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2002 Mississippi Annual Crop Summary

Mississippi soybean production in 2002 amounted to 43.8 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2001. Yield per acre, at 32 bushels, was up 1 bushel per acre from 2001. Producers harvested 1.37 million acres for beans, an increase of 22 percent from 2001. **Corn** production for grain was estimated at a record high 66.3 million bushels, up 32 percent from a year earlier. Corn yield was estimated at 125 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels per acre from last year's record high. There were 530,000 acres harvested for grain, an increase of 38 percent from 2001. Corn for silage production amounted to 210,000 tons. The estimated corn silage yield was 14.0 tons per acre, up 3 tons per acre from the previous year. **Rice** production amounted to 16.2 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from 2001. Yield per acre, at 6,400 pounds, was down 200 pounds per acre from the previous year's record high. Producers harvested 253,000 acres, the same as last year. **Cotton** production, as of January 1, 2003, is forecast at 1.98 million bales, down 16 percent from 2001, but up 3 percent from the December 1 forecast. The average yield is forecast at 826 pounds per acre, down 107 pounds from the previous year. Acreage harvested, at 1.15 million acres, is down 28 percent from 2001.

Mississippi Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2001 - 2002

Crop	Unit	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units			
Soybeans	bu	1,160	1,440	1,120	1,370	33.0	32.0	36,960	43,840
All Cotton ^{1 3 4}	bale	1,620	1,170	1,600	1,150	719	826	2,360	1,980
Cottonseed ²	ton	---	---	---	---	---	---	877	751
Rice, All ³	cwt	255	255	253	253	6,600*	6,400	16,698	16,192
Sorghum, All		90	80	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grain	bu	---	---	87	77	82.0	81.0	7,134	6,237
Silage	ton	---	---	1	1	11.0	13.0	11	13
Corn, All		400	550	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grain	bu	---	---	385	530	130*	125	50,050	66,250*
Silage	ton	---	---	13	15	11.0	14.0	143	210
Hay, All	ton	---	---	780	750	2.50	2.50	1,950	1,875
Wheat, All	bu	250	250	225	205	52.0	44.0	11,700	9,020
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	16.7	16.0	16.0	12.3	150	160	2,240	1,968

* Record high.

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. 480-lb. net weight bales.

² Estimates based on 3-year average lint-seed ratio.

³ Yield in pounds per acre.

⁴ Production and yield forecast.

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, December 1, 2001 - 2002

Crop	2001			2002		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Mississippi	1,000 Bushels					
Wheat, All	*	4,353	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	19,672	*	*	18,828	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	876	*	*	761	*
Soybeans	*	8,568	*	*	6,890	*
United States						
Wheat, All	517,890	1,105,565	1,623,455	384,800	936,199	1,320,999
Corn	5,275,000	2,989,715	8,264,715	4,800,000	2,833,427	7,633,427
Oats	58,100	56,117	114,217	52,300	51,294	103,594
Sorghum	72,400	241,477	313,877	51,600	178,000	229,600
Soybeans	1,240,000	1,035,618	2,275,618	1,170,000	944,482	2,114,482

* "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.

Rice Stocks: By Position, State and United States, December 1, 2002

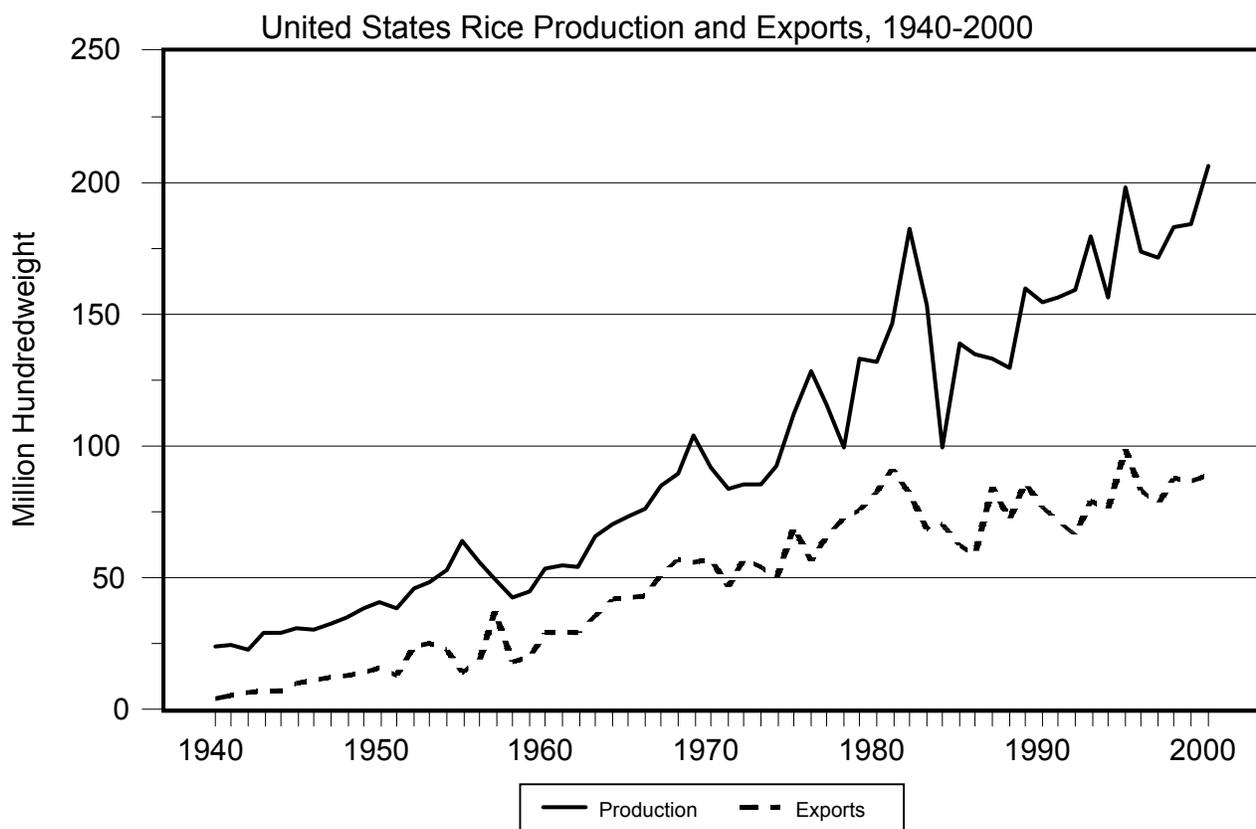
State	On Farms or Farm Warehouses	In Mills and Attached Warehouses	In Warehouses not Attached to Mills	In Ports or in Transit	Total all Positions
Rough Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas	28,700	*	39,692	*	76,087
California	*	3,285	30,386	*	36,759
Louisiana	8,500	1,523	5,826	882	16,731
Mississippi	7,100	*	3,641	*	11,202
Missouri	*	*	*	*	5,577
Texas	3,500	*	*	0	10,714
Unallocated	5,420	9,443	8,876	296	0
United States	53,220	14,251	88,421	1,178	157,070
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas		1,784	117	234	2,135
California		1,534	0	632	2,166
Louisiana		376	0	1,524	1,900
Mississippi		*	0	*	*
Missouri		*	0	*	*
Texas		870	0	153	1,023
Unallocated		250	0	7	257
United States		4,814	117	2,550	7,481

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

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to
January 1, by Crop, State, and United States, Crop Years 1999 - 2002**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
All Cotton				
Alabama	614,300	520,900	849,700	537,250
Arizona	590,100	609,800	585,650	524,550
Arkansas	1,388,700	1,404,950	1,785,900	1,611,800
California	1,954,700	2,313,900	2,025,000	1,781,400
Florida ¹				
Georgia	1,485,050	1,533,900	2,060,000	1,479,450
Kansas ¹				
Louisiana	918,600	923,100	1,044,300	748,550
Mississippi	1,680,150	1,673,600	2,292,650	1,870,300
Missouri	450,050	502,000	670,000	578,750
New Mexico	58,700	59,700	68,800	52,550
North Carolina	782,550	1,300,400	1,526,550	757,650
Oklahoma	131,650	141,950	173,750	175,150
South Carolina	260,800	351,700	401,700	116,200
Tennessee	574,150	691,300	944,050	786,300
Texas	4,821,600	3,793,250	3,987,400	4,488,900
Virginia	133,100	145,350	177,500	84,000
United States	15,965,150	16,082,850	18,759,400	15,689,050

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins.



**All Hogs and Pigs: Number on Farms and Operations with Hogs,
Selected States and United States, December 1, 2002**

State	On Hand December 1, 2002							Number of Operations with Hogs During 2002
	Total	Breeding	Market	Market Hogs by Weight Groups				
				Under 60 Pounds	60 -119 Pounds	120 -179 Pounds	180 Pounds & Over	
				1,000 Head				Number
Alabama	165	10	155	67	31	28	29	300
Arkansas	305	80	225	115	40	35	35	1,000
Georgia	345	55	290	133	67	50	40	1,000
Kentucky	370	40	330	110	80	75	65	1,200
Louisiana	20	3	17	60	40	40	30	580
Mississippi	275	29	246	90	64	50	42	1,500
Missouri	2,950	360	2,590	1,190	530	490	380	2,800
Oklahoma	2,490	330	2,160	910	330	260	660	2,600
South Carolina	300	30	270	65	70	55	80	600
Tennessee	220	30	190	75	42	37	36	1,300
Texas	930	105	825	240	230	180	175	3,800
Virginia	400	35	365	125	85	80	75	1,100
United States	58,943	6,012	52,931	19,461	12,919	10,736	9,815	75,350

**Annual Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop
by Selected States and United States, December-November 2001 - 2002 ¹**

State	Sows Farrowing		Pigs Per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000 Head		Number		1,000 Head	
Alabama	29.0	24.0	8.59	9.04	249	217
Arkansas	215.0	200.0	9.18	9.51	1,973	1,902
Georgia	96.0	100.0	8.79	8.83	844	883
Kentucky	92.0	90.0	8.66	8.58	797	772
Louisiana	5.8	4.6	7.41	6.96	43	32
Mississippi	60.0	58.5	9.40	8.51	564	498
Missouri	715.0	695.0	8.84	8.88	6,321	6,169
Oklahoma	675.0	670.0	9.28	8.93	6,261	5,980
South Carolina	56.0	57.0	8.93	8.96	500	511
Tennessee	53.0	53.0	8.36	8.32	443	441
Texas	162.0	184.0	8.82	8.91	1,429	1,640
Virginia	54.0	59.0	9.15	9.14	494	539
United States	11,385.0	11,429.0	8.83	8.82	100,503	100,758

¹ December of previous year.

**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, November 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	2,865	3,031	1.42	1.24	143	183
Fillets ¹	4,463	4,447	2.60	2.49	404	407
Other ²	1,223	1,165	1.59	1.55	78	105
Total Fresh	8,551	8,643	2.06	1.93	625	695
Frozen						
Whole Fish	903	1,101	1.95	1.87	588	902
Fillets ¹	8,640	9,800	2.44	2.38	10,773	7,228
Other ²	3,713	4,395	1.52	1.54	2,329	2,848
Total Frozen	13,256	15,296	2.15	2.10	13,690	10,978
Total Fresh & Frozen	21,807	23,939	2.12	2.04	14,315	11,673

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

¹ Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

² Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

**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		(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	632
September	49,699	53,366	456,337	476,905	.610	.576	1,536	670
October	52,264	56,576	508,601	533,481	.596	.568	1,608	572
November	44,670	50,072	553,271	583,553	.566	.560	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.

Chicken Eggs in Incubators: By Region and United States, December 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	12,260	11,903	97	5,287	4,511	85
East North Central	7,383	7,345	99	6,003	5,489	91
West North Central	21,095	19,939	95	5,975	6,133	103
South Atlantic	238,721	729,275	100	3,680	3,337	91
South Central	338,400	343,969	102	3,946	5,045	128
West	22,744	24,559	108	4,608	3,907	85
United States	640,603	646,990	101	29,499	28,422	96

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

State	November			January-November		
	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	95,685	93,835	98	1,129,310	1,143,525	101
Arkansas	100,879	96,547	96	1,172,255	1,178,751	101
Florida	8,126	7,999	98	94,980	91,069	96
Georgia	103,317	100,553	97	1,218,245	1,226,971	101
Kentucky	20,746	20,732	100	244,286	256,069	105
Mississippi	60,837	61,013	100	729,337	744,094	102
North Carolina	62,592	60,877	97	718,075	729,445	102
Texas	48,497	50,197	104	578,673	597,651	103
United States	702,607	690,024	98	8,236,825	8,320,979	101

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

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	2,729	2,316	10,279	9,692	1,848	1,826
Arkansas	4,955	4,758	14,811	14,645	1,843	1,857
Florida	10,099	10,186	10,841	10,817	2,186	2,173
Georgia	12,287	10,825	21,830	20,122	2,080	2,092
Mississippi	1,823	1,848	6,630	6,726	1,931	1,933
North Carolina	3,290	3,495	11,174	10,768	1,870	1,922
Texas	14,633	14,391	18,915	18,682	2,115	2,163
United States	273,466	275,819	337,915	338,593	2,128	2,140

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

Mississippi Grade A Dairy Herds, By County, 2001 - 2002

County ¹	2001	2002	County ¹	2001	2002
Calhoun	1	1	Amite	20	19
Desoto	3	3	Claiborne	1	0
Marshall	4	4	Copiah	6	6
Tate	8	8	Franklin	2	2
Yalobusha	2	2	Hinds	1	1
District 20	18	18	Lincoln	28	29
			District 70	58	57
Itawamba	1	1			
Lee	4	4	Lamar	2	2
Pontotoc	1	1	Lawrence	6	5
Prentiss	2	2	Marion	18	18
Tippah	4	3	Pike	30	29
District 30	12	11	Simpson	3	3
			Walthall	60	55
Attala	1	1	District 80	119	112
Choctaw	1	1			
Leake	4	4	Forrest	2	2
Rankin	3	3	George	2	2
Scott	2	2	Hancock	6	6
Webster	1	1	Harrison	3	3
District 50	12	12	Jackson	1	1
			Jasper	2	2
Chickasaw	2	2	Jones	6	6
Clay	5	5	Newton	9	10
Lowndes	1	1	Pearl River	11	9
Monroe	2	2	Stone	1	1
Neshoba	9	9	District 90	43	42
Noxubee	11	10			
Oktibbeha	6	6			
Winston	4	4			
District 60	40	39	State Total	302	289

¹ Counties not listed had no Grade A Dairies.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, December 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	December 2001 Entire Month		November 2002 Entire Month		December 2002 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	—	1.98	—	2.27	—	2.29
Cotton, Upland	lb	.253	.308	.426	.419	.450 ¹	.425 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	—	3.25	—	4.30	—	4.21
Soybeans	bu	4.37	4.20	5.42	5.46	5.64	5.48
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.78	—	4.16	—	3.83
Rice, Rough	cwt	—	4.07	—	3.70	—	3.82
All Milk	cwt	—	13.50	—	11.80	—	11.90
Fluid	cwt	—	13.50	—	11.90	—	11.90
Manufacturing	cwt	—	12.50	—	10.60	—	10.50
All Beef Cattle	cwt	—	64.80	—	67.60	—	70.20
Cows	cwt	—	36.00	—	33.00	—	34.20
Calves	cwt	—	101.00	—	88.20	—	93.60
Steers & Heifers	cwt	—	68.50	—	72.00	—	74.80
All Hogs	cwt	—	33.30	—	27.80	—	30.00
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	—	33.80	—	28.10	—	30.40
Sows	cwt	—	25.10	—	20.40	—	22.80
Broilers, Live	lb	—	.370	—	.290	—	.290
Market Eggs	doz	.450	.410	.580 ²	.563 ²	.530	.519

--- Estimates not made.

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

² Mid-month prices.