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Farm Labor Survey Procedures

These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during the last two weeks of July using sampling procedures to ensure every employer of agricultural workers had a chance of being selected. Two samples of farm operators are selected. First, NASS maintains a list of farms that hire farm workers. Farms on this list are classified by size and type. Those expected to employ large numbers of workers are selected with greater frequency than those hiring few or no workers. A second sample consists of segments of land scientifically selected from an area sampling frame.

Each June, highly trained interviewers locate each selected land segment and identify every farm operating land within the sample segment's boundaries. The names of farms found in these area segments are matched against the NASS list of farms; those not found on the list are included in the labor survey sample to represent all farms. This methodology is known as multiple frame sampling, with an area sample used to measure the incompleteness of the list. Additionally, a list of agricultural service firms was sampled in California and Florida. The survey reference week was July 9-15, 2000.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to September 15, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 1997-2000

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Cotton				
Alabama	0	10,050	5,300	12,200
Arizona	23,500	5,900	7,600	25,300
Arkansas	0	13,550	18,200	26,400
California ¹	5,300	0	0	
Georgia	700	18,000	10,800	3,700
Louisiana	3,650	17,950	50,350	122,700
Mississippi	900	42,900	71,200	125,700
Missouri	0	1,850	12,200	5,200
South Carolina	0	10,250	¹	700
Tennessee	0	8,000	7,150	22,250
Texas	649,000	609,250	835,300	1,108,000
United States	683,400	738,500	1,018,350	1,453,850

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, July 1999-2000

State	Total Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	296,675	273,694	8,150	5,854	2.24	1.72
Arkansas	345,299	329,106	6,091	5,337	1.43	1.33
Florida	37,251	37,540	1,048	862	2.19	1.84
Georgia	358,640	336,134	6,888	5,078	1.56	1.24
Louisiana	43,598	45,608	1,616	660	2.90	1.13
Mississippi	224,930	217,825	2,822	2,154	1.08	0.86
Missouri	96,588	90,598	1,436	1,482	1.21	1.32
Tennessee	60,017	62,791	740	691	0.98	0.89
Texas	165,256	176,276	2,470	2,629	1.27	1.28
United States	2,471,365	2,406,628	48,084	39,678	1.59	1.35

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as percent of equivalent N.Y. dressed weight of quantity inspected. Percentages are based on unrounded data.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators by Geographic Division, September 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	1999	2000	2000/	1999	2000	2000/
	1,000			Percent		
North Atlantic	12,286	10,469	85	6,253	6,174	99
East North Central	8,295	7,585	91	9,033	8,518	94
West North Central	20,768	19,832	95	5,966	6,031	101
South Atlantic	231,721	226,241	98	5,199	4,526	87
South Central	319,388	326,104	102	4,683	4,634	99
West	24,670	23,458	95	4,068	4,487	110
United States	617,128	613,689	99	35,202	34,370	98

August Layers and Egg Production, Selected States ¹

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs		Hatching Eggs	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000		Million		Million	
Indiana	21,885	22,477	482	192	13	13
Pennsylvania	22,395	23,578	496	526	16	21
Georgia	20,386	20,730	234	251	183	175
Arkansas	15,173	15,218	107	115	186	181
North Carolina	11,058	10,872	81	80	132	122
Alabama	10,769	10,466	75	61	130	139
Mississippi	6,762	6,607	39	41	92	89
United States	320,173	325,485	5,876	6,010	1,095	1,090

¹ 1999 Revised.

---Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations.

US Agricultural Exports: Value by Commodity, 1999-2000

Commodity	October-June		Fiscal 1999	Estimate 2000	
	1999	2000		June	Aug.
Billion Dollars					
Grains and Feeds ¹	10.801	10.291	14.400	13.6	13.6
Wheat and Flour	2.783	2.526	3.839	3.6	3.5
Rice	0.844	0.736	1.015	0.9	0.9
Coarse Grains ²	4.150	3.933	5.607	5.0	5.2
Feeds and Fodders	1.741	1.826	2.240	2.4	2.4
Oilseeds and Products	6.834	6.860	8.690	8.5	8.7
Soybeans	3.897	4.222	4.757	5.0	5.2
Soybean Meal	0.844	0.963	1.066	1.2	1.2
Soybean Oil	0.522	0.232	0.607	0.3	0.3
Livestock Products	5.381	6.674	7.232	8.3	8.4
Poultry & Products	1.513	1.719	2.068	2.2	2.3
Dairy Products	0.644	0.744	0.873	1.0	1.0
Tobacco, Unmanufactured	1.197	1.045	1.376	1.3	1.3
Cotton and Linters	1.103	1.468	1.323	1.8	1.8
Seeds	0.669	0.635	0.807	0.8	0.8
Horticultural Products	7.756	7.831	10.278	10.4	10.4
Sugar & Tropical Products	1.508	1.608	2.043	2.1	2.2
Major Bulk Products ³	13.874	13.830	17.742	17.6	18.5
Total ⁴	37.408	38.878	49.091	50.0	50.5

¹ Includes pulses and processed grain products.

² Includes corn, barley, sorghum, oats, and rye.

³ Includes wheat, rice, coarse grains, soybeans, cotton, and tobacco.

⁴ Total includes a small amount of miscellaneous products not elsewhere specified.

Source: ERS

US Agricultural Exports: Value by Commodity, 1999-2000

Commodity	October-June		Fiscal 1999	Estimate 2000	
	1999	2000		June	Aug.
Million Metric Tons					
Wheat	20.455	19.653	28.817	27.0	27.0
Wheat Flour	0.651	0.644	0.951	1.1	1.0
Rice	2.545	2.639	3.086	3.1	3.3
Coarse Grains ¹	41.897	40.844	57.720	52.3	53.7
Feeds and Fodders	9.082	10.114	11.751	12.1	12.8
Oilseeds and Products	27.038	29.775	33.658	35.4	36.3
Soybeans	18.576	21.644	23.029	25.7	26.7
Soybean Meal	5.110	5.257	6.461	6.2	6.4
Soybean Oil	0.896	0.520	1.076	0.6	0.6
Poultry Meat	1.743	2.204	2.416	2.7	2.8
Animal Fats	1.074	0.894	1.395	1.2	1.2
Tobacco, Unmanufactured	0.178	0.153	0.205	0.2	0.2
Cotton & Linters	0.755	1.255	0.922	1.5	1.5
Horticultural Products	5.626	5.810	7.337	7.4	7.5
Sugar & Tropical Products	0.932	0.947	1.262	1.3	1.3
Total Major Bulk Products ²	83.948	86.187	113.779	109.8	121.9

¹ Includes corn, barley, sorghum, oats, and rye.

² Includes wheat, rice, coarse grains, soybeans, cotton, and tobacco.

Source: ERS

**Field and Livestock Workers Combined: Wage Rates, by Type
of Farm, by Region and 48 States**

Region	July 11 - 17, 1999				July 9 - 15, 2000			
	Field Crops	Other Crops	Livestock & Poultry	All Farms	Field Crops	Other Crops	Livestock & Poultry	All Farms
Dollars Per Hour								
Northeast	6.46	7.67	6.55	7.20	7.82	8.16	7.28	7.84
Appalachian	5.94	7.14	7.03	6.59	6.41	7.35	7.02	6.80
Southeast	6.06	6.99	7.03	6.88	6.46	7.45	7.18	7.22
Lake	¹	6.72	7.47	7.29	¹	¹	8.05	7.92
Cornbelt	7.83	7.51	7.17	7.54	7.92	7.87	7.95	7.91
Delta	6.53	7.21	6.64	6.62	6.19	6.70	6.96	6.50
Northern Plains	7.10	7.61	7.48	7.37	7.15	6.97	7.74	7.42
Southern Plains	5.88	6.43	6.47	6.26	6.94	6.36	7.20	6.85
Mountain	6.67	6.49	6.59	6.57	6.60	6.96	7.06	6.94
Pacific	¹	7.15	¹	7.24 *	7.81	7.40	7.90	7.48
48 States	6.83	7.14	7.08	7.08 *	6.92	7.48	7.52	7.39

* Revised.

¹ Insufficient data.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers
by Region and US, July 9 - 15, 2000 ¹**

U.S. and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	8.26	7.66	8.09	8.61
Northeast II	7.67	7.22	7.58	8.04
Appalachian I	6.66	7.97	6.89	7.11
Appalachian II	6.55	6.83	6.66	6.95
Southeast	6.38	7.20	6.54	7.01
Florida	7.75	7.45	7.70	8.47
Lake	7.98	7.83	7.92	8.45
Cornbelt I	7.79	8.33	7.87	8.23
Cornbelt II	7.62	8.63	8.00	8.39
Delta	6.39	6.92	6.50	6.86
Northern Plains	7.52	7.28	7.42	7.64
Southern Plains	6.56	7.55	6.85	7.38
Mountain I	6.70	7.63	7.02	7.32
Mountain II	7.21	7.23	7.22	7.96
Mountain III	6.43	7.17	6.63	7.30
Pacific	7.74	8.33	7.75	8.15
California	7.29	8.10	7.38	7.99
Hawaii	9.17	8.38	9.09	10.76
US ²	7.32	7.65	7.39	7.89

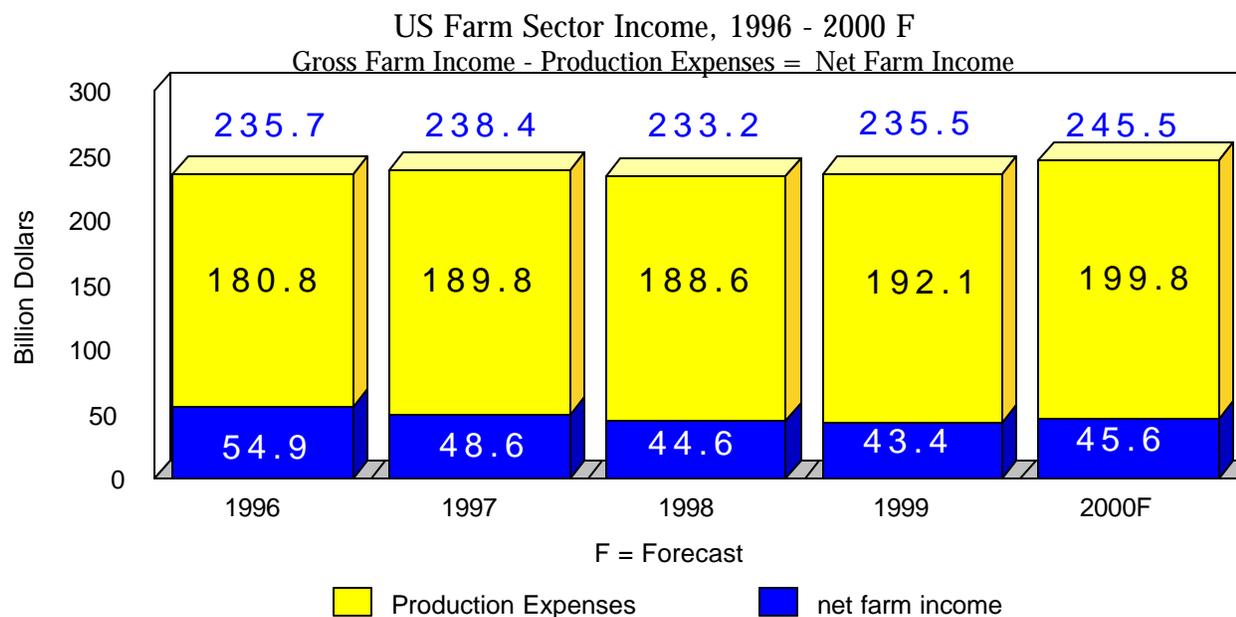
¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.² Excludes AK.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and US, July 9 - 15, 2000¹

U.S. and Region	Hired			
	Number	Expected to be Employed		Number
	Workers	150 Days or More	149 Days or Less	Worked
	1,000			Hours Per Week
Northeast I	58	37	21	38.9
Northeast II	54	34	20	38.7
Appalachian I	56	33	23	37.5
Appalachian II	42	21	21	30.4
Southeast	39	25	14	33.7
Florida	46	42	4	42.0
Lake	73	50	23	40.0
Cornbelt I	69	43	26	33.6
Cornbelt II	30	20	10	34.7
Delta	44	29	15	39.7
Northern Plains	41	29	12	42.3
Southern Plains	77	51	26	39.9
Mountain I	37	24	13	44.1
Mountain II	25	13	12	37.8
Mountain III	20	16	4	46.6
Pacific	99	46	53	40.9
California	261	202	59	44.8
Hawaii	8	7	1	36.7
US ²	1,079	722	357	40.2

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes AK.

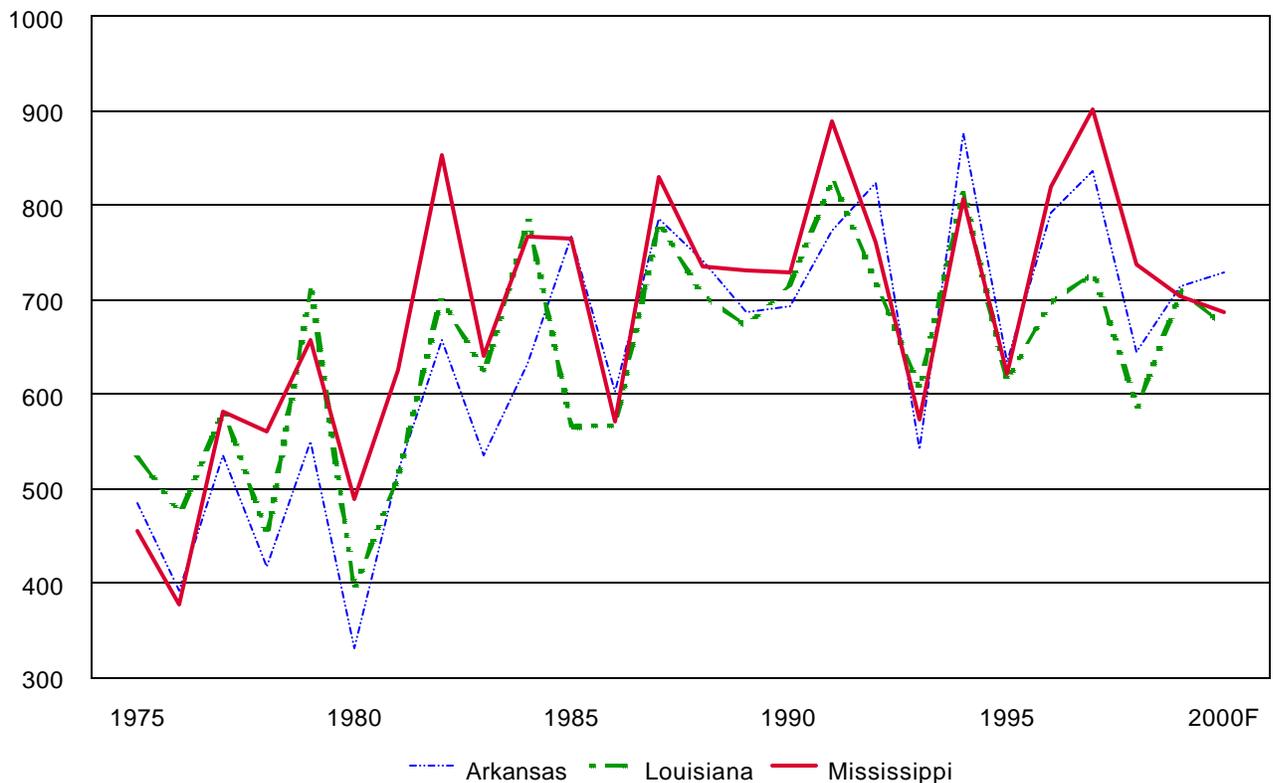


September 2000 Stocks of Grain in All Positions, With 1999 Comparisons, Mississippi and United States

Crop	September 1, 1999			September 1, 2000		
	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Position	Stocks On Farms	Stocks in Off Farm Positions ¹	Total Stocks All Position
Mississippi						
1,000 Bushels						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	6,828	*
Corn	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	204	*	*	129	*
United States						
Wheat, All	888,060	1,556,983	2,445,043	822,690	1,542,929	2,365,619
Corn	797,000	989,977	1,786,977	793,000	922,195	1,715,195
Sorghum	13,800	51,363	65,163	12,200	53,173	65,373
Soybeans	145,000	203,482	348,482	112,500	175,178	287,678

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Cotton Yield, Selected States, 1975 - 2000



2000 Yield Estimate is forecast as of September 1.

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	5,055	.703	.744	57	487
February	48,891	50,942	97,614	101,494	.714	.788	53	235
March	56,310	56,856	153,924	158,350	.732	.789	113	309
April	46,830	48,781	200,754	207,131	.756	.789	250	554
May	47,703	48,424	248,457	255,555	.777	.785	541	698
June	48,445	48,011	296,902	303,566	.775	.786	372	791
July	50,074	49,023	346,976	352,589	.768	.760	475	945
August	50,372	53,204	397,348	405,793	.743	.741	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, August, 1999 and 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	3,271	3,545	1.63	1.70	210	187
Fillets ¹	5,002	4,899	2.85	2.88	413	578
Other ²	1,495	1,438	1.62	1.69	117	127
Total Fresh	9,768	9,882	2.25	2.28	740	892
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,144	1,108	2.01	2.01	611	714
Fillets ¹	9,445	10,830	2.82	2.82	4,000	6,200
Other ²	4,261	4,027	1.60	1.64	2,164	2,458
Total Frozen	14,850	15,965	2.41	2.46	6,775	9,372
Total Fresh & Frozen	24,618	25,847	2.35	2.39	7,515	10,264

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.

Mississippi and US Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	September 1999 Entire Month		August 2000 Entire Month		September 2000 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Corn	bu	---	1.75	---	1.53	---	1.55
Cotton, Upland	lb	.600	.462	.445	.513	.444 ¹	.490 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	2.82	---	2.73	---	2.69
Soybeans	bu	5.19	4.57	4.89	4.45	4.66	4.54
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.46	---	2.31	---	2.38
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	6.88	---	5.60	---	5.66
All Milk	cwt	16.80	15.70	---	12.60	---	12.90
Fluid	cwt	16.80	15.70	---	12.60	---	12.90
Manufacturing	cwt	---	15.10	---	10.70	---	11.10
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	63.80	---	65.50	---	65.70
Cows	cwt	---	34.60	---	39.00	---	37.30
Calves	cwt	---	90.90	---	106.00	---	104.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	67.10	---	68.00	---	68.70
All Hogs	cwt	---	33.90	---	43.80	---	41.60
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	34.40	---	44.40	---	42.00
Sows	cwt	---	22.80	---	34.40	---	33.00
Broilers, Live	lb	.355	.359	---	.350	---	.390
Market Eggs	doz	.490 ²	.546	.590 ²	.507 ²	.530	.418

---Estimates not made.

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

² Mid-month price.