The demand for higher quality hay is improving as dairies become a little more particular than earlier in the summer. Prices for the quality hay did strengthen by as much as $10 during the week. We are seeing third crop being cut in southeast Idaho with some producers indicating they will cut this week. Scattered showers moved through some areas last week but any damage to cut hay looks to be minimal. Higher quality hay is running between $250 and $260 per ton in the stack. Good hay is about $20 less at $230 to $240. After that it is in the eye of the beholder with rain damaged hay still trading at $180 per ton. Overall prices remained in the area of $90 to $100 per ton higher than the previous year. As we visited with some producers in the central part of the state they are pleased with the yields this year considering the challenges.