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2000 March Intention Survey Procedures

The acreage estimates in this report are based primarily on surveys conducted the first two weeks of March. The March Agricultural Survey is a probability survey that includes about 1,100 operators selected from a list of producers that ensure all operations in Mississippi have a chance to be selected. These operators were contacted by mail, telephone, or personal interview to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2000 crop year.

There are three basic survey indications calculated from the March Agricultural Survey: Direct Expansion, March to December Ratio Expansion, and March to December Expansion of Matched Reports. The

Direct Expansion is calculated by multiplying the reported acreage by each farm in the sample by the number of farms it represents in the state. The December to March Ratio Expansion is calculated by dividing the Direct Expansion in March by the Direct Expansion calculated in December for last year's data. The ratio

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March 1, 2000, Crop Acreage Intentions, With 1999 Comparisons, Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted 1999	To Be Planted 2000	2000/1999
Mississippi		1,000 Acres	Percent
Soybeans	2,000	1,750	90
All Cotton	1,200	1,250	104
All Rice	325	260	80
Sorghum, All Purposes	60	120	200
Corn, All Purposes	340	360	106
All Hay ¹	850	850	100
Winter Wheat	180	230	128
Sweetpotatoes	10.5	11.0	105
United States			
Soybeans	73,780	74,871	101
All Cotton	14,855	15,558	105
All Rice	3,581	3,595	95
Sorghum, All Purposes	9,288	8,979	97
Corn, All Purposes	77,431	77,881	101
All Hay ¹	63,160	63,052	100
Winter Wheat	43,431	43,245	100
Sweetpotatoes	93.3	93.7	100

¹ Intended area harvested in 2000 as indicated by reports from farmers.

Agriculture Land Values, Mississippi and US, 1998 - 2000

Land Type	Mississippi		United States			
	1988	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Farmland and Buildings	1,050	1,100	1,180	974	1,020	1,050
Cropland	878	925	983	1,340	1,410	1,440
Irrigated	1,010	1,080	1,100	---	---	---
Non-Irrigated	840	880	950	---	---	---
Pastureland	890	910	1,000	489	503	517

--- Not available.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales (Excluding Linters) and Equivalent
480-pound Net Weight Bales Ginned, by Crop, State, and United States,
Crop Years 1998-1999

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned by Crop Year		Equivalent 480-pound Net Weight Bales	
	1998	1999	1998	1999
Upland				
Alabama	538,500	620,650	555,000	644,700
Arizona	575,350	679,900	591,400	695,750
Arkansas	1,172,600	1,390,300	1,191,650	1,410,300
California	1,125,850	1,547,250	1,162,450	1,600,100
Florida	1/	1/	1/	1/
Georgia	1,516,450	1,524,050	1,564,150	1,570,700
Kansas	1/	1/	1/	1/
Louisiana	652,750	918,950	665,650	932,350
Mississippi	1,400,900	1,680,400	1,435,050	1,716,800
Missouri	337,750	450,150	343,150	457,950
New Mexico	62,850	52,750	63,600	53,050
North Carolina	1,006,700	802,550	1,039,000	828,150
Oklahoma	138,450	139,500	142,300	143,000
South Carolina	334,200	265,000	342,200	271,750
Tennessee	530,600	574,300	543,400	590,450
Texas	3,504,500	4,972,950	3,616,950	5,111,800
Virginia	133,850	133,950	135,400	135,700
United States	13,107,200	15,877,950	13,470,100	16,291,800

^{1/} Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

SURVEY PROCEDURES

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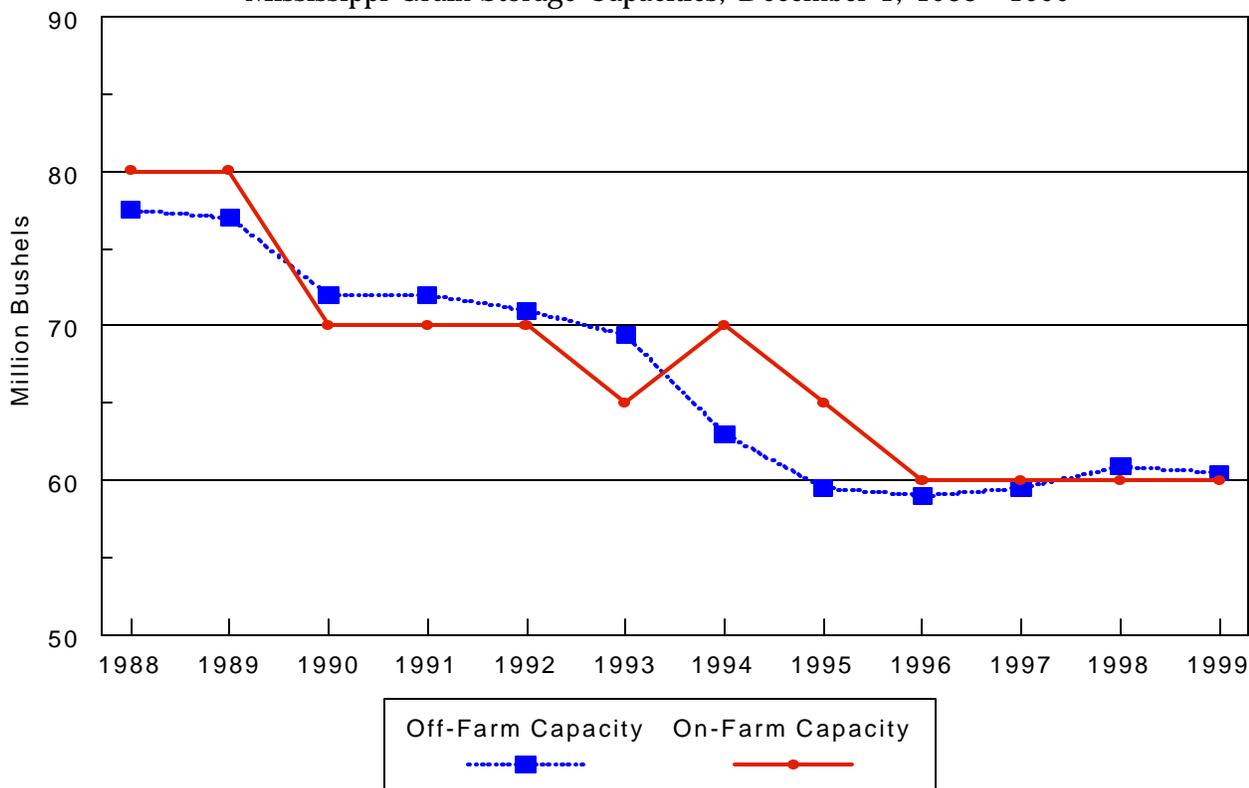
is then multiplied by the previous year's official estimate for that crop to derive an expansion. The March to December Expansion of Matched Reports is calculated by dividing reported acreage by farmers reporting in both the March 2000 survey and the December 1999 survey. The ratio is then multiplied by the previous year's official estimate for that crop to derive an expansion. These three indications were evaluated by statisticians when setting the March 2000 acreage estimates.

March 1, 2000 Stocks of Grain in All Positions, With 1999 Comparisons, Mississippi and United States

Crop	March 1, 1999			March 1, 2000		
	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Positions	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Positions
Mississippi						
1,000 Bushels						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	8,453	*	*	8,309	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	571	*
Soybeans	*	6,302	*	*	9,012	*
United States						
Wheat, All	471,220	979,191	1,450,411	423,180	989,201	1,412,381
Corn	3,570,000	2,128,428	5,698,428	3,300,000	2,305,529	5,605,529
Sorghum	60,900	161,536	222,436	51,700	173,368	225,068
Soybeans	815,000	642,338	1,457,338	730,000	667,324	1,397,324

* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Mississippi Grain Storage Capacities, December 1, 1988 - 1999



Quick Statistic: The last year that Mississippi farmers planted more corn than cotton was in 1958. During that year, producers planted 1,376,000 acres of corn and 1,185,000 acres of cotton.

Livestock County Estimates, 1999-2000

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Number					
Bolivar	2,800	2,600	1,600	1,600		
Coahoma	800	800	500	500		
Quitman	800	700	500	400		
Tallahatchie	8,000	7,300	4,400	4,500		
Tunica	1,600	1,600	1,000	1,000		
District 10	14,000	13,000	8,000	8,000	*	*
Benton	8,100	7,000	4,800	4,600		
Calhoun	15,200	13,700	8,400	8,100		
DeSoto	15,300	13,000	7,500	7,400		
Grenada	12,600	12,600	6,300	6,400		
Lafayette	9,400	8,500	5,600	5,600		
Marshall	23,400	21,100	13,500	12,300		
Panola	23,200	20,800	13,000	12,000		
Tate	29,500	25,000	12,700	12,400	1,900	1,700
Yalobusha	9,300	9,300	5,200	5,200		
Other Counties					1,100	1,300
District 20	146,000	131,000	77,000	74,000	3,000	3,000
Alcorn	10,900	9,300	5,700	5,500		
Itawamba	9,700	8,500	5,200	4,900		
Lee	17,200	14,800	8,900	9,000	750	800
Pontotoc	15,200	14,500	8,000	8,300		
Prentiss	8,100	7,800	4,200	4,100		
Tippah	13,900	12,000	7,700	7,500		
Tishomingo	5,200	5,200	2,900	3,100		
Union	13,800	12,900	7,400	7,600		
Other Counties					1,450	1,300
District 30	94,000	85,000	50,000	50,000	2,200	2,100
Issaquena	1,600	1,400	900	900		
Leflore	2,500	2,200	1,500	1,500		
Sunflower	1,000		500			
Washington	2,300	2,100	1,300	1,300		
Yazoo	15,100	14,900	8,500	8,500		
Other Counties	500	1,400	300	800		
District 40	23,000	22,000	13,000	13,000	*	*
Attala	15,300	13,500	8,500	8,400		
Carroll	20,700	16,000	10,000	9,800		
Choctaw	7,300	6,400	3,400	3,400		
Holmes	11,800	10,000	6,000	6,000		
Leake	20,600	19,700	10,800	10,900	500	
Madison	22,000	20,300	11,500	11,600		
Montgomery	12,800	12,300	6,700	6,800		
Rankin	22,000	20,000	11,900	11,900		
Scott	23,700	23,000	13,000	13,000		
Webster	9,800	9,800	5,200	5,200		
Other Counties					2,000	2,200
District 50	166,000	151,000	87,000	87,000	2,500	2,200

Quick Statistic: The top five corn producing counties in the state during 1999 were: Noxubee, 3.00 million bushels; Yazoo, 2.95 million bushels; Issaquena, 2.05 million bushels; Washington, 1.71 million bushels; and Sharkey, 1.49 million bushels.

Livestock County Estimates, 1999-2000—Cont.

County	January 1					
	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Number					
Chickasaw	22,100	21,000	10,600	10,200		
Clay	19,600	16,900	8,000	7,900		
Kemper	14,700	14,000	8,400	8,300		
Lowndes	14,000	11,500	7,300	7,200		
Monroe	19,000	16,000	9,900	9,600		
Neshoba	23,600	22,600	12,700	11,900	700	1,000
Noxubee	21,400	19,000	10,200	9,600	1,100	1,000
Oktibbeha	12,600	12,000	5,900	5,800	1,000	1,000
Winston	15,000	13,000	8,000	7,500	500	
Other Counties					1,600	1,400
District 60	162,000	146,000	81,000	78,000	4,900	4,400
Adams	4,800	4,600	2,800	2,700		
Amite	20,200	18,700	9,900	9,400	2,700	2,300
Claiborne	13,900	12,600	6,700	6,400		
Copiah	22,400	21,100	12,100	11,800	1,100	
Franklin	5,800	5,000	3,400	3,200		
Hinds	36,700	36,700	18,700	18,400		
Jefferson	7,500	6,500	3,900	3,900		
Lincoln	27,000	27,000	11,800	11,700	2,400	2,200
Warren	7,700	5,800	4,600	4,400		
Wilkinson	14,000	14,000	7,100	7,100		
Other Counties					1,900	2,900
District 70	160,000	152,000	81,000	79,000	8,100	7,400
Covington	25,300	24,300	11,000	11,000		
Jefferson Davis	17,000	16,200	9,600	9,200		
Lamar	29,000	24,300	11,200	10,000		
Lawrence	11,700	11,500	6,400	6,400		
Marion	20,700	19,900	9,900	9,800	1,700	1,600
Pike	23,900	22,700	8,700	8,600	3,800	3,500
Simpson	21,000	20,000	12,300	12,100		
Smith	24,100	22,400	13,700	12,700		
Walthall	32,300	26,700	10,200	10,200	7,700	6,600
Other Counties					900	900
District 80	205,000	188,000	93,000	90,000	14,100	12,600
Clarke	9,900	8,100	5,600	5,100		
Forrest	7,800	7,800	4,100	4,000		
George	8,900	8,900	4,600	4,500		
Greene	8,600	8,600	4,700	4,900		
Hancock	7,600	7,600	4,100	4,000		
Harrison	4,500	4,400	2,400	2,500		
Jackson	7,000	7,000	3,700	3,800		
Jasper	12,000	12,000	6,600	6,600		
Jones	28,000	26,900	15,200	15,000	600	
Lauderdale	13,800	13,800	7,700	7,700		
Newton	26,300	26,000	12,800	12,900	1,400	1,200
Pearl River	25,500	21,500	13,000	12,500	600	
Perry	6,600	6,600	3,600	3,600		
Stone	8,800	8,000	4,500	4,500		
Wayne	14,700	14,800	8,400	8,400		
Other Counties					1,500	3,000
District 90	190,000	182,000	101,000	100,000	4,100	4,200
Other Districts					100	100
State Total	1,160,000	1,070,000	591,000	579,000	39,000	36,000

* Included in Other Districts.

Mississippi Grade A Dairy Herds, By County, 1998-1999

County ¹	1998	1999	County ¹	1998	1999
Calhoun	3	2	Amite	28	23
Desoto	3	3	Copiah	11	8
Marshall	3	4	Franklin	0	2
Tate	11	12	Hinds	1	1
Yalobusha	2	2	Lincoln	30	28
District 20	22	23	District 70	70	62
Itawamba	0	1	Covington	1	0
Lee	4	5	Lamar	3	3
Pontotoc	2	2	Lawrence	6	6
Prentiss	3	2	Marion	21	18
Tippah	5	6	Pike	42	42
Union	2	2	Simpson	2	3
District 30	16	18	Walthall	64	62
			District 80	139	134
Attala	1	1			
Carroll	1	1	Clarke	1	1
Choctaw	1	1	Forrest	2	2
Leake	3	4	George	4	3
Rankin	3	3	Hancock	5	5
Scott	2	2	Harrison	4	3
Webster	2	2	Jasper	4	3
District 50	13	14	Jones	7	7
			Newton	11	11
Chickasaw	6	6	Pearl River	7	10
Clay	6	5	Stone	2	2
Monroe	4	4	District 90	47	47
Neshoba	9	11			
Noxubee	14	11			
Oktibbeha	6	7			
Winston	3	5			
District 60	48	49	State Total	355	347

¹ Counties not listed had no Grade A Dairies in 1998 or 1999.

Source: Mississippi State Health Department.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 1999-2000

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers 1/		Imports of Catfish 2/	
	Monthly		Cumulative		1999	2000	1999	2000
	1999	2000	1999	2000				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	48,723	50,552	48,723	50,552	.703	.744	57	487
February	48,891	50,942	97,614	101,494	.714	.788	53	
March	56,310		153,924		.723		113	
April	46,830		200,754		.756		250	
May	47,703		248,457		.777		541	
June	48,445		296,902		.775		372	
July	50,074		346,976		.768		475	
August	50,372		397,348		.743		479	
September	50,414		447,762		.728		304	
October	52,407		500,169		.716		217	
November	48,118		548,287		.713		285	
December	48,341		596,628		.716		305	

1/ Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include any adjustments based on year-end settlements.

2/ Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

US Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, February 1999-2000

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,957	3,396	1.55	1.67	184	233
Fillets ¹	5,030	4,853	2.71	2.87	420	520
Other ²	1,614	1,437	1.55	1.69	104	141
Total Fresh	10,601	9,686	2.10	2.27	708	894
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,323	1,302	1.95	2.06	895	1,639
Fillets ¹	10,135	10,287	2.66	2.86	6,059	7,498
Other ²	3,721	4,079	1.75	1.67	2,441	2,537
Total Frozen	15,179	15,668	2.37	2.48	9,395	11,674
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,780	25,354	2.26	2.40	10,103	12,568

¹ Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded product.

² Includes steaks, nuggets and all other products not already reported, including weight of breading and added ingredients.

<p>Quick Statistic: In 1934, Mississippi farmers planted a record high 103,000 acres of sweetpotatoes. In comparison, for the previous ten years (1990-1999), farmers planted an average of 7,000 acres in sweetpotatoes.</p>
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Mississippi and US Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	March 1999 Entire Month		February 2000 Entire Month		March 2000 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Corn	bu	---	2.06	---	1.98	---	2.03
Cotton, Upland	lb	.577	.551	.428	.459	.421 ¹	.478 ¹
Cottonseed	ton	---	---	---	108.00	---	---
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.16	---	3.08	---	3.28
Soybeans	bu	4.69	4.61	4.95	4.79	5.07	4.87
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.53	---	2.37	---	2.37
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	8.93	---	5.98	---	5.99
All Milk	cwt	18.10	15.00	---	11.80	---	11.80
Fluid	cwt	18.10	15.10	---	11.90	---	11.90
Manufacturing	cwt	---	12.30	---	10.20	---	10.20
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	62.40	---	67.60	---	69.30
Cows	cwt	---	35.20	---	37.10	---	38.60
Calves	cwt	---	87.30	---	105.00	---	107.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	65.50	---	71.20	---	72.80
All Hogs	cwt	---	28.00	---	39.90	---	41.30
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	28.30	---	40.10	---	41.70
Sows	cwt	---	21.00	---	36.50	---	34.50
Broilers, Live	lb	.340	3.58	---	.335	---	.349 ²
Market Eggs	doz	.530 ³	.531 ³	.500 ³	.523 ³	.440	.382

--- 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 producers.