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2002 Mississippi Winter Wheat Production Down 23 Percent from 2001

Mississippi Winter Wheat production totaled 9.02 million bushels in 2002, down 23 percent from last year. There were 205,000 acres harvested for grain, down 9 percent from last year. Producers harvested 44 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from 2001. Winter Wheat production in the United States is estimated at 1.14 billion bushels, down 16 percent from 2001, and the lowest level since 1970. Acreage for grain is estimated at 29.7 million acres, down 5 percent from last year and *the smallest harvested area since 1917*. The U.S. winter wheat yield is 38.5 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from last year.

Winter Wheat Acreage, Yield and Production, Selected States and United States, 2001-2002

State	Planted ¹		Harvested for Grain		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Acres				Bushels			
Alabama	170	150	70	60	48.0	40.0	3,360	2,400
Arkansas	1,100	960	970	840	52.0	46.0	50,440	38,640
Colorado	2,350	2,350	2,000	1,650	33.0	22.0	66,000	36,300
Georgia	300	350	200	200	53.0	41.0	10,600	8,200
Illinois	750	680	720	650	61.0	49.0	43,920	31,850
Kansas	9,800	9,600	8,200	8,100	40.0	33.0	328,000	267,300
Kentucky	550	550	360	340	66.0	53.0	23,760	18,020
Louisiana	175	230	160	220	50.0	40.0	8,000	8,800
Maryland	190	195	175	180	63.0	66.0	11,025	11,880
Michigan	570	500	560	490	64.0	67.0	35,840	32,830
Mississippi	250	250	225	205	52.0	44.0	11,700	9,020
Missouri	900	900	760	760	54.0	45.0	41,040	34,200
North Carolina	680	650	470	480	39.0	42.0	18,330	20,160
Oklahoma	5,600	6,000	3,700	3,500	33.0	28.0	122,100	98,000
South Dakota	1,300	1,300	370	625	32.0	29.0	11,840	18,125
Tennessee	500	470	340	300	54.0	46.0	18,360	13,800
Texas	5,600	6,400	3,200	2,700	34.0	29.0	108,800	78,300
Virginia	200	230	170	170	60.0	63.0	10,200	10,710
United States	41,078	41,735	31,295	29,651	43.5	38.5	1,361,479	1,142,802

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Wheat: Acreage Distribution by Class and State, 2001-2002

State	Winter						Other Spring (excluding Durum)			
	Hard Red		Soft Red		White		Hard Red		White	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent		Percent	
Alabama			100	100						
Arizona	100	100								
Arkansas			100	100						
California	95	95			5	5				
Colorado	100	100					84	84	16	16
Delaware			100	100						
Florida			100	100						
Georgia			100	100						
Idaho	19	13			81	87	56	54	44	46
Illinois	2	2	98	98						
Indiana			100	100						
Iowa	70	60	30	40						
Kansas	99	99	1			1				
Kentucky	4	4	96	96						
Louisiana	4	4	96	96						
Maryland			100	100						
Michigan	2	3	56	53	42	44				
Minnesota	100	100					100	100		
Mississippi			100	100						
Missouri	3	3	97	97						
Montana	97	97			3	3	99	99	1	1
Nebraska	100	100								
Nevada					100	100	12	15	88	85
New Jersey			100	100						
New Mexico	100	100								
New York	2	2	8	13	90	85				
North Carolina			100	100						
North Dakota	100	100					100	100		
Ohio			100	100						
Oklahoma	99	99	1	1						
Oregon	2	1			98	99	23	25	77	75
Pennsylvania			100	100						
South Carolina			100	100						
South Dakota	100	100					100	100		
Tennessee			100	100						
Texas	92	92	8	8						
Utah	83	75			17	25	71	60	29	40
Virginia			100	100						
Washington	5	5			95	95	35	35	65	65
West Virginia			100	100						
Wisconsin			96	96	4	4	100	100		
Wyoming	100	100					99	99	1	1

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
September 15, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 1999-2002**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
All Cotton				
Alabama ¹	5,300	12,200		3,150
Arizona	7,600	25,300	16,850	12,300
Arkansas	18,200	26,400	26,250	3,150
California ¹	0		1,700	
Florida ¹				
Georgia	10,800	3,700	1,650	21,150
Louisiana	50,350	122,700	4,550	18,650
Mississippi	71,200	125,700	16,900	45,650
Missouri	12,200	5,200	6,800	
New Mexico ¹	0		0	0
North Carolina	0	0	0	100
Oklahoma ¹			0	0
South Carolina ¹		700		200
Tennessee ¹	7,150	22,250	6,400	
Texas	835,300	1,108,000	720,000	790,900
Virginia	0	0	0	0
United States	1,018,350	1,453,850	801,700	898,000

¹ Not Published to avoid disclosing individual gins.

**September 2002 Stocks of Grain in All Positions, With 2001 Comparisons,
Mississippi and United States**

Crop	September 1, 2001			September 1, 2002		
	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
1,000 Bushels						
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	8,477	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	285	*	*	668	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	125	*	*	595	*
United States						
Wheat, All	696,850	1,458,964	2,155,814	588,200	1,151,952	1,740,152
Corn	753,150	1,145,958	1,899,108	586,800	1,012,620	1,599,420
Sorghum	8,900	32,851	41,751	7,400	51,975	59,375
Soybeans	83,500	164,247	247,747	62,700	145,487	208,187

* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "on farms; unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

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

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-type		
	2001	2002	2002/2001	2001	2002	2002/2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,360	11,502	93	5,139	4,945	96
East North Central	7,538	7,636	101	5,419	6,911	128
West North Central	21,127	20,404	97	6,611	6,804	103
South Atlantic	236,948	235,325	99	5,356	4,558	85
South Central	336,985	335,394	100	5,484	5,040	92
West	22,921	23,356	102	5,099	4,359	85
United States	637,879	633,617	99	33,108	32,617	99

Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and United States, August 2001-2002

State	All Layers on Hand ¹		Table Eggs ²		Hatching Eggs ²	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	10,455	10,023	62	48	140	141
Arkansas	14,289	14,396	103	97	170	183
Florida	10,824	10,508	217	215	14	13
Georgia	20,511	20,005	252	230	174	178
Mississippi	6,838	6,900	42	42	90	97
North Carolina	11,065	11,001	76	81	138	131
Oklahoma	4,075	4,046	45	43	33	34
South Carolina	5,772	5,359	105	95	19	18
Virginia	3,310	2,937	35	29	31	29
United States	332,800	336,024	6,138	6,261	1,083	1,093

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² 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, August 2001-2002

State	August			January-August		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	108,188	108,485	100	826,562	846,302	102
Arkansas	109,905	109,920	100	857,107	874,047	102
Florida	8,599	8,273	96	70,420	67,261	96
Georgia	112,894	115,849	103	892,948	908,467	102
Kentucky	23,668	24,552	104	178,949	189,688	106
Mississippi	68,791	70,527	103	536,438	551,536	103
North Carolina	66,404	67,441	102	529,253	544,139	103
Texas	51,994	53,967	104	425,186	442,700	104
United States	771,550	779,803	101	6,048,368	6,169,505	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	957
August	51,690	54,383	406,638	423,539	.624	.582	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 excludes 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 Processed Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, August 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	3,204	3,733	1.55	1.32	169	191
Fillets ¹	5,313	5,442	2.75	2.54	458	477
Other ²	1,436	1,569	1.57	1.50	107	134
Total Fresh	9,953	10,744	2.19	1.97	734	802
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,154	1,285	1.97	1.84	495	767
Fillets ¹	10,890	11,436	2.55	2.40	8,254	5,873
Other ²	4,007	4,496	1.58	1.48	2,098	2,146
Total Frozen	16,051	17,217	2.27	2.12	10,847	8,786
Total Fresh & Frozen	26,004	27,961	2.24	2.06	11,581	9,588

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

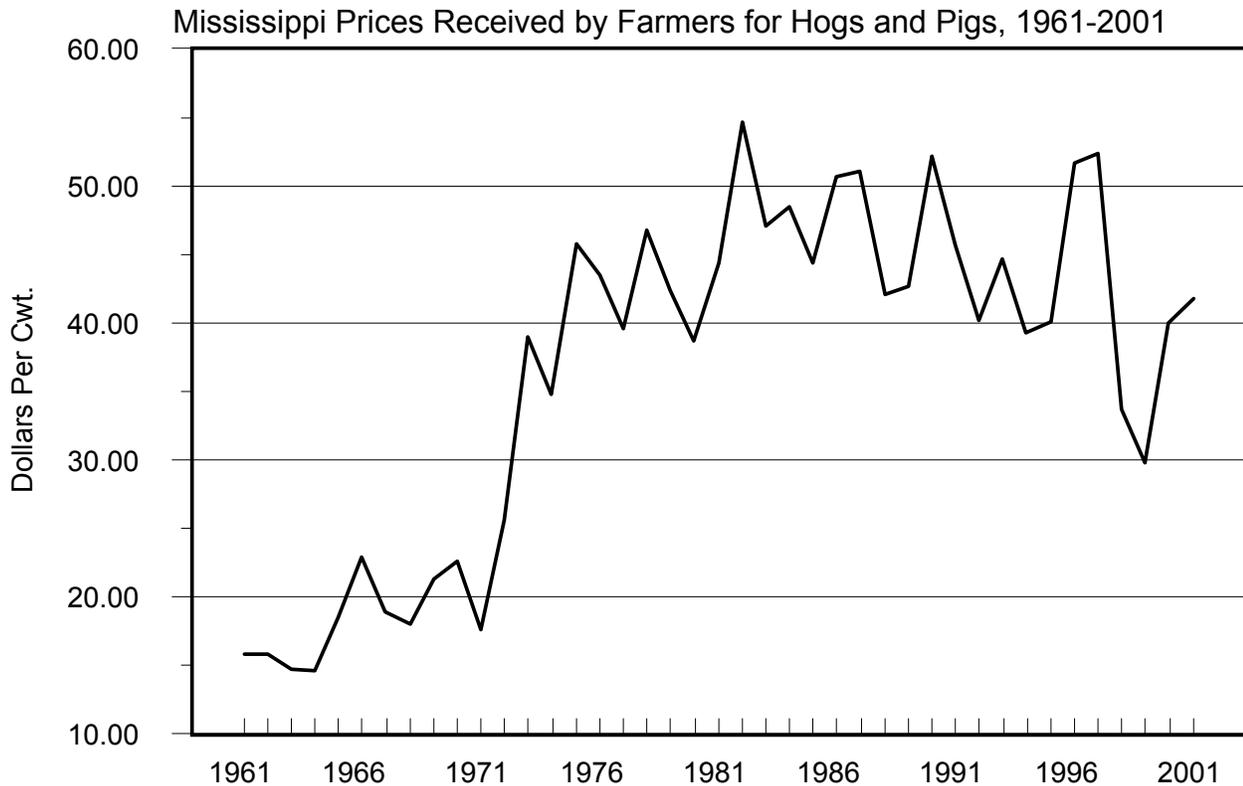
² Includes steaks, nuggets and all other products not already reported, including weight of breading and added ingredients.

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

State	August 2001	July 2002	August 2002	August 2002 as Percent of ²	
				August 2001	July 2002
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Alabama	3.7	4.0	4.5	124	113
Arkansas	3.9	4.9	5.7	148	116
Florida	5.5	5.8	5.9	107	101
Georgia	28.3	20.8	22.6	80	109
Kentucky	36.4	34.5	37.6	103	109
Louisiana	1.4	1.2	1.4	100	119
Mississippi	26.4	23.7	25.4	96	107
Missouri	36.9	35.8	34.4	93	96
North Carolina	168.9	164.2	171.2	101	104
Oklahoma	81.9	79.6	82.3	100	103
South Carolina	19.6	19.9	21.3	109	107
Tennessee	18.1	17.3	20.2	112	117
Texas	458.4	435.8	461.4	101	106
United States	4,060.5	4,016.0	4,139.9	102	103

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

² Percentages based on unrounded data.



Food Stamp Recipients, by Age Group, United States, 1994-2000

Fiscal Year	Eligible Person, by Age (Years)			Participants, by Age (Years)			Participation Rate, by Age (Years)		
	0-17	18-59	60+	0-17	18-59	60+	0-17	18-59	60+
	Millions			Millions			Percent		
1994	15.0	14.6	5.5	13.5	10.8	1.9	89.6	74.2	35.7
1995	15.0	14.5	5.1	13.0	10.3	1.9	86.8	71.2	36.1
1996	14.4	14.3	5.8	12.3	9.9	1.7	85.6	68.7	29.7
1997	14.0	12.4	5.4	10.6	8.1	1.6	75.7	65.8	29.8
1998	13.4	11.7	5.3	9.4	7.1	1.6	70.7	60.3	30.9
1999	12.7	11.6	5.2	8.7	6.7	1.7	67.9	58.1	32.9
2000	11.9	10.9	5.4	8.5	6.5	1.7	71.8	59.9	30.0

Source: USDA'S Food and Nutrition Service.

Foodborne Illnesses, by Age Group, United States, 1999

Pathogen	Food Illness Cases Per 100,000 People by Age Group (Years)			
	0 to <1	1 to <10	10 to <20	20 to <30
	Number			
Salmonella, nontyphoidal	143.2	33.4	10.1	13.3
Campylobacter spp,	40.5	18.1	9.1	19.2
E. coli O157:H7	3.7	5.5	2.4	1.6
Shigella	7.3	12.9	1.7	4.0
Listeria	3.4	.1	0	.1
Yersinia	14.6	.8	.4	.3
Cryptosporidium	3.4	2.4	.8	1.4
Cyclospora	0	0	0	.1
Vibrio	.8	.1	.1	.1
Pathogen	Food Illness Cases Per 100,000 People by Age Group (Years)			
	30 to <40	40 to <50	50 to <60	60+
	Number			
Salmonella, Nontyphoidal	11.0	9.1	8.6	10.8
Campylobacter spp,	17.1	14.0	12.5	9.7
E. coli o157:H7	.5	.9	1.3	1.8
Shigella	3.6	2.2	1.6	1.3
Listeria	.2	.2	.6	1.2
Yersinia	.2	.3	.3	.7
Cryptosporidium	2.8	1.5	.6	.4
Cyclospora	.1	0	0	.1
Vibrio	.2	.3	.2	.1

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights

Commodity	Unit	September 2001 Entire Month		August 2002 Entire Month		September 2002 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	1.91	---	2.38	---	2.56
Cotton, Upland	lb	.511	.385	.288	.330	.311 ¹	.325 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.46	---	4.21	---	4.50
Soybeans	bu	4.72	4.53	²	5.53	²	5.54
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.81	---	3.63	---	4.00
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	4.78	---	3.72	---	3.79
All Milk	cwt	---	17.10	---	11.30	---	11.50
Fluid	cwt	---	17.10	---	11.40	---	11.60
Manufacturing	cwt	---	16.00	---	9.80	---	10.00
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	69.00	---	64.30	---	64.60
Cows	cwt	---	40.80	---	36.40	---	35.40
Calves	cwt	---	107.00	---	94.40	---	93.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	72.10	---	67.10	---	67.60
All Hogs	cwt	---	45.20	---	31.90	---	26.50
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	45.80	---	32.50	---	27.10
Sows	cwt	---	34.80	---	18.90	---	15.20
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.430	---	.290	---	.300
Market Eggs	doz	.430 ³	.377 ³	.430 ³	.439 ³	.400	.390

--- 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.