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Mississippi 2003 Prospective Plantings

Mississippi **cotton** producers intend to plant 1.25 million acres of cotton in 2003, up 7 percent from 2002. **Soybean** farmers are expected to plant 1.50 million acres, up 4 percent from last year. **Corn** producers intend to plant 550,000 acres, the same as last year. **Rice** farmers in Mississippi intend to plant 255,000 acres, unchanged from 2002. Farmers also intend to plant 85,000 acres of **sorghum**, up 6 percent; and 14,000 acres of **sweetpotatoes**, down 12 percent. Producers intend to harvest 720,000 acres of **hay**, down 4 percent from 2002. **Winter wheat** seedings for 2003 are estimated at 150,000 acres, down 40 percent from last year and the smallest number of acres planted since 1978.

March 1, 2003, Crop Acreage Intentions, With 2002 Comparisons
Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted	To Be Planted	2003/2002
	2002	2003 ¹	
	1,000 Acres		Percent
Mississippi			
Soybeans	1,440	1,500	104
All Cotton	1,170	1,250	107
All Rice	255	255	100
Sorghum, All Purposes	80	85	106
Corn, All Purposes	550	550	100
All Hay ²	750	720	96
Winter Wheat ³	250	150	60
Sweetpotatoes	16.0	14.0	88
United States			
Soybeans	73,758	73,182	99
All Cotton	13,962.6	14,253.0	102
All Rice	3,240	3,038	94
Sorghum, All Purposes	9,580	9,451	99
Corn, All Purposes	79,054	79,022	100
All Hay ²	64,497	63,552	99
Winter Wheat ³	41,735	44,308	106
Sweetpotatoes	97.2	93.5	96

¹ Intended plantings in 2003 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2003 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Winter wheat was planted last fall.

**Upland Cotton: Biotechnology Varieties by State and
United States, Percent of Upland Cotton Planted, 2002-2003**

State	Insect Resistant (Bt)		Herbicide Resistant	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent			
Arkansas	27	34	37	19
California	6	4	26	28
Georgia	8	11	55	35
Louisiana	27	31	9	14
Mississippi	19	12	22	18
North Carolina	14	12	27	38
Texas	7	15	40	30
Other States	19	18	35	35
United States	13	16	36	30
	Stacked Gene Varieties		All Biotech Varieties	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent			
Arkansas	26	39	90	92
California	1	1	33	33
Georgia	30	43	93	89
Louisiana	49	43	85	88
Mississippi	47	48	88	78
North Carolina	45	41	86	91
Texas	4	5	51	50
Other States	32	33	86	86
United States	22	24	71	70

**Soybeans: Biotechnology Varieties by State and
United States, Percent of All Soybeans Planted, 2002-2003**

State	Herbicide Resistant Only		All Biotech Varieties	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Percent			
Arkansas	68	79	68	79
Illinois	71	78	71	78
Indiana	83	91	83	91
Iowa	75	82	75	82
Kansas	83	84	83	84
Michigan	72	73	72	73
Minnesota	71	75	71	75
Mississippi	80	81	80	81
Missouri	72	80	72	80
Nebraska	85	87	85	87
North Dakota	61	70	61	70
Ohio	73	74	73	74
South Dakota	89	90	89	90
Wisconsin	78	79	78	79
Other States	70	75	70	75
United States	75	80	75	80

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2002-2003

Crop	2002			2003		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Mississippi	1,000 Bushels					
Wheat, All	*	1,527	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	16,080	*	*	12,568	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	1,161	*	*	224	*
Soybeans	*	3,119	*	*	3,098	*
United States						
Wheat, All	338,500	871,268	1,209,768	233,200	671,667	904,867
Corn	3,355,000	2,440,263	5,795,263	2,940,000	2,192,318	5,132,318
Oats	40,200	53,158	93,358	35,000	47,438	82,438
Sorghum	38,100	156,007	194,107	27,500	135,312	162,812
Soybeans	687,000	648,987	1,335,987	635,500	566,308	1,201,808

* "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, March 1, 2003

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	15,600	8,036	29,783	4	53,423
California	*	1,532	18,640	*	22,241
Louisiana	2,400	*	*	*	8,608
Mississippi	4,800	*	3,215	*	8,566
Missouri	*	*	*	0	4,430
Texas	1,600	620	3,090	0	5,310
Unallocated	3,105	1,681	6,786	1,686	0
United States	27,505	11,869	61,514	1,690	102,578
Milled Rice - 1,000 Cwt.					
Arkansas		1,619	110	290	2,019
California		1,654	0	430	2,084
Louisiana		135	0	1,293	1,428
Mississippi		*	0	*	*
Missouri		*	0	*	*
Texas		952	0	0	952
Unallocated		134	0	10	144
United States		4,494	110	2,023	6,627

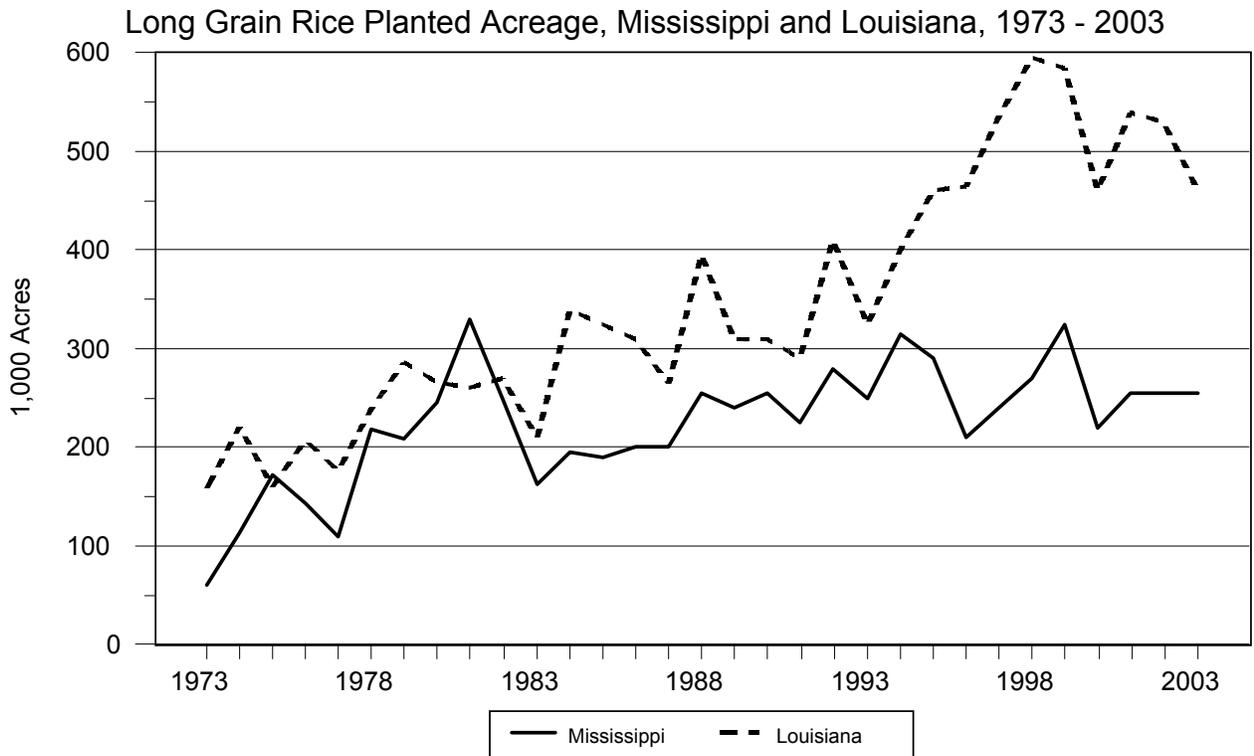
* Unallocated includes state data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2002

County	Running Bales Ginned	County	Running Bales Ginned
Bolivar	174,950	Holmes	108,150
Coahoma	214,400	Other Counties	75,200
Quitman	75,650	District 50	183,350
Tallahatchie	64,600	District 70	46,250
Tunica	93,100	Other Districts	83,150
District 10	622,700	State Total	1,880,500
Calhoun	42,450		
Panola	50,050		
Other Counties	95,150		
District 20	187,650		
Humphreys	81,300		
Issaquena ¹			
Leflore	147,550		
Sharkey	69,100		
Sunflower	117,350		
Washington	140,400		
Yazoo	201,700		
District 40 ²	757,400		

¹ Included in State total to avoid disclosing individual gins.

² District total excludes Issaquena county to avoid disclosing individual gins.



United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, February 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	3,656	3,785	1.36	1.30	199	234
Fillets ¹	6,132	5,158	2.49	2.45	530	420
Other ²	1,446	1,532	1.57	1.41	120	122
Total Fresh	11,234	10,475	2.00	1.88	849	776
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,377	1,418	1.88	1.83	779	1,596
Fillets ¹	12,362	11,358	2.39	2.39	7,462	5,530
Other ²	4,335	4,335	1.61	1.42	1,740	2,114
Total Frozen	18,074	17,111	2.17	2.10	9,981	9,240
Total Fresh & Frozen	29,308	27,586	2.10	2.02	10,830	10,016

* 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	2002	2003
	2002	2003	2002	2003				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		(000) Pounds	
January	52,551	55,523	52,551	55,523	.549	.529	1,037	
February	52,856	55,461	105,407	110,984	.555	.544	1,048	
March	58,340		163,747		.565		414	
April	50,694		214,441		.561		618	
May	52,902		267,343		.574		1,491	
June	49,450		316,793		.588		982	
July	52,363		369,156		.590		957	
August	54,383		423,539		.582		632	
September	53,366		476,905		.576		670	
October	56,576		533,481		.568		572	
November	50,072		583,553		.560		874	
December	47,048		630,601		.544		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, March 1, 2002-2003

Geographic Division	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2002	2003	2003/2002	2002	2003	2003/2002
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,592	11,107	88	4,821	4,338	90
East North Central	7,491	7,362	98	7,413	6,303	85
West North Central	21,529	20,132	94	6,520	6,382	98
South Atlantic	242,047	233,214	96	3,941	2,838	72
South Central	343,017	334,647	98	5,117	5,332	104
West	23,047	23,725	103	5,021	5,354	107
United States	649,723	630,187	97	32,833	30,547	93

Egg Production, Selected States and United States, February 2002-2003

State	Total Production		Table eggs		Hatching eggs	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Million Eggs					
Alabama	183	172	56	49	127	123
Arkansas	254	262	97	91	157	171
Georgia	381	377	222	221	159	156
Mississippi	120	124	38	40	82	84
North Carolina	192	194	68	72	124	122
South Carolina	104	106	88	88	16	18
Virginia	60	58	26	24	34	34
United States	6,581	6,617	5,592	5,631	988	985

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations, Selected States and United States, January 2002 - 2003

State	Total Chilled and Frozen Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent ²	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	1,000 Pounds		Percent			
Alabama	322,740	317,010	4,428	4,141	1.13	1.06
Arkansas	367,821	341,022	6,507	4,261	1.42	1.00
Georgia	377,567	395,829	4,194	3,659	0.89	0.76
Louisiana	55,395	55,746	521	591	0.73	0.87
Mississippi	248,600	251,169	2,079	2,109	0.70	0.71
Missouri	112,080	117,346	1,286	1,547	0.91	1.07
Tennessee	73,075	70,179	777	784	0.86	0.91
Texas	192,713	197,478	2,110	2,083	0.94	0.90
United States	2,779,912	2,748,318	37,374	34,713	1.10	1.04

¹ Ready-to-cook weights.

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

**All Cattle and Calves: Value Per Head and Total Value
Selected States and United States, January 1, 2002 -2003**

	Value Per Head		Total Value	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	590	570	808,300	820,800
Arkansas	620	620	1,128,400	1,147,000
Florida	700	670	1,246,000	1,172,500
Georgia	640	600	793,600	774,000
Kentucky	660	630	1,518,000	1,530,900
Louisiana	660	640	561,000	550,400
Mississippi	590	570	649,000	609,900
Missouri	680	660	2,958,000	2,970,000
North Carolina	620	600	589,000	552,000
Oklahoma	650	650	3,380,000	3,510,000
Tennessee	600	590	1,320,000	1,339,300
Texas	610	600	8,296,000	8,400,000
Virginia	680	620	1,122,000	1,010,600
United States	747	726	72,283,865	69,785,870

**All Hogs: Value Per Head and Total Value,
Selected States and United States, December 1, 2001 -2002**

State	Value Per Head		Total Value	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Alabama	76	70	14,820	11,550
Arkansas	63	68	36,540	20,740
Florida	80	74	2,800	2,590
Georgia	68	63	21,420	21,735
Kentucky	63	54	25,515	19,980
Louisiana	83	76	2,158	1,520
Mississippi	82	75	23,370	20,625
Missouri	68	61	204,000	179,950
North Carolina	62	58	607,600	556,800
Oklahoma	65	59	161,200	146,910
Tennessee	66	61	14,850	13,420
Texas	71	62	63,900	57,660
Virginia	60	59	24,900	23,600
United States	77	71	4,589,912	4,159,643

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, February 2003 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	March 2002 Entire Month		February 2003 Entire Month		March 2003 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	1.94	---	2.34	---	2.30
Cotton, Upland	lb	.259	.284	.446	.452	.430	.445
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	3.23	---	4.14	---	3.97
Soybeans	bu	4.45	4.38	5.49	5.55	5.64	5.58
Winter Wheat	bu	---	2.81	---	3.52	---	3.27
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	3.99	---	4.03	---	4.05
All Milk	cwt	---	12.70	---	11.40	---	11.00
Fluid	cwt	---	12.70	---	11.40	---	11.00
Manufacturing	cwt	---	11.30	---	10.30	---	9.90
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	70.60	---	74.00	---	72.20
Cows	cwt	---	41.50	---	38.90	---	39.80
Calves	cwt	---	105.00	---	97.30	---	96.40
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	74.10	---	78.10	---	76.20
All Hogs	cwt	---	36.00	---	34.30	---	35.00
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	36.30	---	34.90	---	35.60
Sows	cwt	---	30.00	---	23.20	---	24.20
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.320	---	.340	---	.340
Market Eggs	doz	.560 ¹	.515 ¹	.395 ¹	.466 ¹	.440	.518

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Mid-month prices.