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Mississippi Catfish Estimates

All known catfish operators were contacted during the first half of January by telephone and personal interview. Sound statistical methodology was employed to derive the estimates from reported data. All data were analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation were compared to their own past operating profile and to trends of similar operations. Data for missing operations were estimated based on similar operations or historical data. Estimates may be subject to errors such as omissions, duplication, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing of the data. These errors are minimized through strict quality controls in the edit and summarization process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

Catfish: Number of Operations, Water Surface Acres Used for Production, and Total Sales, by State

State	Number of Operations on Jan 1		Water Surface Acres Used for Production During Jan 1 - Jun 30		Total Sales	
	1999	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1998 ^{1/}	1999
	Number		Acres		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	250	255	21,300	22,100	61,485	71,124
Arkansas	170	170	31,000	35,000	56,263	70,582
California	53	46	2,000	2,400	7,561	7,647
Florida	25	22	340	390	*	1,110
Georgia	55	60	1,050	990	1,335	1,263
Illinois	14	14	270	250	814	952
Kansas ^{2/}	14		170		196	
Kentucky	21	25	235	200	1,254	1,209
Louisiana	98	94	13,700	13,500	28,554	32,434
Mississippi	400	405	105,000	110,000	307,229	294,103
Missouri	35	40	1,600	1,860	1,908	2,854
North Carolina	40	44	1,170	1,200	2,197	2,088
Oklahoma ^{2/}	13		320		351	
South Carolina	15	19	800	760	1,890	1,041
Tennessee ^{2/}	25		290		308	
Texas	51	49	1,620	580	*	1,777
Other States					3,964	
Total	1,279	1,243	180,865	189,230	475,309	488,184

* Included in Other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 2000.

Catfish: Number, Weight, and Value of Sales of All Foodsize by State

State	Number of Sold		Pounds Sold		Value of Sales		Average Value Per Pound	
	1998 ^{1/}	1999	1998 ^{1/}	1999	1998 ^{1/}	1999	1998 ^{1/}	1999
	1,000				1,000 Dollars		Dollars	
Alabama	46,850	54,800	88,500	103,000	60,180	69,010	0.68	0.67
Arkansas	40,000	50,000	68,000	87,500	50,320	64,750	0.74	0.74
California	1,750	1,720	4,090	3,670	7,280	7,413	1.78	2.02
Florida	410	770	610	1,300	482	910	0.79	0.70
Georgia	810	880	1,020	1,060	1,122	1,113	1.10	1.05
Kentucky	490	450	1,070	990	1,209	1,178	1.13	1.19
Louisiana	26,880	27,800	39,490	44,400	28,038	31,968	0.71	0.72
Mississippi	286,350	283,100	390,000	385,000	288,600	281,050	0.74	0.73
Missouri	1,140	1,270	1,450	2,630	1,102	2,130	0.76	0.81
North Carolina	1,490	1,330	2,430	2,350	1,847	1,739	0.76	0.74
Oklahoma ^{2/}	134		205		168		0.82	
South Carolina	1,370	1,280	1,820	1,310	1,784	1,022	0.98	0.78
Tennessee ^{2/}	146		214		250		1.17	
Texas	1,240	510	1,670	1,200	2,405	1,596	1.44	1.33
Total	409,060	423,910	600,569	634,410	444,787	463,879	0.74	0.73

^{1/} Revised.^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 1999.

Value of Aquaculture Products Sold by Type, Selected States and US, 1998

	Food Fish	Baitfish	Ornamental	Sports or Game Fish	Other Fish	Total
	1,000 Dollars					
Mississippi	288,996	1,017	0	*	369	290,382
Arkansas	59,202	22,973	1,594	*	351	84,120
Florida	2,834	*	56,197	*	17,665	76,696
Maine	64,625	109	3	0	1,873	66,610
Alabama	58,565	*	349	292	488	59,694
Washington	23,509	0	*	*	33,137	56,646
Louisiana	30,135	*	*	*	23,085	53,220
California	31,143	2,178	1,701	365	8,122	43,509
Idaho	35,578	0	0	0	341	35,919
Virginia	4,902	*	*	0	19,727	24,629
US	691,714	37,482	68,982	7,390	172,444	978,012

* Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Quick Statistic: Broilers have led the state in farm cash receipts for eight consecutive years. Nine years ago, cotton had a higher value of cash receipts.

**Catfish Inventory: Number and Live Weight of Total Foodsize by State,
January 1, 1999-2000**

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	38,060	39,120	49,460	49,890
Arkansas	41,700	66,900	54,100	86,100
California	1,020	2,050	980	3,820
Georgia	720	335	798	770
Kentucky	190	209	313	311
Louisiana	19,240	19,270	28,990	27,950
Mississippi	147,170	154,090	183,780	181,530
Missouri	1,205	1,870	1,740	2,565
North Carolina	1,890	1,848	3,123	2,802
Oklahoma ^{2/}	57		54	
South Carolina	771	330	1,112	610
Tennessee ^{2/}	111		249	
Texas	673	465	1,057	785
Other States	1,067	1,587	2,619	2,298
Total	253,817	288,074	328,375	359,431

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^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 2000.

**Catfish Inventory: Number and Live Weight of Large Stockers by State,
January 1, 1999-2000**

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	28,620	26,340	12,420	10,340
Arkansas	43,000	52,000	15,400	15,500
California	*	1,590	*	700
Louisiana	6,760	10,800	2,930	4,600
Mississippi	182,140	264,100	67,910	106,200
Missouri	1,200	930	350	375
North Carolina	*	1,230	*	580
Oklahoma ^{2/}	320		79	
South Carolina	560	*	220	*
Texas	220	120	101	50
Other States	2,202	563	1,003	201
Total	265,022	357,673	100,413	138,546

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^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 2000.

**Catfish Inventory: Number and Live Weight of Small Stockers by State,
January 1, 1999-2000**

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	24,850	29,100	2,380	2,780
Arkansas	85,000	76,500	8,200	7,000
California	*	1,290	*	167
Louisiana	27,200	21,600	2,350	2,300
Mississippi	268,330	297,400	26,350	28,000
Missouri	1,790	*	185	*
North Carolina	*	2,470	*	250
Oklahoma ^{2/}	380		29	
South Carolina	500	*	54	*
Texas	510	200	49	20
Other States	4,397	3,240	432	330
Total	412,957	431,800	40,029	40,847

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^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 2000.

**Catfish Inventory: Number and Live Weight of Fingerlings by State,
January 1, 1999-2000**

State	Number of Fish		Live Weight of Fish	
	1999 ^{1/}	2000	1999 ^{1/}	2000
	1,000		1,000 Pounds	
Alabama	41,220	54,170	1,770	2,350
Arkansas	185,000	180,000	6,800	6,000
California	*	5,910	*	178
Florida	1,340	1,200	22	22
Georgia	4,840	*	68	*
Illinois	*	*	*	*
Kansas ^{2/}	108		1	
Kentucky	*	180	*	4
Louisiana	68,180	36,600	1,690	1,030
Mississippi	653,720	805,000	19,940	23,270
Missouri	13,180	*	160	*
North Carolina	1,760	1,820	67	68
Oklahoma ^{2/}	*		*	
South Carolina	1,730	*	62	*
Tennessee ^{2/}	*		*	
Texas	6,150	750	214	24
Other States	9,140	16,570	159	414
Total	986,368	1,102,200	30,953	33,360

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^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Estimates discontinued for 2000.

Mississippi Catfish Water Surface Acres

County	January 1, 1999	July 1, 1999	January 1, 2000
District 10	4,600	4,700	4,200
District 30	200	200	200
Humphreys	30,900	29,200	30,400
Issaquena	1,700	1,500	1,800
Leflore	15,500	18,200	19,100
Sharkey	5,000	4,500	5,200
Sunflower	24,900	25,500	23,800
Washington	8,500	9,500	8,900
Yazoo	5,500	5,400	6,000
District 40	92,000	93,800	95,200
District 50	700	700	700
Chickasaw	700	700	700
Lowndes	900	900	1,100
Noxubee	3,500	3,700	4,300
Other Counties	1,800	2,600	2,900
District 60	6,900	7,900	9,000
Other Districts	600	700	700
State Total	105,000	108,000	110,000

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to February 1, Selected States and United States, Crop Years 1996-1999

State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1996	1997	1998	1999
All Cotton				
Alabama	753,850	526,250	538,200	602,350
Arizona	805,050	779,300	593,150	686,150
Arkansas	1,591,800	1,626,450	1,172,300	1,389,350
California	2,624,750	2,549,200	1,459,100	2,096,950
Florida ¹	119,450			
Georgia	2,038,850	1,858,550	1,500,700	1,522,700
Kansas ¹	0			
Louisiana	1,298,400	1,001,950	652,600	918,950
Mississippi	1,816,100	1,765,300	1,400,900	1,680,350
Missouri	555,850	547,200	337,750	450,150
New Mexico	89,600	79,450	69,000	59,200
North Carolina	972,100	910,100	1,006,150	801,700
Oklahoma	124,950	172,100	136,750	137,250
South Carolina	433,000	388,500	333,750	264,650
Tennessee	663,450	646,500	529,950	574,150
Texas	4,267,800	5,070,500	3,521,400	4,949,100
Virginia	152,950	131,400	133,550	133,950
United States	18,307,950	18,170,450	13,457,500	16,409,650

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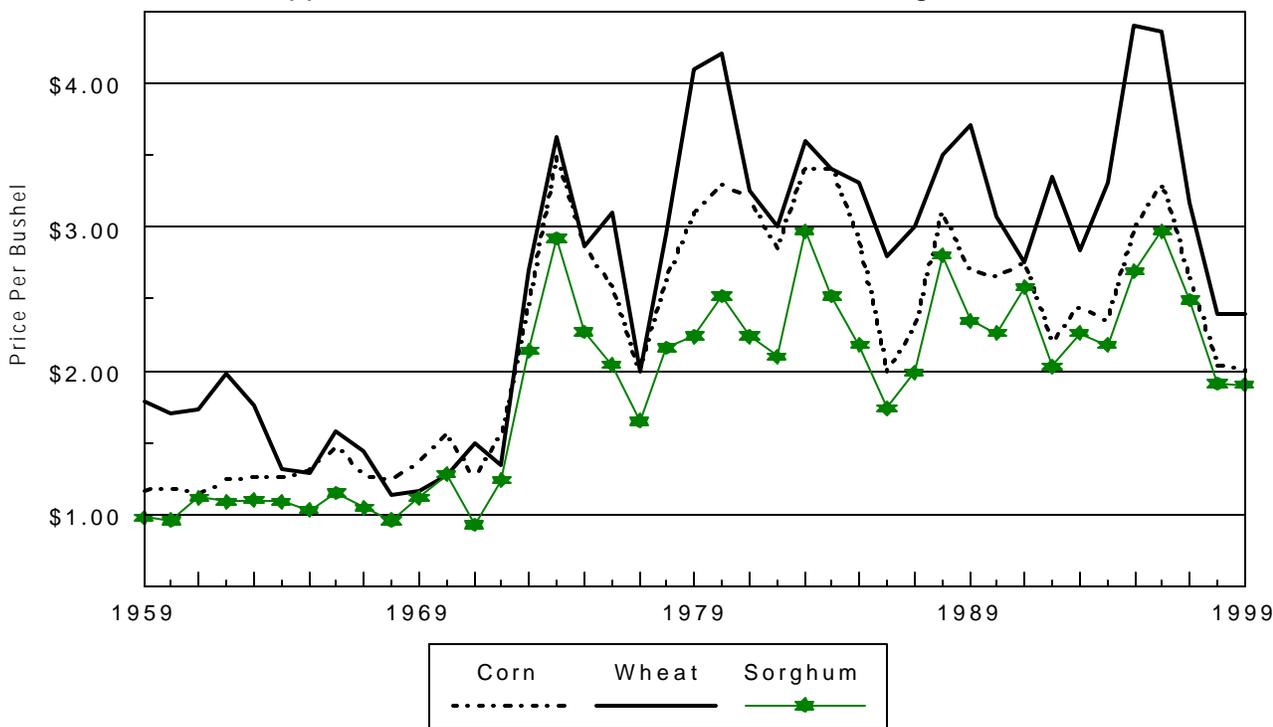
Mississippi Crop Values, 1997-1999

Crop	Unit	Price per Bushel			Value of Production		
		1997	1998	1999	1997	1998	1999
		Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Soybeans	bu	6.90	5.63	5.10	442,773	270,240	227,715
All Cotton	lb	.649	.604	.470 ¹	567,278	418,644	392,544
Cottonseed	ton	106.00	116.00	72.50	74,624	65,076	49,010
Rice, All	cwt	10.40	8.99	5.25	143,562	139,741	95,813
Sorghum, Grain	bu	2.49	1.91	1.90	6,163	4,469	9,257
Corn, Grain	bu	2.65	2.04	2.00	122,777	87,720	72,540
Hay, All	ton	42.50	42.50	42.50	76,500	73,865	67,830
Wheat, All	bu	3.17	2.39	2.40	23,854	16,133	19,800
Sweetpotatoes	cwt	18.50	17.50	20.70 *	20,202	23,765	29,849*
Pecans, All	lb	0.753	0.800	0.925	3,010	960	3,700
Improved	lb	0.844	0.870	1.050	2,194	696	3,150
Seedling	lb	0.583	0.660	0.550	816	264	550

*Record high.

¹ Average to January 1, 1999.

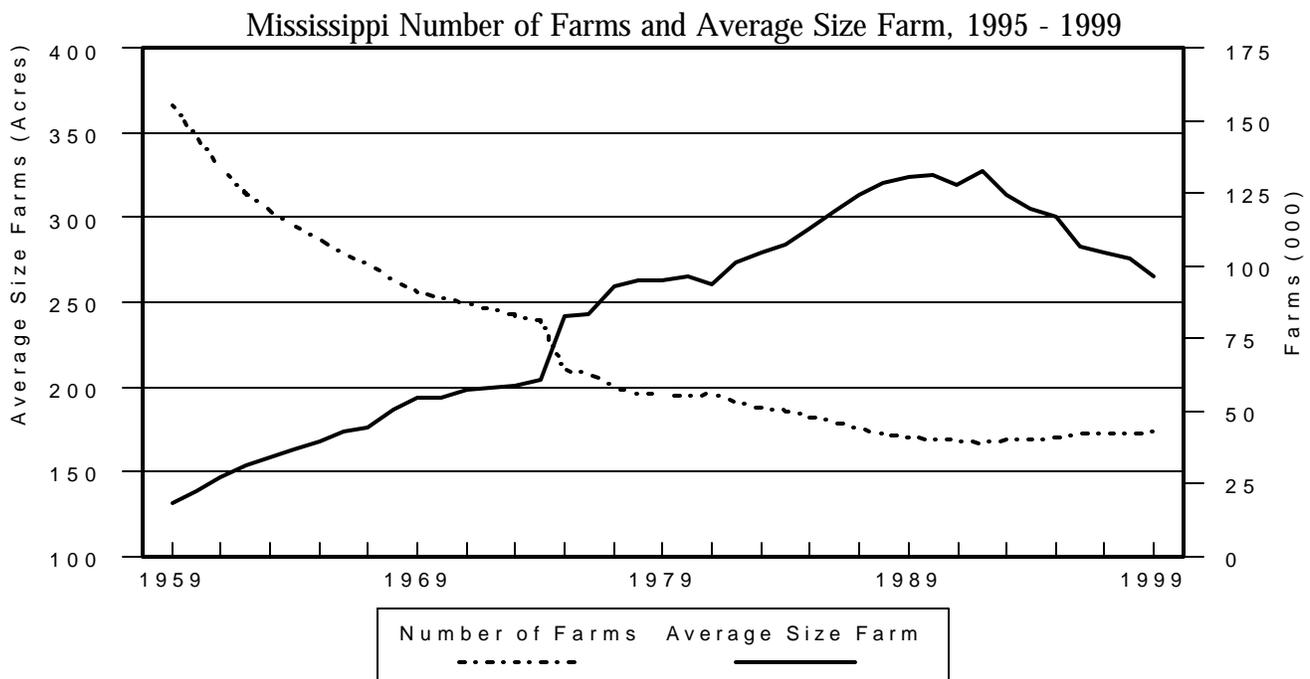
Mississippi Prices Received for Corn, Wheat and Sorghum, 1959 - 1999



Quick Statistic: In 1980, cotton in the state sold for a record high 76.6 cents per pound. In 1931, Mississippi farmers received only 6.16 cents per pound, a record low.

**Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Farm Size:
Mississippi and United States, 1995-1999 1/**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Average Farm Size
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres
Mississippi			
1995	41,000	12,300	300
1996	42,000	11,900	283
1997	42,000	11,700	279
1998	42,000	11,600	276
1999	43,000	11,400	265
United States			
1995	2,196,400	962,515	438
1996	2,190,500	958,675	438
1997	2,190,510	956,010	436
1998	2,191,360	953,500	435
1999	2,194,070	947,340	432



Quick Statistic: According to the 1997 Census of Agriculture, the top three counties with the largest number of farms are: Jones County, 587; Scott County, 517; and Neshoba County, 508.

Mississippi and US Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	February 1999 Entire Month		January 2000 Entire Month		February 2000 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Corn	bu	---	2.05	---	1.90	---	1.96
Cotton, Upland	lb	.584	.556	.411	.431	.404 ¹	.434 ¹
Cottonseed	ton	---	136.00	---	101.00	---	108.00
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.09	---	2.86	---	3.06
Soybeans	bu	4.93	4.80	4.76	4.62	4.96	4.75
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.55	---	2.32	---	2.42
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	9.02	---	6.03	---	6.09
All Milk	cwt	19.10	15.50	---	12.00	---	11.80
Fluid	cwt	19.10	15.60	---	12.00	---	11.90
Manufacturing	cwt	---	12.30	---	10.70	---	10.50
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	60.60	---	67.80	---	67.50
Cows	cwt	---	34.70	---	35.90	---	37.00
Calves	cwt	---	86.90	---	102.00	---	105.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	63.60	---	71.60	---	70.80
All Hogs	cwt	---	27.70	---	36.80	---	39.60
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	28.20	---	37.00	---	39.90
Sows	cwt	---	18.80	---	32.80	---	36.10
Broilers, Live	lb	.360	.366	---	.350	---	.335 ²
Market Eggs	doz	.570 ³	.652 ³	.350 ³	.580 ³	.500	.686

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Entire month.

³ Mid-month price. Includes eggs sold retail by the producer.