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## Rice Yield Forecast at a Record High 6,900 Pounds Per Acre

The Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service today forecast Mississippi **Cotton** Production for 2004 at 1.80 million bales, down 15 percent from the previous year. Yield per acre is forecast at 800 pounds, down 134 pounds from last year and the same as the August 1 forecast. Acres for harvest are estimated at 1.08 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. **Corn** for grain production is forecast at 61.2 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2003. Yield is forecast at a record high 136 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last year. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 450,000 acres, down 15 percent from

the previous year. Production of **Rice** is forecast at 16.1 million hundredweight, up 1 percent from last year. The yield per acre is forecast at a record high 6,900 pounds, up 100 pounds from last year and up 200 pounds from the August 1 forecast. Acres for harvest are estimated at 233,000 acres, down 1,000 acres from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at 60.3 million bushels, 8 percent above last year. Yield is forecast at 37 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year, but up 3 bushels from the previous month's forecast. Acres harvested are estimated at 1.63 million acres, 14 percent above last year.

## Crop Acreage, Yield, and Production, Mississippi and United States, 2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		Harvested 2003	For Harvest 2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
<b>Mississippi</b>							
Soybeans	bu	1,430	1,630	39.0	37.0	55,770	60,310
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	1,090.0	1,080.0	934	800	2,120.0	1,800.0
Rice <sup>1</sup>	cwt	234	233	6,800	6,900 *	15,912	16,077
Corn, Grain	bu	530	450	135.0	136.0 *	71,550	61,200
<b>United States</b>							
Soybeans	bu	72,321	73,655	33.4	38.5	2,417,565	2,835,989
All Cotton <sup>1</sup>	bales	12,003.4	13,223.0	730	758	18,255.2	20,895.0
Rice <sup>1</sup>	cwt	2,997	3,334	6,645	6,651 *	199,157	221,731
Corn, Grain	bu	71,139	73,377	142.2	149.4 *	10,113,887	10,960,710 *

\* Record high.

<sup>1</sup> Yield in pounds per acre.

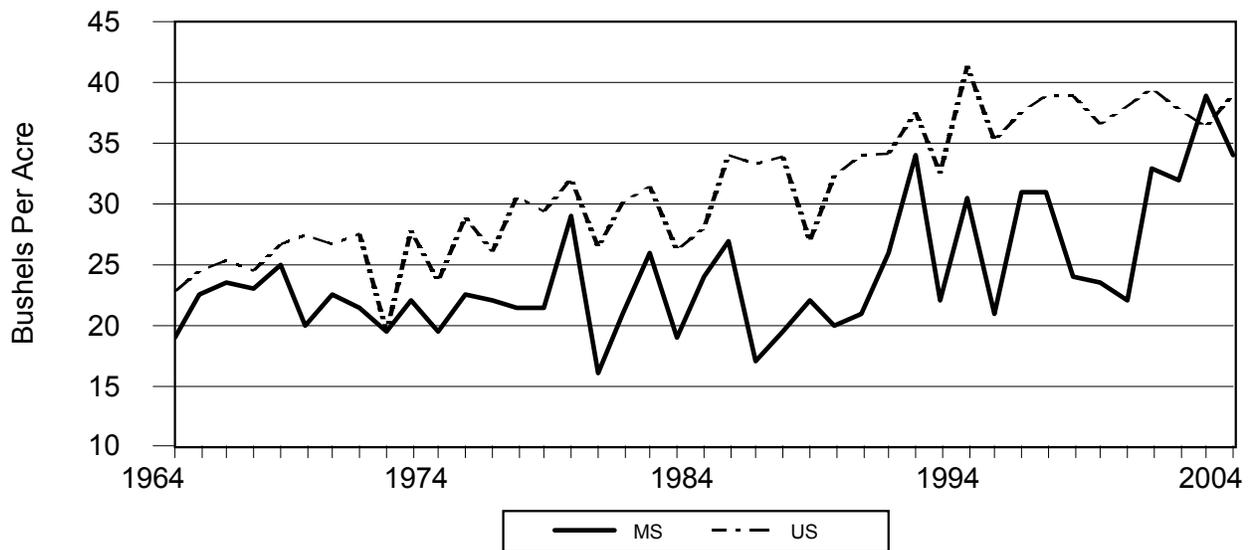
**Mississippi Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Districts,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (lbs)		Production in 480 Net Weight Bales	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Upper Delta	336,500	345,000	949	831	665,000	597,000
N. Central	101,000	102,000	841	720	177,000	153,000
Lower Delta	426,800	416,000	975	826	867,000	716,000
Central	117,500	124,000	931	774	228,000	200,000
Other Districts	108,200	93,000	812	692	183,000	134,000
<b>State</b>	<b>1,090,000</b>	<b>1,080,000</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>2,120,000</b>	<b>1,800,000</b>

**Mississippi Soybeans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Districts,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

District	Harvested Acres		Yield Per Harvested Acre (bu)		Production (bu)	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Upper Delta	501,100	565,000	40.7	39.1	20,401,000	22,095,000
N. Central	118,600	155,000	35.8	36.2	4,240,000	5,610,000
Northeast	131,400	130,000	30.5	26.8	4,008,000	3,490,000
Lower Delta	539,800	630,000	40.8	38.6	22,014,000	24,310,000
Other Districts	139,100	150,000	36.7	32.0	5,107,000	4,805,000
<b>State</b>	<b>1,430,000</b>	<b>1,630,000</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>55,770,000</b>	<b>60,310,000</b>

**Soybeans: Yield Per Acre, Mississippi and United States, 1964-2004**



Cotton: Cumulative Boll Counts, by Selected States, 2000-2004 <sup>1</sup>

State	Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
		Number					
Arkansas	Sep	874	747	840	798	864	
	Oct	767	780	763	755		
	Nov	755	816	784	744		
	Dec	755	756	772	744		
	Final	755	756	772	744		
California	Sep	760	939	945	973	954	
	Oct	790	902	1,041	945		
	Nov	801	921	1,009	893		
	Dec	800	918	1,011	893		
	Final	800	918	1,011	893		
Georgia	Sep	597	590	569	559	646	
	Oct	631	677	604	646		
	Nov	621	651	591	643		
	Dec	629	664	600	665		
	Final	629	664	608	664		
Louisiana	Sep	722	625	663	681	635	
	Oct	692	592	756	778		
	Nov	674	582	749	775		
	Dec	674	588	742	775		
	Final	674	588	742	775		
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>808</b>	
	<b>Oct</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>824</b>		
	<b>Nov</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>811</b>		
	<b>Dec</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>808</b>		
	<b>Final</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>808</b>		
North Carolina	Sep	670	719	636	628	758	
	Oct	724	722	629	630		
	Nov	743	696	560	632		
	Dec	747	705	567	632		
	Final	747	705	564	632		
Texas	Sep	408	441	536	465	639	
	Oct	388	435	511	431		
	Nov	397	439	520	429		
	Dec	404	445	497	435		
	Final	448	445	497	433		

<sup>1</sup> Includes small bolls (less than one inch in diameter), large unopened bolls (at least one inch in diameter), open bolls, partially opened bolls, and burrs, per 40 feet or row. In November, December, and Final exclude small bolls.

**Cotton: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and United States,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production <sup>1</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Bales <sup>2</sup>	
All Cotton							
Alabama	510.0	545.0	772	749	749	820.0	850.0
Arkansas	945.0	920.0	916	877	903	1,804.0	1,730.0
Georgia	1,290.0	1,260.0	785	738	762	2,110.0	2,000.0
Louisiana	510.0	490.0	967	637	637	1,027.0	650.0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,090.0</b>	<b>1,080.0</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>2,120.0</b>	<b>1,800.0</b>
Missouri	390.0	385.0	862	849	823	700.0	660.0
South Carolina	218.0	218.0	718	731	731	326.0	332.0
Tennessee	530.0	540.0	806	833	827	890.0	930.0
Texas	4,370.0	5,520.0	480	552	612	4,374.0	7,043.0
United States	12,003.4	13,223.0	730	727	758	18,255.2	20,895.0

<sup>1</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned.

<sup>2</sup> 480-Lb. net weight bales.

**Soybeans: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and United States,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	1,000 Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
Alabama	160	195	36.0	33.0	35.0	5,760	6,825
Arkansas	2,890	3,050	38.0	36.0	39.0	109,820	118,950
Georgia	180	240	33.0	29.0	30.0	5,940	7,200
Kentucky	1,240	1,270	43.0	41.0	41.0	53,320	52,070
Louisiana	740	950	34.0	30.0	31.0	25,160	29,450
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>55,770</b>	<b>60,310</b>
Missouri	4,940	4,940	29.0	36.0	38.0	143,260	187,720
North Carolina	1,400	1,400	30.0	30.0	32.0	42,000	44,800
Oklahoma	245	290	26.0	27.0	32.0	6,370	9,280
South Carolina	420	450	28.0	25.0	26.0	11,760	11,700
Tennessee	1,120	1,140	41.0	37.0	39.0	45,920	44,460
Texas	180	225	28.0	31.0	31.0	5,040	6,975
Virginia	480	490	34.0	36.0	36.0	16,320	17,640
United States	72,321	73,655	33.4	39.1	38.5	2,417,565	2,835,989

**Corn: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Selected States and United States,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2003	2004
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	1,000 Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
Alabama	190	240	122.0	120.0	120.0	23,180	28,800
Arkansas	350	300	140.0	140.0	140.0	49,000	42,000
Georgia	285	280	129.0	125.0	130.0	36,765	36,400
Kentucky	1,080	1,140	137.0	142.0	142.0	147,960	161,880
Louisiana	500	445	134.0	125.0	135.0	67,000	60,075
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>136.0</b>	<b>71,550</b>	<b>61,200</b>
Missouri	2,800	2,900	108.0	144.0	144.0	302,400	417,600
North Carolina	680	760	106.0	110.0	115.0	72,080	87,400
Oklahoma	190	175	125.0	150.0	150.0	23,750	26,250
South Carolina	215	265	105.0	94.0	95.0	22,575	25,175
Tennessee	630	630	131.0	138.0	140.0	82,530	88,200
Texas	1,650	1,600	118.0	130.0	130.0	194,700	208,000
Virginia	330	330	115.0	137.0	143.0	37,950	47,190
<b>United States</b>	<b>71,139</b>	<b>73,377</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>148.9</b>	<b>149.4</b>	<b>10,113,887</b>	<b>10,960,710</b>

**Rice: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State and United States,  
2003 and Forecasted September 1, 2004**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2003	2004 <sup>1</sup>	2003	2004		2003	2004 <sup>2</sup>
				Aug 1	Sep 1		
	1,000 Acres		Pounds			1,000 Cwt	
Arkansas	1,455.0	1,560.0	6,590	6,650	6,650	95,860	103,740
California	507.0	600.0	7,620	7,900	7,900	38,624	47,400
Louisiana	450.0	530.0	5,870	5,600	5,300	26,397	28,090
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>234.0</b>	<b>233.0</b>	<b>6,800</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>15,912</b>	<b>16,077</b>
Missouri	171.0	194.0	6,130	6,250	6,350	10,484	12,319
Texas	180.0	217.0	6,600	6,500	6,500	11,880	14,105
<b>United States</b>	<b>2,997.0</b>	<b>3,334.0</b>	<b>6,645</b>	<b>6,680</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>199,157</b>	<b>221,731</b>

<sup>1</sup> Updated from "Acreage" released June 30, 2004.

<sup>2</sup> Indicated September 1, 2004, rice class estimates are based on a 5-year average of class percentages. The class percentages are adjusted as data become available through the growing season. State estimates by class will be published in the "Crop Production 2004 Summary."

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
Selected States and United States, June-July 2004

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	93,387	89,837	477,149	464,972	5.11	5.18
Arkansas	101,290	100,513	513,419	503,683	5.07	5.01
Georgia	105,823	106,733	529,198	531,826	5.00	4.98
Kentucky	23,466	23,253	123,894	123,256	5.28	5.30
Louisiana	15,938	16,109	85,898	84,386	5.39	5.24
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>67,428</b>	<b>66,647</b>	<b>357,845</b>	<b>359,428</b>	<b>5.31</b>	<b>5.39</b>
Missouri	36,311	34,860	164,587	163,965	4.53	4.70
North Carolina	58,030	57,333	365,056	357,684	6.29	6.24
South Carolina	21,813	22,007	125,747	124,731	5.76	5.67
Tennessee	19,879	20,330	102,590	98,755	5.16	4.86
Texas	56,578	56,286	294,162	291,215	5.20	5.17
Virginia	30,363	28,617	151,055	140,567	4.98	4.91
United States	751,634	742,483	3,935,589	3,878,624	5.24	5.22

Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,  
Selected States and United States, June-July 2004

State	Total Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			N.Y. Dressed Weight		Percent <sup>2</sup>	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 Pounds		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Alabama	348,906	343,546	4,850	4,737	1.13	1.13
Arkansas	369,054	361,912	5,323	4,812	1.15	1.06
Georgia	383,138	388,521	4,525	4,195	0.95	0.88
Kentucky	91,961	91,607	1,095	697	0.98	0.63
Louisiana	63,157	62,526	354	405	0.46	0.53
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>274,808</b>	<b>271,096</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.82</b>
Missouri	120,244	122,433	1,130	1,256	0.76	0.85
North Carolina	277,193	277,256	5,583	4,032	1.70	1.25
South Carolina	94,230	93,834	779	1,281	0.69	1.14
Tennessee	77,893	76,470	743	765	0.81	0.86
Texas	227,671	224,667	2,654	3,046	1.00	1.16
Virginia	111,787	105,285	1,616	1,144	1.19	0.90
United States	2,903,658	2,877,018	38,438	36,223	1.09	1.04

<sup>1</sup> Ready-to-cook weights.

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

Marketing Year Average Prices, Winter Wheat and All Other Hay  
Selected States and United States, 2002-2003

Index	Winter Wheat		Other Hay	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Dollars Per Bushel		Dollars Per Ton	
Alabama	3.10	3.20	57.00	58.00
Arkansas	2.90	3.08	53.00	48.00
Georgia	2.50	3.05	57.00	62.00
Kentucky	3.01	3.17	59.00	62.50
Louisiana	3.00	3.30	45.00	51.00
<b>Mississippi</b>	2.70	3.34	41.50	42.00
Missouri	3.03	3.09	54.00	52.00
North Carolina	2.75	2.85	80.00	60.00
South Carolina	2.60	3.00	70.00	65.00
Tennessee	2.92	3.17	55.00	54.00
Texas	3.02	3.06	63.00	63.50
Virginia	2.82	2.98	92.50	85.00
United States	3.41	3.27	73.80	70.90

All Rice: Monthly Prices Received, Monthly Farm Marketing Percentages and  
Marketing Year Average Prices, United States, 2001-2002 Through 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

Month	Prices Received			Farm Marketings <sup>2</sup>		
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004 <sup>4</sup>	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004 <sup>4</sup>
	Dollars per Cwt			1,000 Cwt		
August	5.01	3.94	5.47	12,443	10,892	9,681
September	4.67	4.09	6.18	9,496	12,313	15,963
October	4.39	4.03	6.44	12,415	14,429	19,247
November	4.25	4.24	6.99	11,093	12,338	11,750
December	4.29	4.46	7.57	11,215	15,059	16,424
January <sup>3</sup>	4.30	4.66	8.19	16,415	19,860	19,884
February	4.16	4.24	7.74	11,694	13,141	12,921
March	3.99	4.31	8.01	9,718	14,553	14,046
April	3.94	4.61	8.13	11,270	14,502	11,891
May	3.98	4.84	8.27	9,841	10,113	10,473
June	3.92	5.43	8.69	8,884	9,691	10,277
July	3.81	5.31	8.79	8,288	11,755	9,202
MYA	4.25	4.49	7.49	132,772	158,646	161,759

<sup>1</sup> Marketing year average (MYA) prices are weighted average prices for the U.S. marketing year of August - July.

<sup>2</sup> Purchases from producers as reported by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped from producers as reported by cooperative mills.

<sup>3</sup> Second year.

<sup>4</sup> Year-to-date prices only. Final monthly and MYA prices will be published in the January 2005 "Agricultural Prices" release.

Upland Cotton and Rice: Prices Received and Marketings,  
United States, August 2004, with Comparisons

Item	Unit	June 2004 <sup>1</sup>	July 2004 <sup>1</sup>	August 2004 <sup>2</sup>
Cotton, Upland				
Average Price	Dollar/Pound	0.605	0.545	0.525
Marketings <sup>3</sup>	1,000 Bales	403	418	NA
Rice				
Average Price	Dollars/Cwt	8.69	8.79	8.49
Marketings <sup>4</sup>	1,000 Cwt	10,277	9,202	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire.

<sup>2</sup> Based on purchases for the first half of the month.

<sup>3</sup> Expanded data from sample of about 65 percent of buyers.

<sup>4</sup> Purchases by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped by cooperatives.