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Farm Labor Survey Procedures

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 consist 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.

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class and Region, 2001-2002 ¹

Region	July 8-14, 2001					July 7-13, 2002				
	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms	Gross Value Sales-\$1000's				All Farms
	<50	50-99	100-249	250+		<50	50-99	100-249	250+	
	Dollars per Hour									
North East	7.89	8.03	7.26	8.58	8.25	8.47 ²	²	7.39	9.25	8.70
Appalachian	6.50 ²	6.38	8.52	7.71	7.62	²	7.51	8.29	8.17	8.15
South East	²	8.38	8.05	8.49	8.30	7.87	9.19	8.25	8.23	8.28
Lake	7.08	7.43	7.58	8.88	8.38	7.63	7.48	7.12 ²	8.82	8.33
Cornbelt	8.90 ²	8.05	6.64	9.05	8.48	7.42 ²	7.82 ²	²	9.65	9.16
Delta	²	6.12	7.18	7.10	6.93	²	²	6.76	7.08	7.07
Northern Plains	7.39	8.46	7.26	8.62	8.24	²	²	7.95	8.89	8.72
Southern Plains	6.84	7.40	6.51	7.66	7.23	7.45	8.20 ²	6.40 ²	7.60	7.53
Mountain	7.16 ²	7.38	7.54	8.16	7.95	7.83 ²	²	²	7.97	7.77
Pacific	²	8.08	8.19	8.87	8.79	²	9.23	8.28	9.27	9.12
48 States	7.69	7.66	7.63	8.57	8.26	7.94	8.39	7.70	8.83	8.58

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers by Region and United States, July 7-13, 2002 ¹

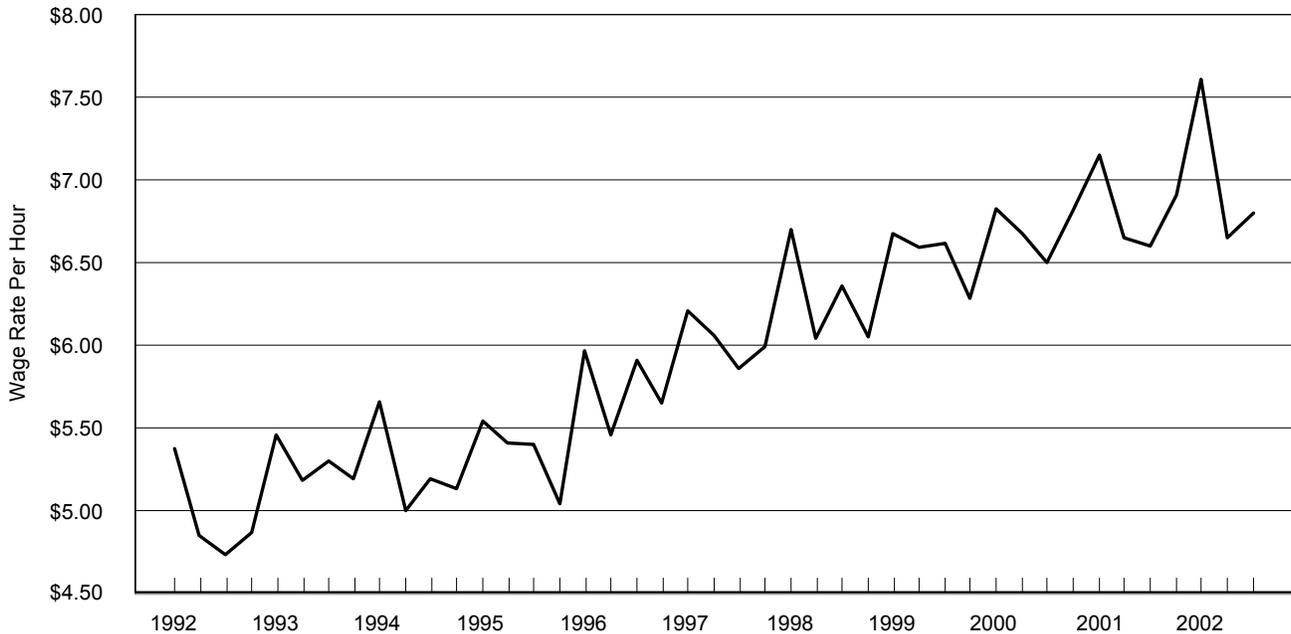
United States and Region ²	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars Per Hour				
Northeast I	8.41	7.90	8.25	9.12
Northeast II	7.87	7.18	7.74	8.35
Appalachian I	7.61	7.91	7.68	8.32
Appalachian II	7.22	7.64	7.36	7.75
Southeast	7.11	8.90	7.50	8.01
Florida	7.25	7.80	7.38	8.48
Lake	7.84	7.85	7.84	8.33
Cornbelt I	8.08	9.07	8.36	9.13
Cornbelt II	8.42	10.72	8.94	9.20
Delta	6.70	7.10	6.80	7.07
Northern Plains	8.32	8.57	8.41	8.72
Southern Plains	7.06	7.23	7.14	7.53
Mountain I	7.12	7.74	7.42	7.62
Mountain II	7.23	7.35	7.27	7.82
Mountain III	7.15	8.11	7.43	8.03
Pacific	8.32	10.65	8.86	9.36
California	8.24	9.80	8.39	9.04
Hawaii ²	9.65		9.67	11.29
United States ³	7.91	8.37	8.02	8.60

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data for livestock.

³ Excludes AK.

Wage Rates by Field and Livestock Workers Combined Delta Region, by Quarter, 1992-2002



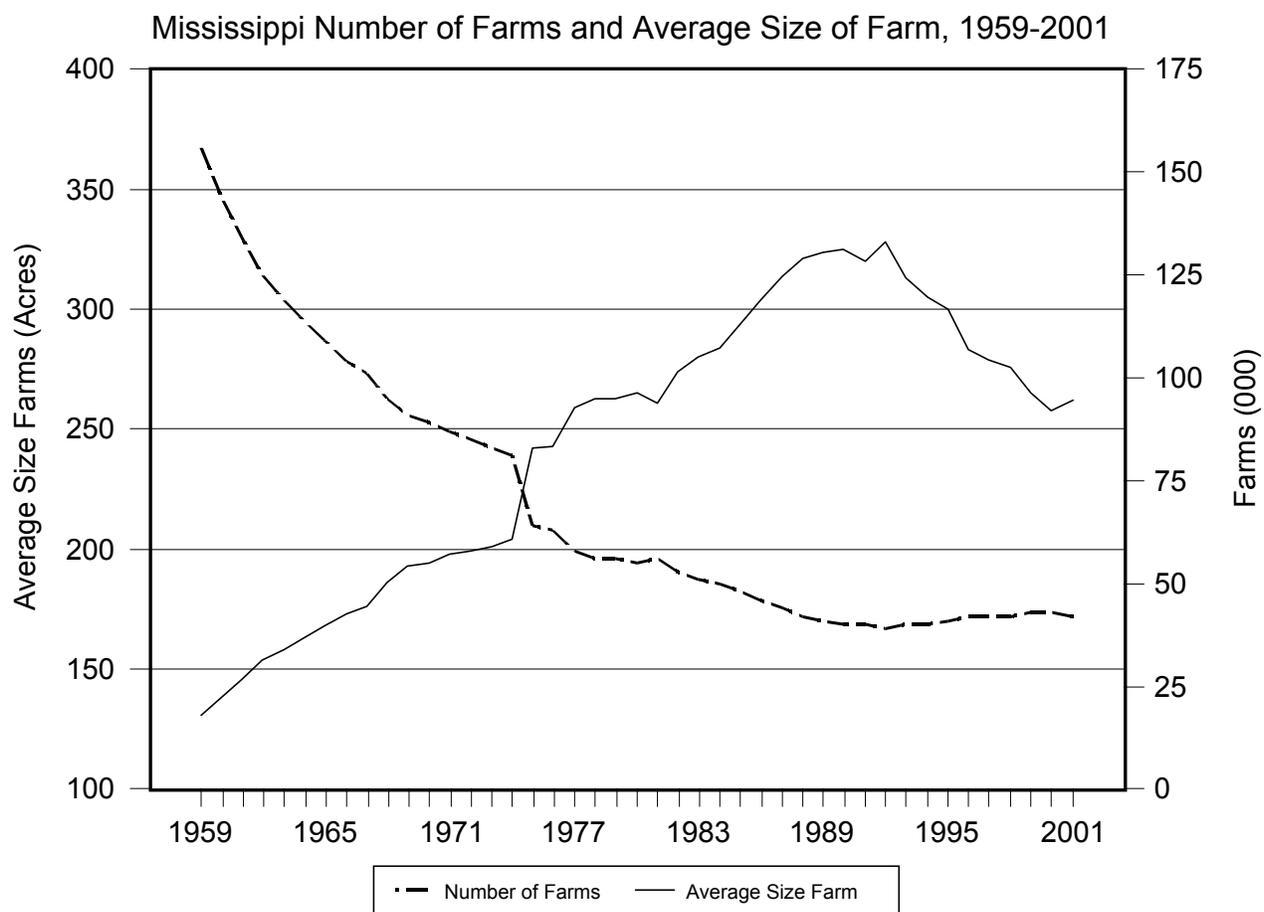
The Delta Region is composed of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Hired Workers: Distribution by Category, United States ^{1 2}

Category	July 8-14, 2001	April 7-13, 2002	July 7-13, 2002
Percent of Hired Workers			
Employed on Farms Hiring			
1 Worker	11	10	9
2 Workers	9	8	10
3-6 Workers	20	18	20
7-10 Workers	9	11	12
At least 11 Workers	51	53	49

¹ 48 States, excluding AK and HI.

² Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.



Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, August 1, 2001-2002

State	Broiler-Type			Egg-type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
North Atlantic	12,629	12,463	99	5,324	4,753	89
East North Central	7,430	7,600	102	5,525	6,924	125
West North Central	20,566	20,428	99	6,646	7,818	118
South Atlantic	236,564	239,095	101	3,943	3,916	99
South Central	335,849	342,259	102	5,455	5,195	95
West	24,915	23,241	93	3,102	4,577	148
United States	637,953	645,086	101	29,995	33,183	111

July Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and United States

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	10,632	9,972	61	45	142	142
Arkansas	14,652	14,567	106	99	177	183
Florida	10,645	10,312	212	208	15	12
Georgia	20,458	20,124	240	216	176	181
Mississippi	6,673	6,794	40	42	90	95
North Carolina	10,930	11,029	73	77	135	135
Oklahoma	4,081	4,117	44	44	34	35
South Carolina	5,697	5,298	104	96	19	19
Virginia	3,187	2,988	33	28	32	31
United States	332,231	335,269	6,097	6,237	1,098	1,104

¹ Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, July 2001-2002

State	July			January-July		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	106,523	106,051	100	718,374	737,817	103
Arkansas	110,285	110,953	101	747,202	764,127	102
Florida	8,684	8,679	100	61,821	58,988	95
Georgia	113,844	117,389	103	780,054	792,618	102
Kentucky	23,130	24,087	104	155,281	165,136	106
Mississippi	69,024	70,081	102	467,647	481,009	103
North Carolina	64,974	67,027	103	462,849	476,698	103
Texas	53,816	55,363	103	373,192	388,733	104
United States	769,449	781,421	102	5,276,818	5,389,702	102

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2001-2002

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2001	2002	2001	2002
	2001	2002	2001	2002				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	46,999	52,551	46,999	52,551	.693	.549	862	1,037
February	50,257	52,856	97,256	105,407	.696	.555	510	1,048
March	57,766	58,340	155,022	163,747	.697	.565	1,201	414
April	52,478	50,694	207,500	214,441	.694	.561	1,787	618
May	51,736	52,902	259,236	267,343	.687	.574	1,989	1,491
June	47,883	49,450	307,119	316,793	.669	.588	2,114	982
July	47,829	52,363	354,948	369,156	.656	.590	1,968	
August	51,690		406,638		.624		1,385	
September	49,699		456,337		.610		1,536	
October	52,264		508,601		.596		1,608	
November	44,670		553,271		.566		1,724	
December	43,837		597,108		.554		1,395	

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 adjustments based on year-end settlements.

² Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, July 2001-2002

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,233	3,477	1.59	1.35	169	236
Fillets ¹	5,191	5,327	2.77	2.55	516	488
Other ²	1,375	1,576	1.61	1.51	88	134
Total Fresh	9,799	10,380	2.22	1.99	773	858
Frozen						
Whole Fish	967	1,174	1.95	1.86	439	807
Fillets ¹	9,973	10,768	2.61	2.39	8,374	5,661
Other ²	4,077	4,119	1.59	1.51	2,208	2,275
Total Frozen	15,017	16,061	2.29	2.12	11,021	8,743
Total Fresh & Frozen	24,816	26,441	2.26	2.07	11,794	9,601

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.

Rice Stocks: by Position, State and United States, August 1, 2002

State	On Farms or Farm Warehouses	In Mills and Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or In Transit	Total All Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas	2,960	3,929	9,474	0	16,363
California	*	902	6,897	*	8,213
Louisiana	*	*	*	0	*
Mississippi	*	*	1315	0	2156
Missouri	700	*	*	0	*
Texas	200	*	1,106	*	2,210
Unallocated	1,320	1,768	936	302	2,867
United States	5,180	6,599	19,728	302	31,809
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas		1,532	*	*	1,790
California		733	0	600	1,333
Louisiana		*	*	*	*
Mississippi		134	0	7	141
Missouri		*	0	0	*
Texas		773	0	0	773
Unallocated		409	88	654	893
United States		3,581	88	1,261	4,930

* Unallocated includes state data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Commercial Red Meat Production: by Selected States and United States, 2001-2002¹

State	July 2001	June 2002	July 2002	July 2002 as Percent of ²	
				July 2001	June 2002
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	3.2	4.0	4.0	126	99
Arkansas	4.8	5.7	4.9	102	86
Florida	4.8	5.1	5.8	121	114
Georgia	28.3	21.8	20.8	73	95
Kentucky	31.9	32.0	34.5	108	108
Louisiana	1.3	1.2	1.2	94	99
Mississippi	22.8	21.7	23.7	104	109
Missouri	50.0	32.8	35.8	72	109
North Carolina	149.6	151.4	164.2	110	108
Oklahoma	72.6	72.5	79.6	110	110
South Carolina	18.2	19.1	19.9	109	104
Tennessee	17.2	17.7	17.3	101	98
Texas	412.5	425.2	435.8	106	102
United States	3,644.7	3,812.4 *	4,016.0	110	105

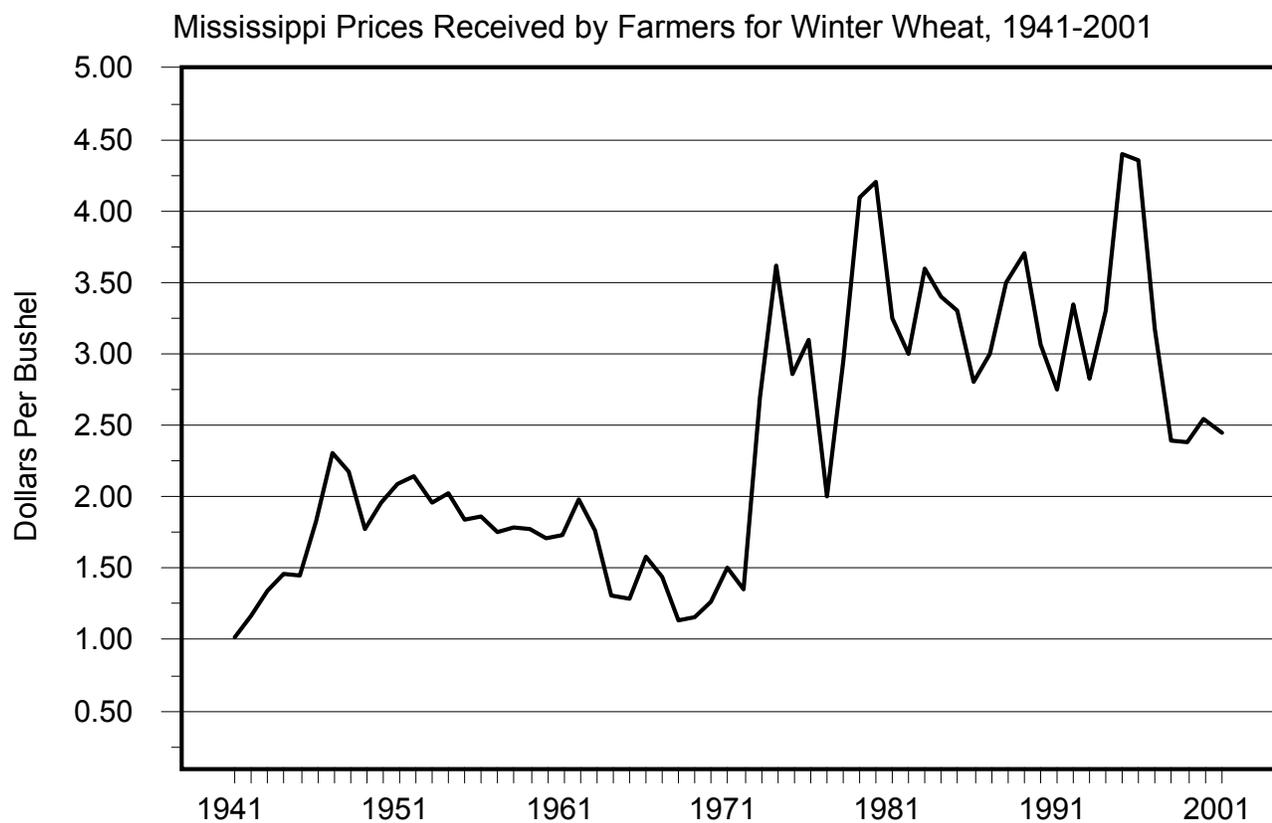
* Revised.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

Prices Received by Farmers for Winter Wheat and All Other Hay
by Selected States and United States, 2000-2001

State	Winter Wheat		Hay	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
	Dollars Per Bushel		Dollars Per Ton	
Alabama	2.35	2.55	56.00	55.00
Arkansas	2.35	2.36	58.50	62.50
Florida	2.25	2.25	82.00	96.00
Georgia	2.45	2.05	59.00	58.00
Kentucky	2.26	2.50	81.50	71.00
Louisiana	2.40	2.75	49.00	51.00
Mississippi	2.54	2.45	45.00	44.00
Missouri	2.28	2.42	70.50	75.00
North Carolina	2.35	2.40	71.00	72.00
Oklahoma	2.57	2.74	73.50	76.50
South Carolina	2.40	2.30	80.00	85.00
Tennessee	2.35	2.50	51.00	54.00
Texas	2.52	2.78	76.00	75.00
United States	2.51	2.72	84.60	96.50



Mississippi and United States Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	August 2001 Entire Month		July 2002 Entire Month		August 2002 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	1.90	---	2.13	---	2.48
Cotton, Upland	lb	.472	.360	.263	.376	.260 ¹	.315 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.49	---	4.06	---	4.43
Soybeans	bu	4.66	4.85	²	5.35	²	5.65
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.71	---	3.19	---	3.59
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	5.10	---	3.77	---	3.74
All Milk	cwt	---	16.50	---	11.20	---	11.20
Fluid	cwt	---	16.50	---	11.20	---	11.30
Manufacturing	cwt	---	15.20	---	9.50	---	9.80
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	70.60	---	63.80	---	63.60
Cows	cwt	---	43.10	---	37.40	---	36.10
Calves	cwt	---	106.00	---	94.90	---	94.70
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	73.50	---	66.60	---	66.30
All Hogs	cwt	---	50.80	---	39.20	---	34.20
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	51.50	---	40.20	---	34.90
Sows	cwt	---	39.40	---	20.00	---	20.80
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.420	---	.310	---	.290
Market Eggs	doz	.450 ³	.388 ³	.400 ³	.381 ³	.430	.439

--- Estimates not made.

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

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Mid-month prices.