



# Market Watch



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## FUTURES MARKET WATCH

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Commodity</u> | <u>5/16</u> | <u>5/19</u> | <u>5/20</u> | <u>5/21</u> | <u>5/22</u> |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| July         | Corn             | 5.91        | 5.87        | 5.90        | 6.07        | 6.07        |
| December     | Corn             | 6.03        | 5.99        | 6.02        | 6.20        | 6.20        |
| July         | Soybeans         | 13.78       | 13.33       | 13.31       | 13.49       | 13.49       |
| November     | Soybeans         | 13.49       | 13.22       | 13.26       | 13.55       | 13.55       |
| July         | Wheat            | 7.75        | 7.91        | 7.84        | 7.78        | 7.78        |
| December     | Wheat            | 8.10        | 8.25        | 8.18        | 8.14        | 8.14        |
| July         | Soybean Meal     | 350.00      | 338.80      | 333.50      | 332.50      | 332.50      |
| July         | Cotton           | 71.86       | 69.73       | 70.77       | 71.20       | 69.85       |
| December     | Cotton           | 80.54       | 79.72       | 79.62       | 80.01       | 78.59       |
| May          | Feeder Cattle    | 108.47      | 107.88      | 107.92      | 108.05      | 107.87      |
| October      | Feeder Cattle    | 115.27      | 113.65      | 115.35      | 115.85      | 116.10      |
| June         | Live Cattle      | 93.87       | 93.10       | 93.65       | 94.62       | 95.15       |
| October      | Live Cattle      | 99.10       | 104.30      | 105.27      | 106.60      | 106.60      |
| June         | Lean Hogs        | 76.35       | 76.13       | 76.55       | 76.50       | 76.92       |
| July         | Lean Hogs        | 76.25       | 76.10       | 76.45       | 76.12       | 76.27       |

## OPTIONS MARKET WATCH (5/22/08)

| <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Strike</u> | <u>Put Premiums</u> |      |      | <u>Call Premiums</u> |      |       |
|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------|------|----------------------|------|-------|
|                  |               |                     |      |      |                      |      |       |
| Cotton           | .80/lb.       | Jly                 | Oct  | Dec  | Jly                  | Oct  | Dec   |
|                  |               | 1.00                | 8.07 | 6.38 | 0.04                 | 3.34 | 5.07  |
| Wheat            | 7.80/bu.      | Jly                 | Sep. | Dec  | Jly                  | Sep  | Dec   |
|                  |               | .527                | .700 | .814 | .180                 | .503 | .834  |
| Soybeans         | 13.40/bu.     | Jly                 | Nov. | Jan  | Jly                  | Nov  | Jan   |
|                  |               | .655                | .151 | ---- | .503                 | .135 | ----- |
| Corn             | 6.00/bu.      | Jly                 | Sep  | Dec  | Jly                  | Sep  | Dec   |
|                  |               | .272                | .463 | .550 | .230                 | .547 | .780  |
| Hogs             | 76.00/cwt.    | Jun                 | Jly  | Aug  | Jun                  | Jly  | Aug   |
|                  |               | 1.12                | 2.78 | 3.03 | 2.08                 | 2.10 | 4.23  |
| Fed Cattle       | 94.00/cwt     | Jun                 | Aug  | Oct  | Jun                  | Aug  | Oct   |
|                  |               | 8.50                | 1.18 | 9.50 | 2.00                 | ---- | ----- |
| Feeder Cattle    | 108.00/cwt.   | May                 | Aug  | Sep. | May                  | Aug. | Sept. |
|                  |               | 1.25                | 1.50 | 2.15 | 0.50                 | ---- | ----  |

FUTURE MARKET TREND ANALYSIS\* Corn- Down; Soybeans - Up; Cattle - Up; Hogs - Down

\*The trend analysis is based on moving averages. For detailed information on the moving trends and their use contact the Extension Ag. Economics Department.

## LIVESTOCK & GRAIN STATISTICS

| <u>Grain Exports<br/>(1000Bu.)</u> | <u>This Week</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year<br/>Ago</u> | <u>Total to Date<br/>For Mktg.<br/>Year</u> | <u>Total to Date<br/>Last Year</u> | <u>% This Year<br/>Of Last</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Week Ending 5/15/08</u>         |                  |                  |                     |   |                                    |                                |
| Corn                               | 27,318           | 38,356           | 23,744              | 1,751,359                                   | 1,487,514                          | 118%                           |
| Soybeans                           | 8,531            | 14,610           | 12,189              | 947,122                                     | 962,387                            | 98%                            |
| Wheat                              | 12,003           | 21,848           | 22,363              | 1,182,646                                   | 857,769                            | 138%                           |
| <u>Week Ending 5/17/08</u>         |                  |                  |                     |   |                                    |                                |
| Cattle                             | 719              | 705              | 701                 | 12,777                                      | 12,608                             | 101%                           |
| Hogs                               | 2065             | 2089             | 1958                | 44,374                                      | 40,295                             | 110%                           |

## PROFIT SCOREBOARD

| ENTERPRISE, YIELD<br>AND MARKETING<br>SYSTEM           | THURSDAY'S<br>CLOSING<br>FUTURES PRICE | LESS<br>ESTIMATED<br>BASIS EQUALS | FORWARD<br>PRICING<br>OPPORTUNITY<br>ON THURSDAY | OUT OF POCKET<br>AND TOTAL<br>PRODUCTION<br>COSTS | POTENTIAL<br>(RETURNS TO<br>ND & MGT.) | CHANCE OF<br>POSITIVE<br>RETURN TO<br>LAND AND<br>MGT. * |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Wheat<br>55 bu./acre                                   | July 7.78                              | -.90                              | 6.88/bu.   | 3.11/bu.<br>3.75/bu.                              | 3.77/bu.<br>3.13/bu.                   | 99%<br>99%   |
| Corn - Irrigated<br>180 bu./acre                       | Dec. 6.33                              | .05                               | 6.38/bu.   | 3.16/bu.<br>4.02/bu.                              | 3.22/bu.<br>2.36/bu.                   | 99%<br>99%   |
| Soybeans - Dry land<br>30 bu./acre                     | Nov. 13.55                             | -.20                              | 13.35/bu.  | 4.71/bu.<br>7.01/bu.                              | 8.64/bu.<br>6.34/bu.                   | 94%<br>88%   |
| BR Cotton - Dry land<br>700 lb./acre                   | Dec. .79                               | -.03                              | .76/lb.  | .54/lb.<br>.72/lb.                                | .22/bu.<br>.04/lb.                     | 85%<br>50%   |
| BR Cotton - Irrigated<br>1100 lb./acre                 | Dec. .79                               | -.03                              | .76/lb.  | .44/lb.<br>.65/lb.                                | .32/lb.<br>.11/bu.                     | 99%<br>93%   |
|  |  |                                   |  |   |  |  |
| Fed Cattle<br>Placed in this week sell<br>at 1200 lbs. | Dec. 107.47                            | -1.50                             | 105.97/cwt                                       | 112.95/cwt.<br>112.95/cwt.                        | -6.98/cwt<br>-6.98/cwt                 | 1%<br>1%   |
| Hogs<br>Farrow to Finish*<br>Farrowing this week       | Dec. 54.57                             | -3.60                             | 50.97/cwt.                                       | 60.36/cwt<br>68.54/cwt.                           | -9.39/cwt<br>-9.39/cwt                 | 1%<br>1%   |
| Feeder Pig<br>Finishing*<br>Placed this week           | Oct. 53.91                             | -.10                              | 53.81/cwt.                                       | 52.08/cwt.<br>55.17/cwt.                          | 1.73/cwt<br>-1.36/cwt                  | 67%<br>27%   |
| *Total Confinement                                     |  |                                   |  |   |  |  |

Cost of production figures may be obtained upon request. Each cost of production is an estimate of cost for a Georgia producer at the indicated yield. Participation in Government commodity programs can greatly affect the level of profitability for the various crop enterprises. Land and management cost are not included in the crop and livestock cost estimates. \* Excludes LDP for crops.

## GRAIN PRICE PROFILE

### Cash Bids and New Crop Contacts

| Location   | CORN |           | WHEAT |            | SOYBEANS |             |
|--|------|-----------|-------|------------|----------|-------------|
|  | Cash | Contract* | Cash  | Contract** | Cash     | Contract*** |
| Southwest Ga.  |      |           |       |            |          |             |
| Southeast Ga.  |      |           |       |            |          |             |
| Central Ga.  |      |           |       |            |          |             |
| North  |      |           |       |            |          |             |
| Brunswick  |      |           |       |            |          |             |
| *Aug-Sept Delivery      **May-June Delivery      ***Oct-Dec Delivery |      |           |       |            |          |             |

## FEED CASH PRICE

Cash Wheat Mill Direct - Macon -----

|                      | <u>MID WESTERN CORN</u> |                  | <u>SOYBEAN MEAL 48%</u> |                  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|                      | <u>This week</u>        | <u>Last week</u> | <u>This week</u>        | <u>Last week</u> |
| <u>FOB NORTH GA.</u> | -----                   | -----            | -----                   | -----            |
| <u>FOB SOUTH GA.</u> | -----                   | -----            | -----                   | -----            |
| <u>FOB EAST GA.</u>  | -----                   | -----            | -----                   | -----            |

Georgia ASCS Posted Adjusted Market Price:

Adjusted World Price Cotton

## LIVESTOCK PRICE PROFILE

GEORGIA AUCTION

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\*Prices furnished by Federal State Market News, Thomasville, GA. For up-to-date prices call (1-800-342-1440)

Medium Frame #1 Steers: 2-250 cwt \$142-173 up \$12 from last week; 250-3 cwt \$124-141 up \$3 from last week; 3-350 cwt \$119-131 down \$3 from last week; 350-4 cwt \$110-122 down \$3 from last week; 4-450 cwt \$105-117 down \$1 from last week; 450-5 cwt \$103-114 up \$2 from last week; 5-550 cwt \$100-114 up \$4 from last week; 550-6 cwt \$95-107 down \$1 from last week; 6-650 cwt \$93-105 same as last week; 650-7 cwt \$91-104 up \$1 from last week; 7-750 cwt \$100-105 up \$8 from last week.

Medium Frame #1 Heifers: 250-3 cwt \$113-120 up \$2 from last week; 3-350 cwt \$104-119 up \$1 from last week; 350-4 cwt \$98-110 down \$1 from last week; 4-450 cwt \$95-110 up \$4 from last week; 450-5 cwt \$91-108 up \$1 from last week; 5-550 cwt \$88-99 down \$2 from last week; 550-6 cwt \$87-97 same as last week; 6-650 cwt \$84-91 down \$2 from last week; 650-7 cwt \$88-94 up \$1 from last week.

Slaughter Classes: Breakers \$55-58 same as last week; Boners \$54-64 up \$1 from last week; Boners Hi Yield \$64 down \$1 from last week; Lean \$50-55 up \$2 from last week.

Live and Carcass Hog Price -Eastern Cornbelt Direct (5/21/08)Barrows & Gilts - Live Basis 240-300 lbs. \$53.50-62.17 Average - \$58.80; Carcass 185 lbs. \$71.25-77.15 Average - \$76.03

Sows 500 lbs.-up : \$31.16-35.17 Average - 33.12

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