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Crop Values

All prices in the table below are marketing year average (MYA) prices which do not include allowances or adjustments for commodities under government loan at the end of the marketing year, commodities forfeited to the Commodity Credit Corporation, or crop deficiency and disaster payments. The MYA price is based on sales in the months comprising its marketing year, while U.S. marketing year averages are based on sales during the standard U.S. marketing year for each crop.

In the table below, the MYA for most crops are computed by weighting monthly prices by the monthly percentages of total sales during their marketing year. For sweetpotatoes and pecans, the MYA prices are based on annual surveys. Value of production is computed by multiplying the price by its production for the crop year. These estimates should not be confused with cash receipts, which relate to sales during the calendar year irrespective of the year of production.

Mississippi Crop Values, 2000-2002

Crop	Unit	Price per Unit			Value of Production		
		2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
		Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Soybeans	bu	4.71	4.39	5.55	163,720	162,254	243,312
All Cotton	lb	.505	.265	.399 ¹	414,746	304,771	379,210 ²
Cottonseed	ton	100.00	76.50	79.00	66,200	67,091	59,329
Rice, All	cwt	5.68	4.15	3.85	73,056	69,297	62,339
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	3.07	3.70	3.90	11,538	14,782	13,622
Corn, Grain	bu	1.91	1.99	2.35	69,715	99,600	155,688
Hay, All	ton	45.00	44.00	40.00	57,600	85,800	75,000
Wheat, All	bu	2.54	2.45	2.70	32,830	28,665	24,354
Sweetpotatoes	cwt	14.60	13.60	14.60	21,550	32,640	28,733
Pecans, All	lb	.841	.583	.720	2,945	2,625	2,160
Improved	lb	1.250	.600	.800	2,425	1,950	1,760
Seedling	lb	.520	.450	.500	520	675	400

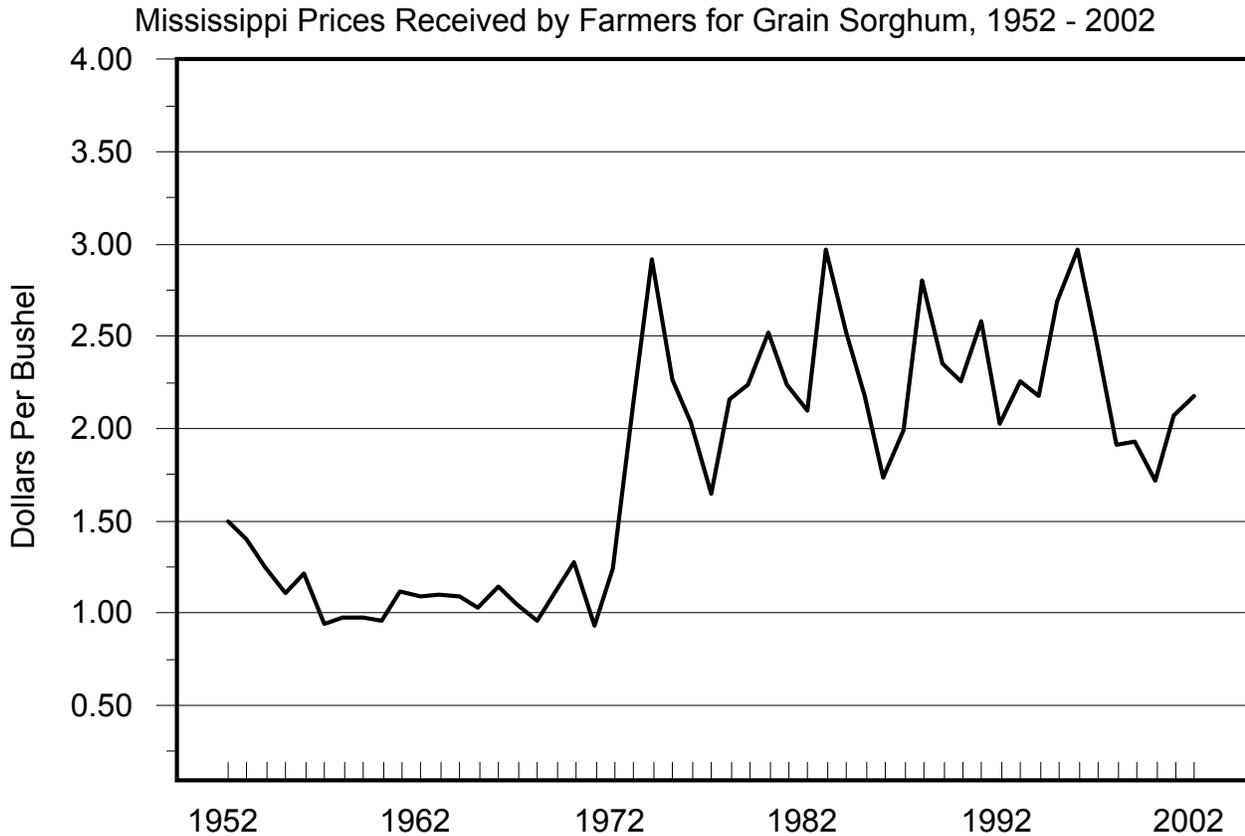
¹ Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2002-December 31, 2002.

² Value based on 480-lb net weight bale.

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

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	1999	2000	2001	2002
All Cotton				
Alabama	620,350	531,500	901,450	565,200
Arizona	686,150	703,850	650,600	587,850
Arkansas	1,389,350	1,405,950	1,788,400	1,615,150
California	2,093,650	2,467,400	2,238,750	1,941,550
Florida ¹				66,850
Georgia	1,522,700	1,620,000	2,152,850	1,545,250
Kansas ¹				60,400
Louisiana	918,950	923,100	1,044,600	748,950
Mississippi	1,680,150	1,673,900	2,338,150	1,877,800
Missouri	450,150	502,050	673,800	578,950
New Mexico	59,200	63,500	70,800	58,600
North Carolina	801,600	1,397,200	1,617,000	781,100
Oklahoma	137,250	144,750	192,850	193,700
South Carolina	264,650	357,300	403,550	125,500
Tennessee	574,150	691,350	949,950	789,200
Texas	5,010,750	3,880,550	4,158,600	4,968,100
Virginia	133,950	146,750	177,900	85,200
United States	16,467,700	16,627,250	19,532,450	16,589,350

¹ Not published to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in U.S. totals.



Mississippi Wheat County Estimates, 2001 - 2002

County	Planted		Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Acres				Bushels			
Bolivar	38,100	36,000	37,900	31,000	57.2	45.8	2,168,000	1,420,000
Coahoma	23,700	16,400	22,500	14,000	54.4	43.6	1,224,000	610,000
Quitman	9,500	7,200	8,500	5,600	55.4	43.4	471,000	243,000
Tallahatchie	14,200	13,500	13,100	11,500	50.5	44.1	661,000	507,000
Tunica	6,500	7,900	5,700	6,800	49.3	44.1	281,000	300,000
District 10	92,000	81,000	87,700	68,900	54.8	44.7	4,805,000	3,080,000
DeSoto	9,700	6,900	9,500	6,300	52.3	42.4	497,000	267,000
Marshall	3,200	4,700	2,600	3,200	49.2	42.2	128,000	135,000
Panola	5,700	4,600	4,900	3,100	48.8	38.7	239,000	120,000
Tate	3,500	3,500	2,900	3,000	51.7	41.7	150,000	125,000
Other Counties	6,900	5,000	5,100	4,100	49.4	45.6	252,000	187,000
District 20	29,000	24,700	25,000	19,700	50.6	42.3	1,266,000	834,000
District 30	12,700	11,300	10,800	9,800	44.4	39.6	479,000	388,000
Humphreys	7,800	9,200	7,600	7,500	50.0	46.0	380,000	345,000
Issaquena	3,800	7,200	3,500	6,600	53.1	43.9	186,000	290,000
Leflore	4,500	12,000	4,000	9,900	51.3	48.0	205,000	475,000
Sharkey	6,300	5,000	6,200	4,100	53.7	42.7	333,000	175,000
Sunflower	29,800	33,000	29,200	28,400	51.8	43.8	1,512,000	1,245,000
Washington	22,000	21,700	21,200	18,000	53.6	45.6	1,136,000	820,000
Yazoo	4,300	9,900	3,900	8,400	53.6	42.9	209,000	360,000
District 40	78,500	98,000	75,600	82,900	52.4	44.8	3,961,000	3,710,000
District 50	9,700	6,500	5,400	3,000	46.9	40.2	253,000	120,500
Chickasaw	2,800	3,800	2,500	3,600	44.6	40.3	111,600	145,000
Lowndes	2,800	1,950	2,000	1,400	45.1	42.1	90,100	59,000
Noxubee	2,600	1,750	2,200	1,500	48.3	45.3	106,300	68,000
Other Counties	3,400	4,200	1,800	2,900	45.0	42.2	81,000	122,500
District 60	11,600	11,700	8,500	9,400	45.8	42.0	389,000	394,500
Claiborne	2,400	1,700	2,100	1,400	43.7	44.3	91,800	62,000
Warren	2,300	---	2,100	---	47.8	---	100,400	---
Other Counties	5,200	7,400	3,000	4,000	47.6	44.5	142,800	178,000
District 70	9,900	9,100	7,200	5,400	46.5	44.4	335,000	240,000
District 80	3,300	2,800	2,900	2,300	47.6	41.7	138,000	96,000
District 90	3,300	4,900	1,900	3,600	38.9	43.6	74,000	157,000
State Total	250,000	250,000	225,000	205,000	52.0	44.0	11,700,000	9,020,000

--- Included in Other Counties.

All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economic Class of Farm by Region and 48 States ¹

Region	January 6-12, 2002					January 12-18, 2003				
	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									
N. East	9.63	7.75	8.66	9.32	9.17	10.03	7.60	9.74	10.38	9.95
Appal.	7.08	6.51	7.71	9.03	8.08	8.46	7.42	8.31	9.67	8.67
S. East	7.65	7.50	8.26	8.88	8.76	8.21	7.93	8.74	8.89	8.82
Lake	²	²	²	10.46	9.91	10.61	7.60	9.33	10.80	10.54
Cornbelt	8.53	6.27	9.58	10.03	9.75	9.27	²	8.76	10.00	9.63
Delta	7.37	7.37	7.14	8.67	7.95	7.00	7.22	7.50	8.93	8.63
N. Plains	²	7.56	7.98	9.29	9.00	7.47	6.70	9.63	10.23	10.00
S. Plains	6.18	8.08	7.33	8.43	8.05	²	7.93	8.88	8.49	8.85
Mountain	²	7.53	7.37	8.54	8.60	7.43	7.68	8.14	9.13	8.75
Pacific	9.64	8.85	8.39	9.21	9.16	8.83	9.36	10.14	9.87	9.43
48 States	8.75	7.57	8.06	9.19	8.94	8.73	9.12	9.09	9.60	9.31

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and United States, January 12-18, 2003 ¹

Region	Hired			
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less	
		1,000		Hours Per Week
Northeast I	32	29	3	37.3
Northeast II	23	19	4	37.2
Appalachian I	27	24	3	35.3
Appalachian II	32	20	12	29.3
Southeast	24	22	2	35.6
Florida	70	56	14	37.2
Lake	45	40	5	31.7
Cornbelt I	23	21	2	33.5
Cornbelt II	20	17	3	27.2
Delta	18	16	2	38.3
Northern Plains	23	22	1	37.8
Southern Plains	50	40	10	37.9
Mountain I	10	9	1	35.7
Mountain II	20	18	2	39.7
Mountain III	22	20	2	47.2
Pacific	48	40	8	37.7
California	230	190	40	41.2
Hawaii	7	6	1	37.9
United States ²	724	609	115	37.8

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Excludes AK.

**Catfish Processors: Sales Volume, Average Price and Ending Inventory,
United States, January 2002 - 2003**

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	3,713	3,833	1.36	1.28	210	274
Fillets ¹	5,684	5,362	2.52	2.44	551	561
Other ²	1,526	1,668	1.53	1.40	132	159
Total Fresh	10,923	10,863	1.99	1.87	893	994
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,146	1,266	1.90	1.81	814	1,265
Fillets ¹	10,977	11,428	2.40	2.39	9,750	6,545
Other ²	4,127	4,027	1.55	1.45	2,187	2,800
Total Frozen	16,250	16,721	2.15	2.12	12,751	10,610
Total Fresh & Frozen	27,173	27,584	2.08	2.02	13,644	11,604

* 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, 2002- 2003**

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers ¹		Imports of Catfish ²	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2002	2003	2001	2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	52,551	55,523	52,551	55,523	.549	.529	862	1,037
February	52,856		105,407		.555		510	1,048
March	58,340		163,747		.565		1,201	414
April	50,694		214,441		.561		1,787	618
May	52,902		267,343		.574		1,989	1,491
June	49,450		316,793		.588		2,114	982
July	52,363		369,156		.590		1,968	957
August	54,383		423,539		.582		1,385	632
September	53,366		476,905		.576		1,536	670
October	56,576		533,481		.568		1,608	572
November	50,072		583,553		.560		1,724	874
December	47,048		630,601		.544		1,395	906

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, February 1, 2002 - 2003

State	Broiler-Type			Egg-type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000 Pounds		Percent	1,000 Pounds		Percent
North Atlantic	11,515	11,238	98	4,357	3,868	89
East North Central	7,472	7,977	107	7,080	5,034	71
West North Central	20,643	18,815	91	6,361	6,285	99
South Atlantic	237,015	233,245	98	4,463	2,852	64
South Central	338,442	334,534	99	5,015	5,140	102
West	22,495	23,716	105	4,749	4,361	92
United States	637,582	629,525	99	32,025	27,540	86

January Layers and Egg Production, Selected States and United States

State	All Layers on Hand		Table Eggs ¹		Hatching Eggs ¹	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000		Million		Million	
Alabama	10,583	9,989	64	52	138	137
Arkansas	14,836	14,849	106	101	174	181
Florida	10,866	10,601	218	221	15	9
Georgia	21,391	19,883	243	242	177	172
Mississippi	6,794	6,737	41	42	91	92
North Carolina	11,078	10,845	77	81	137	133
Oklahoma	4,168	4,285	47	47	34	36
South Carolina	5,557	5,298	99	91	18	19
Virginia	3,434	3,358	30	31	36	37
United States	338,966	338,122	6,170	6,254	1,093	1,082

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
January 2002 - 2003

State	January			January-January		
	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	107,443	102,648	96	107,443	102,648	96
Arkansas	110,938	110,967	100	110,938	110,967	100
Florida	8,810	5,756	65	8,810	5,756	65
Georgia	114,081	111,320	98	114,081	111,320	98
Kentucky	23,112	23,808	103	23,112	23,808	103
Mississippi	70,502	70,342	100	70,502	70,342	100
North Carolina	68,237	65,985	97	68,237	65,985	97
Texas	56,341	54,754	97	56,341	54,754	97
United States	775,669	759,773	98	775,669	759,773	98

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
Selected States and United States, November and December, 2002**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	November	December	November	December	November	December
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	78,626	79,889	404,738	404,749	5.15	5.07
Arkansas	87,347	87,230	431,250	434,913	4.94	4.99
Florida	9,136	9,969	48,832	55,701	5.34	5.59
Georgia	94,917	99,047	478,917	505,822	5.05	5.11
Kentucky	19,168	18,896	101,292	99,056	5.28	5.24
Louisiana	14,030	13,958	71,534	71,590	5.10	5.13
Mississippi	55,301	56,415	297,821	304,123	5.39	5.39
Missouri	29,819	29,324	139,616	137,721	4.68	4.70
North Carolina	54,038	51,308	323,817	314,672	5.99	6.13
South Carolina	19,012	19,516	107,318	116,148	5.64	5.95
Tennessee	17,553	15,641	84,698	83,500	4.83	5.34
Texas	47,891	50,155	233,339	245,695	4.87	4.90
Virginia	24,193	25,574	120,593	125,545	4.98	4.91
United States	647,424	658,447	3,336,635	3,425,757	5.15	5.20

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
Selected States and United States, November and December, 2002**

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
	November	December	N. Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
			November	December	November	December
	1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Alabama	295,187	292,270	3,491	3,747	0.96	1.03
Arkansas	310,122	312,403	3,599	3,743	0.93	0.96
Florida	34,984	39,965	511	650	1.16	1.30
Georgia	355,202	373,718	3,165	3,417	0.73	0.75
Kentucky	74,811	72,912	647	729	0.71	0.82
Louisiana	51,609	52,775	308	491	0.48	0.76
Mississippi	221,236	219,154	1,735	1,855	0.65	0.68
Missouri	103,684	101,990	886	1,004	0.70	0.81
North Carolina	256,128	243,660	2,973	3,174	1.02	1.12
South Carolina	79,096	85,360	707	843	0.73	0.81
Tennessee	58,083	61,824	530	682	0.69	0.91
Texas	178,057	186,885	1,583	1,722	0.75	0.78
Virginia	85,880	90,862	1,228	1,362	1.13	1.21
United States	2,463,712	2,516,805	27,143	29,672	0.90	0.96

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Selected States and United States,
January 2003 with Comparisons ¹

State	January 2002	December 2002	January 2003	January 2003 as Percent of ²	
				January 2002	December 2002
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Alabama	4.3	3.4	3.8	89	113
Arkansas	5.2	6.6	6.0	116	91
Florida	5.6	5.8	5.8	104	101
Georgia	24.2	19.2	23.8	98	124
Kentucky	40.2	39.8	41.5	103	104
Louisiana	1.5	1.3	1.3	87	103
Mississippi	26.8	25.5	27.6	103	108
Missouri	38.3	39.8	39.4	103	99
North Carolina	165.5	183.7	199.7	121	109
Oklahoma	89.5	86.7	85.4	95	98
South Carolina	20.6	20.9	21.7	105	104
Tennessee	20.2	20.5	20.8	103	102
Texas	405.8	369.6	398.2	98	108
United States	4,081.0	3,858.7	4,075.5	100	106

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

² Percentages based on unrounded data.