	2.92-2.98	1.88-1.93	3.09
<u>S.E. MO</u>				
Monday	holiday	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday	6.79-6.85	3.36-3.40	2.12-2.18	3.96-4.03
Wednesday	6.83-6.90	3.36-3.40	2.15-2.21	4.00-4.12
Thursday	6.68-6.74	3.29-3.32	2.09-2.17	3.87-4.02
Friday	6.71-6.82	3.29-3.32	2.10-2.18	3.89-4.04

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

**Crop & Weather Information as of May 29, 2005**

**Agricultural Summary** Another week of dry weather helped speed progress of late planting and haying but left crops in need of moisture in most areas of the State. Farmers averaged 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork. The topsoil moisture supply ratings averaged 16 percent very short, 44 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. The northwestern and north-central counties still have mostly adequate moisture but a majority of the ratings in other areas are indicated as short or very short. **Field Crops Report** Ninety-six percent of the corn has emerged, equal to a year earlier but a week ahead of the 5-year average of 88 percent. Condition of the crop is rated as 3 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 43 percent good and 4 percent excellent, a general decline resulting from moisture shortages. Soybean planting moved to 83 percent complete, 13 days ahead of last year and over 2 weeks ahead of the 58 percent average for this date. Fifty-nine percent of the beans have emerged, a week ahead of last year and 11 days ahead of the 40 percent average but rain is need in many areas to ensure complete germination and good stands. Sorghum planting advanced to 88 percent complete, 12 days ahead of last year and over 2 weeks ahead of the 65 percent normal for this date. Rice emergence is 96 percent complete, virtually catching up to a year earlier and more than a week ahead of the 86 percent average. Condition of rice is rated as 1 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 47 percent good and 9 percent excellent. Cotton planting reached completion about a week ahead of both last year and average. Condition of cotton is rated as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 54 percent good and 8 percent excellent, a moderate decline from a week ago. The winter wheat crop is 97 percent headed, slightly behind last year but equal to the average for this date. Twenty-nine percent of the wheat is turning color, a few days behind last year and normal. Condition of wheat is rated as 3 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 46 percent good and 5 percent excellent, a slight decline from a week earlier. Sixty-nine percent of the first crop of alfalfa hay and 34 percent of other hay are cut, both a few days ahead of last year and average. **Pasture & Livestock** Pasture condition is reported as 6 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 31 percent good and 2 percent excellent, a significant decline from a week earlier as moisture shortages have slowed growth in nearly all areas and particularly in the south-central counties. **Weather Summary** Temperatures over the State during the past week ranged from normal to slightly below normal over most of the State. Rainfall for the week averaged 0.23 inch, ranging from no measurable precipitation for most counties in the south-central and southeast districts to around 4 inches in parts of Newton and McDonald counties in the extreme southwest.