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MISSOURI WEEKLY FEEDER CATTLE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REPORT

Receipts 30,339; Week ago 34,992; Year ago 29,704
 Medium and Large 1 (Medium Flesh)

Fdr. STEERS:		Fdr. HEIFERS:		Hols. STEERS	
352 lbs.	162.09	353 lbs.	141.02	386 lbs.	125.59
448 lbs.	152.27	457 lbs.	133.80	448 lbs.	117.70
555 lbs.	137.14	548 lbs.	122.47	559 lbs.	107.40
648 lbs.	120.62	649 lbs.	110.23	626 lbs.	100.96
741 lbs.	110.25	747 lbs.	104.14	755 lbs.	89.38
829 lbs.	105.81	834 lbs.	101.71	875 lbs.	85.45
947 lbs.	100.26	947 lbs.	95.83	946 lbs.	82.82

SOUTHERN MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(West Plains, Gainesville)

Receipts: 4700; Week ago 4650; Year ago 3832
 Compared to last week, steers and heifers under 650 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, several heifers 350-550 lbs 3.00 to 7.00 higher, over 650 lbs steady to mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows traded steady to 1.00 higher, and bulls steady.

STEERS:		HEIFERS:	
Medium and Large 1		Medium and Large 1	
300-400 lbs.	162.50-175.00	350-400 lbs.	135.00-145.00
400-450 lbs.	154.00-162.00	400-450 lbs.	130.00-147.50
450-500 lbs.	139.00-153.00	450-500 lbs.	117.50-138.00
500-550 lbs.	136.00-144.00	500-550 lbs.	116.00-132.50
550-600 lbs.	122.00-135.00	550-600 lbs.	112.00-124.00
600-650 lbs.	117.00-127.00	600-700 lbs.	103.00-114.50
650-700 lbs.	112.00-117.50	700-780 lbs.	102.00-103.50
700-800 lbs.	104.50-114.00		
800-815 lbs.	103.50-105.50		

Large 3 Holsteins

Scarce

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1450-2330 lbs, 59.00-64.00, High dressing 64.00-66.00, Low dressing 48.00-58.00

COW & CALF PAIRS: Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS:

Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 49.00-56.50, high dressing 53.00-57.00. Lean (85-90%) 44.00-50.00, low dressing 34.00-43.00.

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 3 to 6 yrs, 1180-1370 lbs, 3rd stage, 930.00-1080.00 per head. 2nd stage 810.00-930.00. Mixed 6 yrs to ss 1150-1350 lbs 2nd and 3rd stage 700.00-850.00 per head.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Joplin and Springfield)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 8425; week ago 11,303; year ago 6525
 Cow and Bull Receipts 1729; week ago 1955; year ago 1190
 Dairy Cattle Receipts 1020, (Springfield 1/24/06)
 Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers under 650 lbs steady to 2.00 higher, over 650 lbs 1.00 to mostly 2.00 lower, Holsteins steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls fully steady to 1.00 higher.

STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	151.00-176.00
400-500 lbs.	136.00-160.00
500-600 lbs.	127.00-147.00
600-700 lbs.	107.50-130.00
700-800 lbs.	104.00-115.00
800-900 lbs.	103.00-108.10
900-1000 lbs.	99.00-103.00

HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	131.00-153.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-138.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-130.00
600-700 lbs.	102.00-115.50
700-800 lbs.	99.00-107.50
800-900 lbs.	94.00-102.00

HOLSTEINS:

Large Frame 3

200-300 lbs.	Scarce
300-400 lbs.	125.00-126.50
400-500 lbs.	110.50-124.00
500-600 lbs.	101.00-113.00
600-700 lbs.	95.00-107.00
700-800 lbs.	88.50-92.00
800-900 lbs.	84.00-86.50
900-1000 lbs.	82.00-83.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1020-1340 lbs, 2nd and 3rd stage, 750.00-950.00, several blacks, black-whiteface, and reds, 960.00-1110.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, 4 yrs to ss, 1000-1320 lbs. with baby to 275 lb calves 925.00-1125.00 per pair.

Dairy Cattle Sales

Springer Heifers: Supreme 2000.00-2375.00, Approved 1700.00-1990.00, Bred 4-6 months: Supreme 1925.00-2300.00, Approved 1625.00-1900.00 Open Heifers; Approved 700-800 lbs 1350.00-1510.00, 600-700 lbs 1300.00-1425.00, 500-600 lbs 1350.00-1360.00, 400-500 lbs 1000.00-1300.00. Baby Calves: Holstein Heifers 370.00-690.00. Bulls 170.00-245.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-56.75, high dressing 52.00-59.50 Lean (85-90%) 40.00-49.00, low dressing 33.00-44.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2, 1310-2420 lbs. 60.00-63.00, high dressing 63.00-69.50, low dressing 52.00-59.25.

INTERIOR MISSOURI DIRECT HOGS

Weekly Receipts 10,843; Week ago 12,430; Year ago 9577
 Compared to last weeks close barrows and gilts steady to 1.00 lower. Sows 1.00 lower.

BARROWS AND GILTS:

Base carcass meat price 47.00-48.00
 Weekly top price Thursday 49.00

SOWS:

300-500 lbs 26.00-28.00
 Over 500 lbs 32.00-33.00

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WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Sedalia, Kingsville)

Receipts 2471; Week ago 4166; Year ago 3469

Compared to last week feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs steady to 6.00 higher, others steady. Slaughter Cows steady to 1.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

300-400 lbs.	148.00-167.50
400-500 lbs.	133.50-160.00
500-600 lbs.	123.00-146.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	103.50-115.50
800-900 lbs.	101.75-109.75
900-1000 lbs.	Scarce

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 yrs to ss, 1000-1450 lbs 2nd to 3rd stage 825.00-1250.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium and Large 1-2, Scarce.**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

300-400 lbs.	135.00-155.00
400-500 lbs.	121.00-141.50
500-600 lbs.	112.00-137.00
600-700 lbs.	104.25-118.50
700-800 lbs.	100.25-111.00
800-900 lbs.	99.75-108.10

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-55.00, high dressing 52.50-62.00, Lean (85-90%) 45.50-52.00, low dressing 42.00-46.00.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:**

Yield Grade 1-2, 1350-2145 lbs 59.00-65.00, high dressing 65.75-66.50.

EAST CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Bowling Green, Kingdom City, Boonville)

Receipts: 5205; Week ago 4308; Year ago: 5236

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

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1& 1-2

350-400 lbs.	150.00-165.00
400-500 lbs.	135.00-157.00
500-600 lbs.	122.00-150.00
600-700 lbs.	112.00-130.00
700-800 lbs.	105.00-118.00
800-850 lbs.	101.75-108.75

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Select and Choice 2-3 86.00-91.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** High Select and Choice 2-3 84.50-88.50**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1 & 1-2

350-400 lbs.	130.00-143.00
400-500 lbs.	115.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	110.00-130.00
600-700 lbs.	102.50-115.00
700-750 lbs.	101.50-107.50

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking, Boning, and Lean (70-90% lean) 42.00-55.00, high dressing 52.00-65.00, low dressing 35.00-45.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1500-2200 lbs, 57.50-62.50, high dressing 63.75-65.75.**NORTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Palmyra, Green City, New Cambria)

Feeder Cattle Receipts 2754; week ago 3979; year ago 3476

Slaughter Cattle Receipts 58; week ago 76; year ago 93

Compared to the last week steers under 700 lbs and heifers under 600 lbs steady to 3.00 higher, heavier weights weak to 5.00 lower. Slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 lower. Slaughter Cows steady.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	161.00-182.50
400-500 lbs.	148.50-165.00
500-600 lbs.	131.00-153.50
600-700 lbs.	116.00-132.00
700-800 lbs.	102.50-115.35
800-900 lbs.	103.25-106.75

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-3 1100-1400 lbs 89.10-92.00**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice 2-3 1000-1300 lbs 89.00-91.00**FEEDER HEIFERS:**

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	143.50-150.00
400-500 lbs.	127.00-144.50
500-600 lbs.	119.00-135.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-117.75
700-800 lbs.	101.00-106.50
800-900 lbs.	Scarce

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (75-85% lean) 50.00-58.00, low dressing 44.50-50.00**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2, 1300-2000 lbs. 56.50-62.00**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY**

(Fruitland, Patton)

Receipts 1589; Week ago 1343; Year ago 1501

Compared to last week feeder steers 5.00 to 8.00 higher, heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00 to 2.00 higher.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	167.50-190.00
300-400 lbs.	145.00-169.00
400-500 lbs.	124.00-156.00
500-600 lbs.	113.00-138.00
600-700 lbs.	103.00-124.50
700-800 lbs.	100.00-110.00
800-875 lbs.	102.50-109.00

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 860-1415 lbs in 2nd to 3rd stage 700.00-1050.00 per head.

COW & CALF PAIRS:

Medium and Large 1-2, 2 to 7 yrs 1060-1325 lbs. with baby-260 lbs calves 1020.00-1310.00 per pair.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1-2

250-300 lbs.	132.00-141.00
300-400 lbs.	118.50-142.00
400-500 lbs.	118.00-134.00
500-600 lbs.	106.00-131.00
600-700 lbs.	95.00-110.50
Pkg. 815 lbs.	90.00

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 44.75-52.75, high dressing 52.75-57.25, Lean (85-90%) 34.75-36.50.**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1650-2105 lbs 55.00-60.25, high dressing 62.00-64.25, low dressing 52.50-53.25.

SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI WEEKLY SUMMARY

(Cuba, Vienna)

Receipts 2516; Week ago 2940; Year ago 1675

Compared to last week steers and heifers under 700 lbs steady, over 700 lbs steady to 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows 1.00 to 4.00 lower.

FEEDER STEERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	148.50-173.00
400-500 lbs.	137.50-154.25
500-600 lbs.	124.00-139.00
600-700 lbs.	114.25-122.00
700-725 lbs.	108.00-115.25
800-850 lbs.	104.00-106.50

REPLACEMENT COWS:

Medium and Large 1, Scarce

COW & CALF PAIRS: Medium

and Large 1-2, Scarce.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Medium and Large 1

300-400 lbs.	131.50-144.50
400-500 lbs.	124.50-135.50
500-600 lbs.	113.00-126.00
600-700 lbs.	105.00-114.50
750-800 lbs.	96.00-101.25

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breaking and Boning (70-85% lean) 47.00-52.50, High dressing 54.00-56.75, Lean (85-90%) 42.00-49.00, low dressing 35.00-43.50**SLAUGHTER BULLS:** Yield

Grade 1-2, 1500-2500 lbs, 56.50-62.50, Low dressing 52.00-54.50

**MISSOURI WEEKLY DIRECT
SLAUGHTER CATTLE REPORT**

Weekly Receipts 600; Week ago 400; Year ago 1600

Compared to last week, trade rather slow. Live sales undertone 3.00 lower and dressed sales on a grid basis weak to 4.00 lower. Demand and seller interest light to moderate.

STEERS: 50-70% Choice 1200-1300 lbs 90.00-91.00**HEIFERS:** No Sales**STEERS AND HEIFERS:**

Carcass sales: No Sales

GRADE AND WEIGHT (Grid):

Choice 3 550-950 lbs 150.00-153.00.

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

Receipts: 15,089

Compared to last week, weaner pigs steady. No feeder pigs last week for a market comparison, undertone is steady. USDA National Feeder Pig Report indicates weaner and feeder pigs steady to weak. Moderate demand for moderate supply.

Early weaned pigs 10 lb base weights
Delivered, 82% formulated. (5805 head AR to NB & IA)
14,218 head 10 lbs 32.50-38.09 weighted average 10 lbs 35.00

Feeder pigs in all lot sizes 40-50 lb base weights
Delivered 0% formulated
871 head 40-50 lbs 63.00-66.00 weighted average 45.1 lbs 64.13

MIDWEST SHEEP REVIEW

Slaughter Receipts: 48,000; Week ago 50,000; Year ago 48,000

Slaughter Lambs Steady Slaughter Ewes: Utility and Good
Slaughter Ewes Steady 1-3 40.00-50.00, Cull 1 25.00-
Feeder Lambs Steady 40.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large
Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs shorn 76.00- 1-2 50-70 lbs 105.00-120.00, 70-90
78.00, woolled 73.00-78.00. lbs 90.00-105.00.

Missouri Weekly Hay Summary

Warm weather and budding bushes have many concerned that grass may leave dormancy and end up getting hit with a hard frost. Depending on what type of hay one is searching for we are hearing some cases where buyers are finding difficulty locating what they need. Prices seem to be more of a hindrance to sales however, despite the fact that compared to other states around Missouri's price is lower, sellers are having a difficult time maintaining sales with any increase in price. This has several truckers taking hay to other states were they can see at least a small profit. Supply moderate, prices are steady to 5.00 higher. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay hotline available for buyers and sellers. To be listed, or for a directory, call 1-800-877-4HAY(4429).(All prices per ton unless specified) Supreme quality Alfalfa(RFV>185) 125.00-150.00 premium quality Alfalfa(RFV170-180) 90.00-125.00 Fair to Good quality Alfalfa (RFV130-170) Round bales 40.00-80.00 Small, Big squares 70.00-110.00 Good quality mixed Alfalfa and grass small square bales 2.50-3.50 per bale 25.00-50.00 per large round bale Fair to good quality Prairie hay 40.00-60.00 Premium Quality Brome large Squares 90.00-100.00 Good quality Brome 40.00-70.00 Fair quality Brome and mixed with grass round bales 15.00-30.00 per bale Good quality Timothy Hay 3.00-4.50 per small square bale Good quality Red Clover hay 25.00-50.00 Good quality Mixed Grass hay 20.00-35.00 per round bale Fair quality large round bales Fescue 15.00-25.00 per bale Wheat hay 40.00-60.00 Wheat straw 2.50-3.50 per small bale.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

	<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>HOGS</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>
Week to date	602,000	2,030,000	48,000
Last week	608,000	2,033,000	50,000
Last Year	580,000	1,981,000	48,000
2006 yr. to date	2,948,000	10,060,000	241,000
2005 yr. to date	2,939,000	9,983,000	232,000

Oregon County Goat and Sheep Market (Koshkonong)

Receipts: 130 Last Month: 433 Year Ago: 253

Slaughter Classes: Kids: Selection 1 45-60 lbs 120.00; 60-80 lbs 105.00. Selection 1-2 80-100 lbs 85.00. Selection 2 45-60 lbs 107.00; 60-80 lbs 98.00. Selection 3 45-60 lbs 100.00; 60-80 lbs 85.00. Feeder Kids: Selection 1-3 20-44 lbs 85.00 per cwt. Slaughter Does/Nannies: yearlings 70.00, medium 70.00, thin 40.00, Fleshy 55.00. Slaughter Bucks: yearlings 70.00, pygmy 60.00. Slaughter Lambs: not tested Feeder Lambs: Medium 1-2 Woolled 80 lbs and under fleshy 98.00. Slaughter Ewes: 160 lbs and under Good 3 35.00. Slaughter Rams: not tested. (all prices per cwt.)

MIDWEST EGG REVIEW

Large .13 lower, Medium .12 lower, and Small .06 higher. IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN: Prices paid to producers. (cents per dz.) Large .20-.29, Medium .15-.21, Small .09-.13.

WEEKLY COMMODITY GRAIN FUTURES TRENDS

Compared to last Friday: Soybeans .05 to .09 higher, Wheat .12 to .14 higher, Corn .06 to .07 higher, KC Wheat .16 to .18 higher, Soybean Meal unch to 2.00 lower.

Daily Grain Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Soybeans					
Mar	598 3/4	594 1/4	579 1/2	584	594 3/4
May	609 1/2	606 3/4	592 1/4	596 3/4	607 1/2
Jul	620 1/4	616 1/2	603	607	617 1/2
Aug	624	619 1/2	606	610 1/2	620 1/2
Sep	623	620	610	613	623 1/4
Wheat					
Mar	345 1/4	343 1/4	339 1/4	347 1/4	356 1/2
May	356	354 1/2	350 1/4	358 1/2	367 3/4
Jul	365 1/2	364 1/2	360 1/4	368 3/4	378
Sep	375 1/2	373 1/2	370 1/2	378 1/2	388
Dec	388	386 1/2	382 3/4	390 3/4	398 1/2
Corn					
Mar	271 3/4	218 3/4	216 1/2	220 1/2	225 1/4
May	227 3/4	229	226 1/2	230 1/4	235
Jul	236 1/2	238	236	239 1/4	244
Sep	243 3/4	245 1/4	243 3/4	246 3/4	250
Dec	253 3/4	255 3/4	254	256 3/4	260
KC Wheat					
Mar	398 1/4	397 1/2	393	402 3/4	411 1/2
May	401 1/2	401	397 1/2	408	416
Jul	399 3/4	399 1/2	396 1/4	407 1/4	417
Sep	404 3/4	403 1/2	400 3/4	411 1/2	419
Dec	413 1/2	412 3/4	410 3/4	420 1/4	428 3/4
SB Meal					
Mar	188.20	185.00	181.20	181.90	184.00
May	190.10	187.80	183.70	184.70	186.70
Jul	192.90	190.40	186.80	187.80	189.80
Aug	194.20	191.80	188.20	189.10	191.20
Sep	194.60	192.80	189.30	189.90	191.70

WEEKLY COMMODITY FUTURES TREND

Compared to last Friday: Live Cattle 1.12 to 1.92 lower, Lean Hogs mixed .68 higher to 1.23 lower, Pork Bellies nearby .48 to .92 higher, others .75 to 3.50 lower, Feeder Cattle 2.67 to 3.10 lower.

Daily Futures Closes

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Cattle					
Feb	93.25	93.55	93.05	92.60	92.27
Apr	91.15	91.57	90.92	90.40	89.85
Jun	85.00	85.32	84.72	84.45	83.92
Aug	84.10	84.37	83.97	83.55	83.35
Oct	84.72	87.45	87.02	86.67	86.42
Lean Hogs					
Feb	56.07	55.95	56.22	54.55	55.02
Apr	61.82	61.82	62.02	60.07	60.72
May	66.10	66.27	66.35	65.50	66.40
Jun	68.90	69.15	69.10	67.67	68.17
Jul	67.07	67.20	66.85	65.65	66.37
Prk Bel					
Feb	75.62	75.97	74.62	74.42	76.92
Mar	75.25	74.85	73.82	73.10	76.10
May	77.10	76.57	75.40	74.40	76.80
Jul	78.10	78.15	76.50	75.30	78.00
Aug	80.00	79.90	77.00	75.77	76.50
Fdr Cat					
Mar	109.75	109.82	109.27	108.70	107.82
Apr	110.50	110.85	110.35	109.67	108.80
May	111.15	111.20	110.62	109.62	108.87
Aug	111.70	111.42	110.75	109.95	109.60
Sep	110.90	110.70	110.30	109.55	109.10
Milk					
Jan	13.40	13.42	13.42	13.40	13.39
Feb	12.30	12.41	12.38	12.32	12.32
Mar	12.01	12.16	12.15	12.01	12.07

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MISSOURI GRAIN WEEKLY TRENDS

Soybeans .04 lower to .06 higher
 Wheat .06 to .10 higher
 Corn .03 to .05 higher
 Grain Sorghum .02 to .03 higher

Weekly Missouri Selected Cash Grain Bids

Area	#1 Soybean	#2 Soft Wheat	#2 Corn	#2 Grain Sorghum
Kansas City				
Monday	5.79	3.78	1.98	3.54
Tuesday	5.74	3.75	1.99	3.55
Wednesday	5.60	3.73	1.96	3.50
Thursday	5.64	3.83	2.01	3.59
Friday	5.75	3.92	2.05	4.12
St. Louis				
Monday	5.93-6.02	3.43	2.13-2.21	4.03
Tuesday	5.90	3.40	2.14	4.07
Wednesday	5.72-5.80	3.35	2.12-2.19	3.98
Thursday	5.78-5.82	3.41	2.17-2.22	4.05
Friday	5.86-5.89	3.47	2.21-2.25	4.12
Central				
Monday	5.61-5.69	3.04-3.12	1.98-2.10	3.18-3.30
Tuesday	5.58-5.64	3.06-3.23	1.96-1.99	3.19
Wednesday	5.41-5.44	3.02-3.19	1.97-2.10	3.16-3.30
Thursday	5.44-5.54	3.10-3.27	2.01-2.10	3.23-3.30
Friday	5.59-5.65	3.20-3.37	2.05	3.30
S.E. MO				
Monday	5.95-6.03	3.35-3.48	2.08-2.17	4.02-4.16
Tuesday	5.89-5.97	3.35-3.44	2.09-2.18	4.03-4.16
Wednesday	5.69-5.76	3.29-3.41	2.05-2.16	3.95-4.11
Thursday	5.73-5.86	3.37-3.49	2.11-2.22	4.02-4.17
Friday	5.81-5.97	3.42-3.57	2.14-2.26	4.07-4.26

(PRICES PER BU. EXCEPT GR. SORG. PER CWT)
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Missouri Cattle Inventory Up 3.4 Percent

The January 1, 2006, all cattle and calf inventory in Missouri totaled 4.55 million head up 150,000 head from the revised January 1, 2005 estimate. Gene Danekas, Director, Missouri Agricultural Statistics said, "Missouri's beef replacement heifers are one of the numbers to look closely at, up 17.2 percent from last year. This suggests producers have started the herd rebuilding process." Beef cow numbers increased during 2005 and totaled 2.24 million head as of January 1, 2006. Compared to a year ago, beef cow numbers were up 115,000 head (5.4%) from the revised 2005 estimate, while milk cows are down by 5,000 head from last year to 114,000 head. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006 and percent changes from 2005 were as follows: all heifers 500 pounds and over, up 6 percent from last year to 670,000 head; milk replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent from last year to 70,000 head; other heifers 500 pounds and over, down 5 percent from last year's estimate to 260,000 head; steers 500 pounds and over, unchanged at 460,000 head; bulls 500 pounds and over, up 8 percent to 130,000 head; and calves under 500 pounds, down 1 percent to 940,000 head. The 2005 calf crop was estimated at 2.08 million head, up slightly from the revised 2004 calf crop of 2.04 million head. Cattle on feed for slaughter market at 70,000 was unchanged from a year ago.

U.S. January 1 Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2006, totaled 97.1 million head, 2 percent above the 95.4 million on January 1, 2005. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.3 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2005. Beef cows, at 33.3 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Milk cows, at 9.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2005. Other class estimates on January 1, 2006, and the change from January 1, 2005, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.90 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.28 million, up 4 percent. Other heifers, 9.80 million, up slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.9 million, up 3 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.26 million, up 2 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.6 million, up 2 percent.