



VIRGINIA AG WEEK

Friday, September 05, 2008

LIVESTOCK

Feeder steers mixed from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher, 800-900 lbs 6.00 higher; heifers mostly steady to 2.00 higher; bulls mostly 1.00-2.00 higher, 600-700 lbs 2.00-3.00 lower.

Sales at Blackstone, Fredericksburg, Front Royal, Lynchburg, Narrows and Tri-State.

Feeder Cattle 3531 (Steers 1849; Heifers 1385; Bulls 297)

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	300-400	388	112.00-114.50	113.65
102	400-500	462	100.00-113.50	108.46
179	500-600	558	95.00-112.00	107.25
245	600-700	655	87.00-106.75	101.25
236	700-800	751	94.00-108.50	103.06
124	800-900	850	86.00-104.50	102.54
35	900-1000	934	93.25-101.50	100.13
15	1000-1100	1051	88.50-90.00	89.80

Feeder Steers Small 1				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	300-400	373	87.00-112.00	105.84
32	400-500	467	60.00-109.00	100.91
		mostly	86.00-109.00	
53	500-600	561	85.00-98.50	94.33
24	600-700	650	92.00-95.25	94.22
14	700-800	733	70.00-105.75	95.21
		mostly	85.00-105.75	

Feeder Steers Large 1-2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	900-1000	955	65.00	65.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	300-400	373	98.00-115.00	108.29
60	400-500	454	91.00-112.00	102.90
136	500-600	554	80.00-108.00	100.09
170	600-700	645	75.00-107.00	103.20
		mostly	80.00-107.00	
164	700-800	755	69.00-108.50	103.32
		mostly	95.25-108.50	
120	800-900	850	82.00-104.50	101.09
16	900-1000	948	75.00-95.00	91.81
4	1000-1100	1012	81.00	81.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	300-400	364	81.00-112.00	98.32
23	400-500	458	69.00-98.50	91.87
27	500-600	544	75.50-97.50	89.42
11	600-700	636	59.00-98.50	82.74
9	700-800	744	78.00-92.50	79.57
3	800-900	848	50.00-90.00	68.40

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
21	300-400	371	89.00-106.25	96.18
64	400-500	463	85.00-105.00	97.92
167	500-600	549	83.00-99.25	95.21
163	600-700	648	80.00-96.50	95.35
73	700-800	747	89.50-96.00	92.82
30	800-900	829	85.00-93.00	90.58
7	900-1000	957	72.00-83.00	81.52

Feeder Heifers Small 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
20	300-400	358	77.00-94.00	92.06
55	400-500	453	78.25-99.50	91.89
50	500-600	538	78.00-93.75	89.24
12	600-700	636	80.00-90.00	82.42
2	700-800	723	81.00-85.50	83.30

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
39	300-400	366	89.50-101.00	95.23
118	400-500	459	59.00-102.50	95.21
		mostly	83.00-102.50	
182	500-600	554	84.00-95.50	93.23
153	600-700	646	70.00-97.00	94.13
		mostly	80.00-97.00	
52	700-800	751	79.00-94.00	88.21
21	800-900	852	69.00-87.00	81.34
1	900-1000	925	67.00	67.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
24	300-400	355	86.00-100.50	96.25
50	400-500	462	76.00-95.00	90.00
49	500-600	554	55.00-94.75	87.63
		mostly	77.00-94.75	
18	600-700	643	71.00-94.00	85.62
2	700-800	768	67.00	67.00
1	800-900	800	78.00	78.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	300-400	383	104.50-105.00	104.74
44	400-500	448	93.00-106.25	102.92
58	500-600	554	88.50-99.00	95.29
17	600-700	652	83.50-94.50	88.89
2	700-800	760	84.75	84.75

Feeder Bulls Small 1

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
12	300-400	346	109.50-113.00	112.09
33	400-500	443	77.00-104.50	97.21
17	500-600	552	84.50-92.00	90.11
2	600-700	643	86.00-90.00	87.95

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	300-400	346	101.00-114.00	112.03
41	400-500	453	89.00-106.50	102.96
39	500-600	556	90.00-100.00	94.80
5	600-700	629	78.00-94.50	89.75
1	700-800	785	69.00	69.00
2	900-1000	950	70.00	70.00

Average auction prices at Blackstone, Fredericksburg, Front Royal, Hollins, Marshall, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Staunton, Tri-State, Winchester and Wythe County.

Slaughter cows Breaker and Boner 1.00-3.00 higher, Lean steady to 2.00 lower.

Breaker 75-80% Lean, 850-1200 lbs	52.00- 55.25
Breaker 75-80% Lean, 1200-1600 lbs	55.25- 60.25
Boner 80-85% Lean, 800-1200 lbs	47.50- 53.25
Boner 80-85% Lean, 1200-2000 lbs	49.25- 56.25
Lean 85-90% Lean, under 850 lbs	36.00- 43.25
Lean 85-90% Lean, 850 lbs and over	40.25- 47.75

Slaughter bulls under 1500 lbs 1.00-4.00 higher, over 1500 lbs 1.00-2.00 lower.

YG 1-2, 1000-1500 lbs	61.75- 66.00
YG 1-2, 1500-2500 lbs	61.00- 68.00

Slaughter lambs 1.00-4.00 higher at Winchester.

Choice and Prime 1-2, 80-110 lbs 114.00-119.00

Feeder lambs 9.50-10.50 higher at Shenandoah.

Medium and Large 1-2, 60-90 lbs 102.75-108.50

GRAIN

Sep 04 compared to Aug 28

No. 2 Red Winter Wheat

Eastern Shore	5.07-5.12	.02-.07 lower
new crop	5.43	.32 lower
Norfolk Terminal	5.77	.17 lower
new crop	6.78	.32 lower
Petersburg/Richmond	5.10-5.17	.32-.34 lower
new crop	5.98-6.28	.32 lower
Tappahannock	5.17	.32 lower
new crop	6.28	.32 lower
Wakefield	4.88-5.27	.12-.16 lower

No. 2 Yellow Corn

Culpeper/Winchester	4.75-5.95	Steady
Eastern Shore	5.29-5.30	No trend
Petersburg/Richmond	5.40-5.50	.23-.30 lower
new crop	5.75	.24 lower - .12 higher
Tappahannock	5.40	.30 lower
Wakefield	5.14-5.45	.06-.23 lower

No. 1 Soybeans			
Eastern Shore		12.10	No trend
	new crop	11.10-11.20	.80-.90 lower
Norfolk Terminal		12.85	.89 lower
	new crop	11.85	.89 lower
Petersburg/Richmond		12.35-12.50	.89 lower
	new crop	11.20-11.60	.89 lower
Tappahannock		12.55	.89 lower
	new crop	11.60	.89 lower
Wakefield		12.10	.84-.89 lower
	new crop	10.96-11.65	.88-.89 lower

No. 2 Barley
Petersburg/Richmond 3.50 Steady

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

APPLES

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (VA, WV, MD, PA). DEMAND VERY GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Cartons 12 3-lb film bags Gala U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min 22.00-23.50 occas 24.00-25.00 Ginger Gold U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min 18.00-20.50 occas 21.00.

HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Various early season varieties, mostly Paulared. Cartons cell pack U.S. ExFcy 100s 27.00-32.00 mostly 30.00 cartons 12 3-lb film bags U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 22.00-24.00 few higher and lower.

MICHIGAN. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Cartons 12 3-lb film bags Gala U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 24.00-28.00 Paula Red U.S. ExFcy 2 1/2" min/up 20.00-24.00.

BEANS

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Bushel crates Round Green Type 12.85-13.00 Pole Type 22.85-23.00.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK. DEMAND GOOD. MARKET STEADY. Bushel cartons/crates precooled Round Green Type Machine Picked 10.00-12.00 one label high as 14.00.

BLUEBERRIES

MICHIGAN. DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Mostly Elliot variety. Few Bluecrop and Jerseys. Wide range in price. Some movement to C.A. storage. Flats 12 1-pt cups with lids med 26.00-32.00 mostly 30.00 few prior commitments lower flats 12 4.4-oz cups with lids med 16.50-20.00 few 22.00-22.50, occasional prior commitment lower.

CABBAGE

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. A few growers are experiencing harvesting gaps. Harvesting curtailed due to rain and wet fields. 50 lb cartons Round Green Type med 9.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 few lower Red Type med 10.00-12.00 occas 13.00.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK. DEMAND GOOD FOR MEDIUM, LIGHT FOR LARGE. MARKET STEADY. 50 lb cartons Round Green Type med 8.00-9.00 one label high as 10.00 50 lb sacks Round Green Type lge 3.50-4.00 mostly 3.50 few lower bulk per lb Round Green Type lge .06-.07 few higher and lower.

CORN-SWEET

HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK. DEMAND MODERATE AT SLIGHTLY LOWER PRICES. MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER. Pre-Cooling and palletization extra. Wirebound crates Yellow 4 dz 8.00-8.20 occasional higher and lower White 4 dz 8.00-8.20 occasional lower Bi-Color 4 dz 8.00-8.20 occasional higher and lower.

MICHIGAN. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. Cartons/crates Yellow 4 dz 7.00-8.00 occasional higher and lower Bi-Color 4 dz 7.00-9.00 mostly 7.00-8.00.

CUCUMBERS

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1 1/9 bushel crates med 11.85-12.85 few higher fr qual 6.00-9.00 mostly 6.00-6.85.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. 1 1/9 bushel cartons med 10.00-14.00 mostly 10.00 fr qual 5.00-7.00 mostly 5.00-6.00 few 4.00 cartons 24s 3.50-4.00 mostly 4.00 few higher.

OHIO. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. Extra services included. 1 1/9 bushel cartons med 8.85-10.35 occasional lower fr qual 5.35-6.85 cartons 24s 4.35-5.35.

MICHIGAN. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. 1 1/9 bushel cartons med 7.00-8.85 few high as 10.95 fr qual 4.00-5.85 cartons 24s 3.50-4.50 mostly 3.50-4.00 1 1/9 bushel crates Pickles 150-200s 10.00-12.95 200-300s 14.95-16.85.

GREENS

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Various containers bunched/loose Collard 6.00-7.00 mostly 6.00-6.50 Kale 6.00-7.00 mostly 6.00-6.50 Mustard 6.00-7.00 mostly 6.00-6.50 Turnip Tops 6.00-7.00 mostly 6.00-6.50.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Cartons loose Kale 8.50-10.00 mostly 8.50 Mustard 9.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 Turnip Tops 9.00-10.00 mostly 9.00 various containers bunched/loose Collard 6s 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.50.

NECTARINES

SOUTH NEW JERSEY. DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. VARIOUS YELLOW FLESH VARIETIES MOSTLY FANTASIA. 25 lb cartons loose U.S. ExOne 2 1/2"up 14.40 2 3/4" up 16.40.

PEACHES

APPALACHIAN DISTRICT (VA, WV, MD, PA). DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. VARIOUS YELLOW FLESH VARIETIES MOSTLY CRESTHAVEN AND LORING. 1/2 bushel cartons U.S. ExOne 2 3/4"up 12.00-13.50 2 1/2"up 8.00-10.00 occas higher UNWASHED 1/2 bushel crates 2 1/2"up 12.00-13.00 occas higher.

SOUTH CAROLINA. DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. Extra services included. Primary varieties: Last Chance, Flameprince, Autumn Prince and Marsun. Few current shipments booked open with price to be established later. 1/2 bushel cartons Various Yellow Flesh Varieties 2 3/4"up 9.40-10.40 few high as 12.40 occasional lower 2 1/2"up 6.40-8.40 mostly 6.40 occasional lower.

SOUTH NEW JERSEY. DEMAND LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. VARIETIES INCLUDE CRESTHAVEN, PF27A, JERSEY QUEEN, FLAMEPRINCE, LAUROL, AUTUMNGLO, FEW CONTENDER, ENCORE. WHITE FLESH VARIETIES MOSTLY SUGAR GIANT AND LADY NANCY. 1/2 bushel cartons Various Yellow Flesh Varieties U.S. ExOne 2 3/4-3" 11.90-13.40 mostly 12.40 occas 14.40 2 1/2-2 3/4" 9.40-10.40 mostly 9.40 occas higher 2 1/4-2 1/2" 7.40-8.40 Various White Flesh Varieties U.S. ExOne 2 3/4"up 10.40-12.40 occas higher 2 1/2"up 8.40-10.40 occas higher.

PEPPERS

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1 1/9 bushel crates Bell Type green jbo 7.00-10.85 occasional higher exlge 7.00-10.00 occasional higher lge 6.00-8.85 occasional higher.

SOUTH NEW JERSEY. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell Type green jbo 9.50-10.50 exlge 8.00-9.50 mostly 8.00-9.00 lge 7.00-8.50 mostly 7.00-7.50 med 6.00-7.00 irreg sz fr qual 5.50-6.00 mostly 6.00.

OHIO. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Extra services included. 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell Type Green jbo 8.85-10.85 occasional higher and lower exlge 8.85-10.85 occasional higher and lower lge 8.85-10.85 occasional higher and lower irreg sz fr qual 7.85-8.85 occasional higher and lower.

MICHIGAN. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET HIGHER. Extra services included. Harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. 1 1/9 bushel cartons Bell Type Green jbo 8.00-10.95 mostly 8.35-9.85 prior commitments lower exlge 8.00-10.95 mostly 8.35-9.85 prior commitments lower lge 7.35-9.95 mostly 7.85-8.85 prior commitments lower irreg sz fr qual 5.85-7.95.

SQUASH

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. SUPPLY LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET HIGHER ON ZUCCHINI AND YELLOW CROOKNECK MEDIUM. 1/2 and 5/9 bushel cartons/crates Zucchini sml 10.00-11.00 med 8.00-9.00 3/4 bushel cartons/crates Yellow Crookneck sml to wide a range in price to establish market, med 10.00-11.00.

LEXINGTON DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. 1/2 bushel cartons Zucchini Green sml 8.00-11.00 mostly 8.00 med 6.00-9.00 mostly 6.00 3/4 bushel cartons Yellow Crookneck sml 14.00-18.00 mostly 14.00 med 8.00-11.00 mostly 8.00.

MICHIGAN. SUPPLY YELLOW STRAIGHTNECK LIGHT. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ZUCCHINI SLIGHTLY HIGHER, YELLOW STRAIGHTNECK HIGHER. Extra services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. 1/2 bushel cartons Zucchini sml 6.00-8.95 mostly 7.35-8.85 med 4.85-6.95 mostly 5.35-6.85 Yellow Straightneck sml 12.00-14.95 mostly 12.00-12.85 few low as 10.85 med 10.00-12.95 mostly 10.00-10.85 few low as 8.85 occasional higher.

STRAWBERRIES

SALINAS-WATSONVILLE CALIFORNIA. DEMAND BEST GOOD, OTHERS MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Includes palletizing and cooling. Wide range in quality. Some berries being diverted to processor and/or freezer. Flats 12 1-pt baskets med 9.90-10.90 few 11.00-12.90 occasional higher and lower flats 8 1-lb containers with lids med 7.90-8.90 few 9.00-10.90 occasional higher few low as 6.90 flats 4 2-lb containers with lids med 7.90-8.90 few 9.00-10.90 occasional higher few low as 6.90 ORGANIC flats 12 8-oz containers with lids med 10.00-11.90 occasional higher and lower flats 8 1-lb containers with lids med 12.00-13.90 occasional higher and lower.

SWEET POTATOES

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 40 lb cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 15.00-16.00 mostly 15.50-16.00 few lower occasional higher U.S. No. 1 Petite 10.00-12.00 occasional lower U.S. No. 2 6.00-8.00 few higher No Grade Marks jbo 8.00-10.00 some 7.00 few high as 11.00.

MISSISSIPPI. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. CURED 40 lb cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 15.00-17.00 mostly 15.00-16.50 few 14.50 U.S. No. 1 Petite 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-11.00 U.S. No. 2 8.00-9.00 few low as 7.00 occasional higher No Grade Marks jbo 8.00-9.50 mostly 9.00.

LOUISIANA. DEMAND MODERATE. Few shippers unable to be reached due to storm-related power outages. CURED 40 lb cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 16.00-18.00 mostly 16.50-17.50 occasional low as 15.50 U.S. No. 2 8.00-10.00 mostly 8.00-9.00 occasional low as 7.00 No Grade Marks jbo 9.00-10.50 mostly 9.00 occasional low as 8.00.

TOMATOES

EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. 25 lb cartons loose Mature Greens 85% U.S. One or Better

5x6 sz 9.65-10.65 6x6 sz 7.65-8.65 6x7 sz 6.65-7.65. CHERRY: Supplies insufficient to establish market. GRAPE TYPE: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. Flats 12 1-pt containers with lids 7.65-9.65 20 lb cartons loose 13.65-17.65 mostly 15.65-17.65. PLUM TYPE: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Extra services included. 25 lb cartons loose Roma exlge 7.65-9.65.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 25 lb cartons loose Vine Ripes U.S. Comb or Better turning-pink jbo 8.65-9.65 mostly 8.65 xlge 7.65-8.65 few higher lge 7.65-8.65.

SOUTH NEW JERSEY. TOMATOES, GRAPE TYPE: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET STEADY. Extra services extra. Flats 12 1-pt containers with lids 6.00-10.00 mostly 9.00-10.00.

MICHIGAN. DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET HIGHER. Extra services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. 25 lb cartons loose Vine Ripes 5x6 sz 7.00-8.65 mostly 8.00-8.65 few high as 9.65 6x6 sz 7.15-8.65 mostly 7.65-8.65 cartons 2 layer Vine Ripes 4x5s 8.00-9.85 few high as 10.65 prior commitments lower 5x5s 8.00-9.85 few high as 10.65 prior commitments lower. CHERRY: SUPPLY VERY LIGHT. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. Extra services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. Flats 12 1-pt baskets Red 8.00-10.35. GRAPE TYPE: DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. Extra services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. Flats 12 1-pt containers with lids 8.35-10.00 mostly 9.35-10.00. PLUM TYPE: DEMAND GOOD. MARKET HIGHER. Extra Services included. Most harvesting curtailed by rain and wet fields. 25 lb cartons loose Roma exlge 8.35-10.65 mostly 9.00-10.35 lge 8.35-9.65.

WATERMELONS

DELAWARE, MARYLAND AND EASTERN SHORE VIRGINIA. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per cwt Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market Red Flesh Seedless Type 35s 15.00-16.00 some 14.00, occasional lower 45s 15.00-16.00 some 14.00, occasional lower 60s 13.00-15.00 occasional lower.

NORTH CAROLINA. DEMAND FAIRLY LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 24 inch bins per cwt Red Flesh Seeded Type 35s supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market Red Flesh Seedless Type 35s 14.00-15.00 occasional lower 45s 14.00-16.00 occasional lower 60s 12.00-14.00 occasional lower.

POULTRY

Delmarva broiler and fryer movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to no better than fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings were fully sufficient and were often noted with the 3.00 and heavier weights in the longest position. Live supplies were moderate. Weights were usually desirable to heavy. Processor schedules ranged moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices continued unchanged at .72-.84. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to readily available with discounting in an effort to stimulate buying interest. Wings were irregular. Dark meat cuts were adequate to balanced and moving satisfactorily. U.S. Grade A, range .62-.91.

Southeast regional egg trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fair. Supplies were sufficient to at times fully sufficient for present trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for normal processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were usually sufficient for the fair to mostly moderate demand. Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, per dozen. Prices delivered to warehouse. Extra Large 1.1925-1.31, mostly 1.25-1.28. Large 1.1125-1.29, mostly 1.23-1.26, Medium .7525-.93, mostly .86-.90.

COTTON

Spot cotton quotations averaged .0002 lower than the previous week. Quotations for the base quality of cotton (color 41, leaf 4, staple 34, mike 35-36 and 43-49, strength 26.5-28.4, uniformity 81) in the seven designated markets averaged .6125 per pound for the week ended September 4. The weekly average was down from .6127 reported last week but up from .5409 reported the corresponding period a year ago. Daily average quotations ranged from a high of .6176 on September 2 to a low of .6052 on September 4. Spot transactions reported in the Daily Spot Cotton Quotations for the week ended September 4 totaled 14,555 bales compared with 11,858 last week and 38,914 a year ago. Total spot transactions for the season were 89,872 bales compared to 116,248 bales the corresponding week a year ago. The ICE October futures settlement prices ended the week at .6598 compared to .6716 reported last week.

Southeastern Markets. Spot cotton trading was inactive. Producer offerings were light. Demand was moderate. Average local prices were weak. Supplies were moderate. Trading of CCC-loan equities was inactive.

Hurricane Gustav brought torrential rains to the Coastal Plain region of south Alabama over the holiday weekend. Cotton fields throughout south Alabama were affected by strong winds. Localized rainfall totals measured three to five inches. Moisture from Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Gustav relieved drought conditions throughout the state in recent weeks. Aerial applications of insecticides were applied to combat stink-bug infestations on some fields too soggy to support farm equipment. Yield potential was not expected to be significantly affected. Boll rot has been reported in some fields in Georgia due to lingering dampness. In the Carolinas, the crop benefitted from the recent moisture. Producers scouted fields for insects and monitored the approach of Tropical Storm Hanna off the U.S. east coast.