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Survey Procedures for the Labor Survey

These data were collected by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) during the last two weeks of October 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. The survey reference week was October 8-14, 2000.

All Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, State, and United States, 1999 and Forecasted December 1, 2000

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production ¹	
	1999	2000	1999	2000		1999	2000
				Nov 1	Dec 1		
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales ²	
Alabama	561.0	540.0	535	489	489	625.0	550.0
Arizona	277.9	285.0	1,265	1,264	1,264	732.3	750.3
Arkansas	960.0	950.0	714	738	743	1,428.0	1,470.0
California	844.0	909.0	1,241	1,278	1,352	2,182.7	2,560.0
Georgia	1,300.0	1,300.0	579	594	594	1,567.0	1,610.0
Louisiana	610.0	700.0	709	638	627	901.0	915.0
Mississippi	1,180.0	1,280.0	704	656	649	1,731.0	1,730.0
Missouri	377.0	400.0	601	660	648	472.0	540.0
North Carolina	825.0	930.0	475	748	748	816.0	1,450.0
Oklahoma	150.0	200.0	461	444	420	144.0	175.0
South Carolina	315.0	290.0	428	604	629	281.0	380.0
Tennessee	565.0	570.0	505	606	606	595.0	720.0
Texas	5,132.0	4,816.0	477	431	412	5,094.6	4,131.0
Virginia	108.0	109.0	635	722	722	142.8	164.0
Other States ³	134.0	129.0	487	428	428	135.9	115.0
United States	13,424.9	13,499.0	607	622	619	16,968.0	17,398.8

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned.

² 480-lb. net weight bales.

³ Other States include FL and KS. Individual State level forecasts will be published in the "January Crop Production" report.

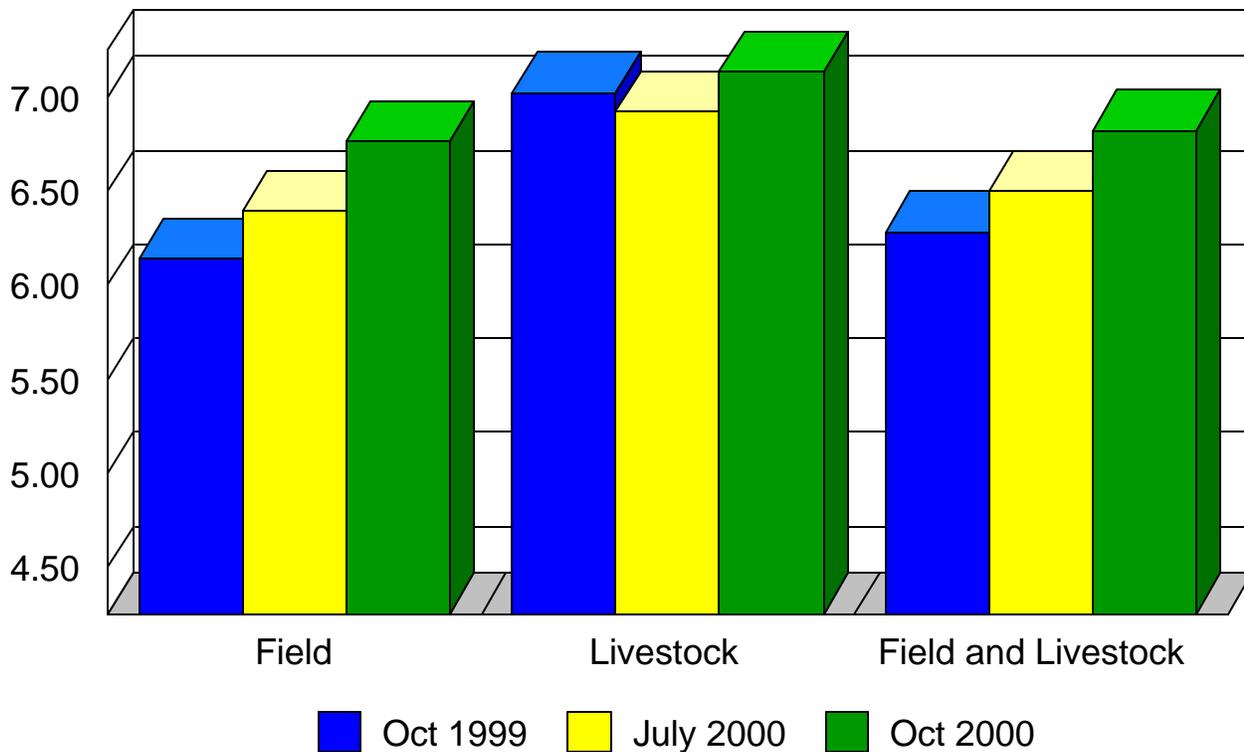
Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 1999 - 2000

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	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	981
September	50,414	49,422	447,762	455,215	.728	.727	304	
October	52,407	51,412	500,169	506,627	.716	.710	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.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Worker, Delta Region ¹, 1999-2000



¹ The Delta Region consists of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
December 1, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 1997-2000**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1997	1998	1999	2000
All Cotton				
Alabama	406,650	497,600	548,050	467,850
Arizona	525,250	308,850	408,450	414,500
Arkansas	1,541,200	1,170,850	1,376,850	1,416,700
California	2,157,550	984,150	1,462,000	1,745,900
Florida	85,000	59,750	96,000	76,550
Georgia	1,234,950	1,101,650	1,141,850	1,193,700
Louisiana	998,050	650,350	916,700	914,400
Mississippi	1,713,700	1,391,400	1,672,050	1,667,100
Missouri	531,150	336,600	449,300	499,100
New Mexico	58,150	41,700	42,800	49,750
North Carolina	657,450	944,250	536,900	969,950
Oklahoma	141,700	116,050	106,900	121,900
South Carolina	303,200	307,050	213,200	296,200
Tennessee	622,350	527,050	572,150	685,500
Texas	3,663,050	2,740,650	3,736,150	3,028,350
Virginia	95,200	131,600	99,750	109,550
United States	14,734,600	11,309,550	13,379,100	13,657,000

**All Pecans: Utilized Production by Crop, State, and United States,
1998-1999 and Forecasted December 1, 2000**

Crop and State	Utilized Production		
	1998	1999	2000
Alabama	5,000	13,000	15,000
Arizona	13,000	22,800	16,000
Arkansas ¹	550	3,800	1,300
California ¹	1,700	1,900	2,300
Florida ¹	1,300	3,700	2,500
Georgia	40,000	120,000	80,000
Kansas	50	5,000	400
Louisiana	16,000	22,000	17,000
Mississippi ¹	1,200	5,000	1,500
New Mexico	32,000	52,000	35,000
North Carolina	2,500	1,200	2,800
Oklahoma	2,000	63,000	3,000
South Carolina ¹	1,100	2,700	2,500
Texas	30,000	90,000	30,000
United States	146,400	406,100	209,300

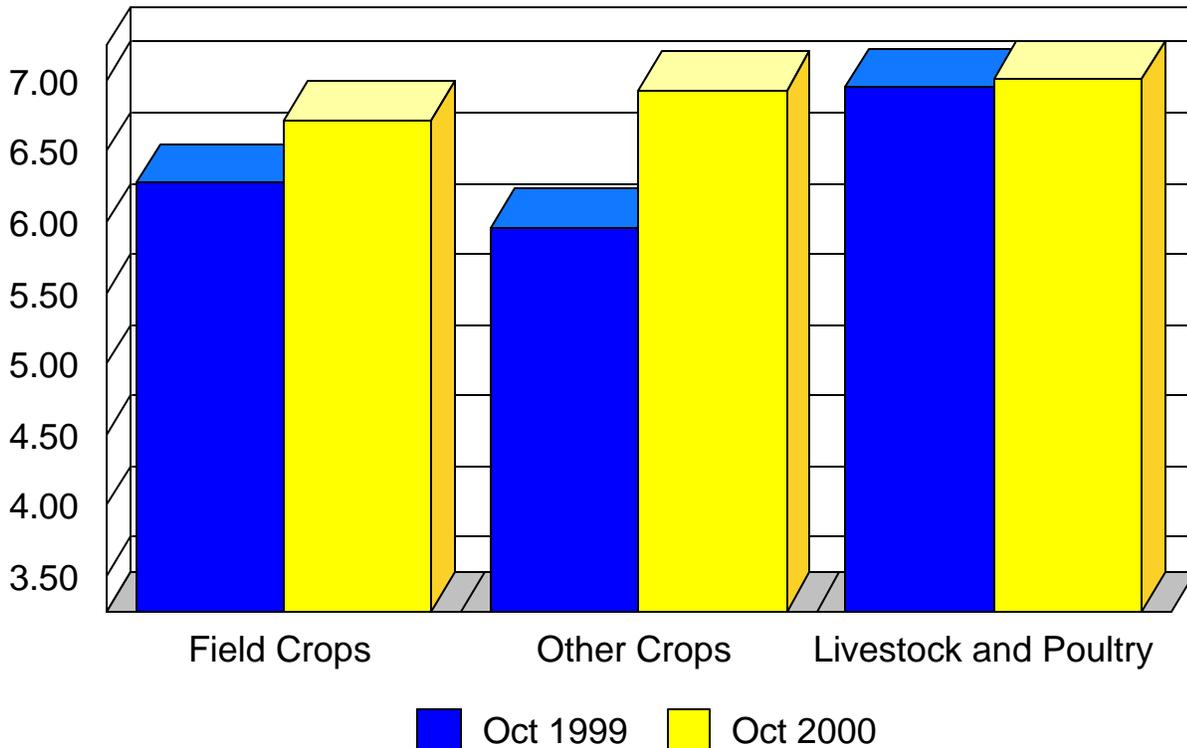
¹Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates, Selected States, 1999-2000 ^{1 2}

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Dollars Per Hour						
Alabama	7.19	7.02	6.82	6.77	6.89	6.69
Arkansas	6.88	7.27	6.47	7.07	6.59	7.07
Georgia	7.14	7.71	6.63	7.26	6.84	7.24
Kentucky	7.12	7.17	5.97	6.44	6.49	6.71
Louisiana	6.48	6.87	6.35	6.44	6.35	6.53
Mississippi	7.16	6.91	6.37	6.28	6.56	6.42
Missouri	7.33	7.70	6.86	7.06	7.07	7.54
Oklahoma	7.10	7.75	6.51	6.81	6.55	7.15
Tennessee	6.46	6.65	6.01	6.39	6.17	6.43
Texas	6.93	7.40	6.35	6.74	6.48	6.93
United States	7.77	8.10	7.19	7.50	7.22	7.54

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Annual rates are averages of the published wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average for all States, Regions, and the U.S. is based on data collected for the week containing the 12th day of the month during January, April, July, and October.

Field and Livestock Workers Combined: Wage Rates, by Type of Farm, Delta Region ¹

¹ The Delta Region consists of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Average Number of Layers, by Months ¹

Year	Dec. ²	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
1,000 Head							
1989	5,268	5,165	5,183	5,225	5,206	5,214	5,305
1990	5,619	5,784	5,869	5,891	6,062	6,212	6,189
1991	6,106	6,267	6,256	6,025	6,020	6,134	6,200
1992	5,999	6,051	6,027	5,986	6,007	5,939	5,786
1993	5,741	5,869	5,932	5,957	6,068	6,142	6,175
1994	6,319	6,240	6,335	6,431	6,527	6,460	6,337
1995	6,473	6,333	6,231	6,189	6,254	6,247	6,057
1996	6,257	6,240	6,252	6,309	6,382	6,505	6,623
1997	6,731	6,759	6,705	6,746	6,722	6,604	6,544
1998	6,870	6,882	6,922	6,790	6,746	6,783	6,646
1999	6,651	6,809	6,991	6,941	6,628	6,517	6,598
2000	6,675	6,605	6,725	6,859	7,010	6,987	6,747

Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Annual Average
1,000 Head						
1989	5,391	5,503	5,616	5,594	5,572	5,354
1990	6,085	6,011	6,072	5,995	5,966	5,979
1991	6,244	6,255	6,231	6,183	6,091	6,167
1992	5,703	5,709	5,655	5,511	5,529	5,825
1993	6,243	6,090	5,934	6,172	6,297	6,062
1994	6,302	6,286	6,476	6,647	6,703	6,413
1995	5,992	6,033	6,111	6,099	6,142	6,180
1996	6,617	6,580	6,556	6,534	6,617	6,456
1997	6,603	6,667	6,699	6,706	6,790	6,690
1998	6,660	6,869	6,851	6,688	6,616	6,776
1999	6,686	6,762	6,815	6,881	6,845	6,759
2000	6,606	6,607	6,614	6,540		

¹ Includes layers in hatchery flocks.

² December previous year.

Top 10 Soybean Counties Ranked by Yield, Mississippi

	1979	1989	1999
1 Claiborne	35.1	Walthall	28.6
2 Adams	35.0	Forrest	27.9
3 Sharkey	33.7	Jefferson	27.8
4 Issaquena	33.4	Jasper	25.0
5 Yazoo	32.9	Lauderdale	25.0
6 Washington	32.8	Lamar	25.0
7 Warren	32.6	Bolivar	24.1
8 Carroll	32.4	Washington	23.8
9 Bolivar	32.4	Stone	23.8
10 Leake	32.2	Lincoln	23.7

Market Eggs: Monthly and Market Year Average Prices

Year	Dec. ¹	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Cents Per Dozen							
1989	54.0	59.4	52.0	74.5	59.0	59.0	62.5
1990	83.0	86.0	67.5	81.0	69.0	52.0	60.0
1991	74.0	86.8	67.0	78.0	62.5	54.5	54.0
1992	69.5	52.0	53.0	52.5	51.0	48.5	45.0
1993	65.8	59.3	64.9	67.8	58.6	52.1	56.4
1994	58.5	59.4	63.5	62.8	51.1	45.3	52.4
1995	60.9	57.7	56.0	55.4	57.0	52.0	51.3
1996	81.9	74.4	76.6	79.8	79.3	62.0	68.7
1997	85.3	71.2	77.0	68.0	59.6	60.4	56.0
1998	78.0	65.0	59.0	66.0	54.0	45.0	54.0
1999	75.0	65.0	57.0	58.0	53.0	41.0	43.0
2000	40.0	35.0	50.0	44.0	54.0	36.0	50.0

Year	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Market Year Average ²
Cents Per Dozen						
1989	64.5	65.0	66.0	69.8	79.4	64.1
1990	54.0	64.0	73.0	70.0	67.0	68.8
1991	61.0	57.0	62.0	61.0	58.0	64.9
1992	49.0	47.0	60.0	58.5	56.8	53.4
1993	52.8	60.4	54.2	60.4	61.9	59.5
1994	49.7	57.4	56.5	50.8	60.7	55.6
1995	56.0	63.0	65.0	63.6	77.0	59.5
1996	65.8	72.5	70.0	66.0	76.6	72.9
1997	59.0	58.0	62.0	56.0	56.0	65.8
1998	49.0	56.0	62.0	61.0	69.0	59.6
1999	41.0	51.0	49.0	35.0	49.0	52.4
2000	43.0	59.0	53.0	59.0	69.0	

¹ December previous year.

² Market year average is December through November.

Top 10 Soybean Counties Ranked by Production, Mississippi

	1979		1989		1999	
1	Bolivar	7,646,400	Bolivar	4,820,000	Bolivar	6,886,000
2	Washington	5,812,200	Tunica	2,642,000	Washington	4,110,000
3	Sunflower	5,417,600	Washington	2,470,000	Sunflower	3,810,000
4	Tunica	5,016,400	Sunflower	2,246,000	Coahoma	3,501,000
5	Yazoo	4,951,500	Coahoma	2,230,000	Leflore	2,731,000
6	Sharkey	4,850,500	Tallahatchie	1,877,000	Tunica	2,689,000
7	Quitman	4,379,200	Leflore	1,793,000	Tallahatchie	2,290,000
8	Leflore	4,335,800	Yazoo	1,562,000	Quitman	2,122,000
9	Coahoma	4,175,300	Issaquena	1,499,000	Sharkey	1,631,000
10	Tallahatchie	4,006,400	Quitman	1,476,000	Issaquena	1,438,000

Commercial Red Meat Production: Selected States and United States ¹

State	October 1999	September 2000	October 2000	October 2000 as Percent of ²	
				October 1999	September 2000
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Alabama	2.9	3.8	4.4	149	113
Arkansas	6.2	4.6	5.5	88	117
Florida	4.6	4.5	5.1	111	113
Georgia	27.7	24.6	29.4	106	120
Iowa	558.8	483.0	528.2	95	109
Kansas	539.9	538.1	552.8	102	103
Kentucky	40.3	36.9	38.7	96	105
Louisiana	1.7	1.4	1.7	99	118
Mississippi	27.0	23.6	25.1	93	106
Missouri	69.7	65.1	70.5	101	108
Nevada	596.1	609.2	640.2	107	105
Tennessee	19.1	17.9	18.0	94	101
Texas	411.1	430.9	409.3	100	95
United States	4,000.7	3,861.1*	4,097.2	102	106

* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Mississippi Agricultural Exports: Estimated Value, by Commodity Group

Year	Wheat and Products	Rice	Soybeans and Products	Cotton and Linters	Cottonseed and Products	Tree Nuts	Livestock
Million Dollars							
1993	18.6	79.1	165.6	200.6	13.0	0.2	18.6
1994	8.9	69.1	129.4	222.3	11.8	0.7	17.4
1995	11.6	110.8	163.0	375.0	16.9	0.0	23.6
1996	17.7	93.2	137.4	308.7	11.2	0.4	25.6
1997	37.2	74.4	210.9	268.9	11.4	0.6	25.7
1998	16.2	87.0	215.3	240.1	10.4	0.7	28.1
1999	16.5	81.2	114.5	129.7	6.5	0.5	22.1
Year	Hides and Skins	Poultry and Products	Fats and Oils	Feeds and Fodders	Other	Total	
Million Dollars							
1993	2.7	74.8	2.3	5.0	1.5	581.9	
1994	2.3	112.0	2.0	6.5	1.7	584.1	
1995	2.7	158.1	1.9	8.6	1.8	874.0	
1996	2.3	205.0	1.4	7.9	1.8	812.6	
1997	2.3	207.3	1.3	9.8	1.8	851.8	
1998	1.8	203.4	1.3	8.7	1.7	815.0	
1999	0.7	157.5	0.8	9.9	1.7	541.6	

Source: Economic Research Service.

Mississippi and US Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	November 1999 Entire Month		October 2000 Entire Month		November 2000 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Corn	bu	---	1.70	---	1.74	---	1.83
Cotton, Upland	lb	.436	.443	.536	.559	.533 ¹	.582 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	2.57	---	3.01	---	3.28
Soybeans	bu	4.65	4.45	4.75	4.45	4.54	4.51
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.42	---	2.63	---	2.61
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	6.11	---	5.61	---	5.64
All Milk	cwt	18.20	14.40	---	12.50	---	12.20
Fluid	cwt	18.20	14.50	---	12.60	---	12.20
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.10	---	10.80	---	10.10
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	66.20	---	66.70	---	69.50
Cows	cwt	---	33.60	---	36.20	---	36.90
Calves	cwt	---	93.00	---	102.00	---	106.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	70.90	---	70.50	---	74.30
All Hogs	cwt	---	33.40	---	41.40	---	35.90
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	33.80	---	41.80	---	36.30
Sows	cwt	---	24.10	---	33.70	---	28.00
Broilers, Live	lb	.370	.380	---	.330	---	.380
Market Eggs	doz	.560 ²	.490 ²	.590 ²	.517 ²	.690	.584

---Estimates not made.

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

² Mid-month price.