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## Crop Values

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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 sweet potatoes 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, 2002-2004

Crop	Unit	Price per Unit			Value of Production <sup>1</sup>		
		2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
		Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
Soybeans	bu	5.52	6.61	5.90 <sup>2</sup>	241,997	368,640	367,688 <sup>2</sup>
Cotton, All	lb	.440	.604	.520 <sup>2</sup>	408,672	614,630	591,552 <sup>2</sup>
Cottonseed	ton	79.00	100.00	90.50	55,063	77,300	78,011
Rice, All	cwt	4.94	7.34	7.30	79,988	116,794	117,866
Sorghum, Grain	cwt	4.24	4.05	3.80	14,809	13,907	3,026
Corn, Grain	bu	2.33	2.28	2.40	148,188	163,134	143,616
Hay, All	ton	41.50	42.00	46.00	77,813	78,750	76,176
Wheat, All	bu	2.70	3.34	3.45	19,440	20,458	24,685
Sweet Potatoes	cwt	16.50	20.80	19.80	32,472	49,504	51,500
Pecans, All	lb	.830	.747	1.120	2,490	5,228	1,120
Improved	lb	.950	.860	1.300	495	1,100	210
Seedling	lb	.550	.500	.700	1,995	4,128	910

<sup>1</sup> Value based on 480-lb net weight bale.

<sup>2</sup> Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2004-December 31, 2004.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) Prior to February 1,  
by State and United States, Crop Years 2001-2004**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2001	2002	2003	2004
All Cotton				
Alabama	901,450	565,200	798,250	797,100
Arizona	650,600	587,850	502,900	642,450
Arkansas	1,788,400	1,614,750	1,735,250	2,019,450
California	2,238,750	1,941,500	1,812,100	2,299,800
Florida <sup>1</sup>		66,850	121,250	92,800
Georgia	2,152,850	1,544,250	2,037,050	1,756,550
Kansas <sup>1</sup>		60,400	59,950	40,950
Louisiana	1,044,600	748,550	1,028,300	888,250
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2,338,150</b>	<b>1,877,850</b>	<b>2,059,400</b>	<b>2,274,150</b>
Missouri	673,800	578,950	675,100	809,300
New Mexico	70,800	58,600	56,750	67,650
North Carolina	1,617,800	781,100	1,007,450	1,323,150
Oklahoma	192,850	193,850	202,850	265,400
South Carolina	403,550	125,500	309,900	368,650
Tennessee	949,950	788,150	853,600	958,350
Texas	4,158,600	4,957,700	4,234,550	6,465,750
Virginia	177,900	85,200	106,450	142,600
United States	19,532,450	16,576,250	17,601,100	21,212,350

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

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected Region and United States,  
January 9-15, 2005 <sup>1</sup>**

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
Appalachian I	25	22	3	33.4
Appalachian II	28	19	9	30.0
Southeast	24	20	4	35.3
Florida	48	37	11	38.7
Cornbelt I	28	24	4	33.2
Cornbelt II	21	18	3	35.1
<b>Delta</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30.7</b>
Southern Plains	50	41	9	37.0
United States <sup>2</sup>	574	478	96	36.8

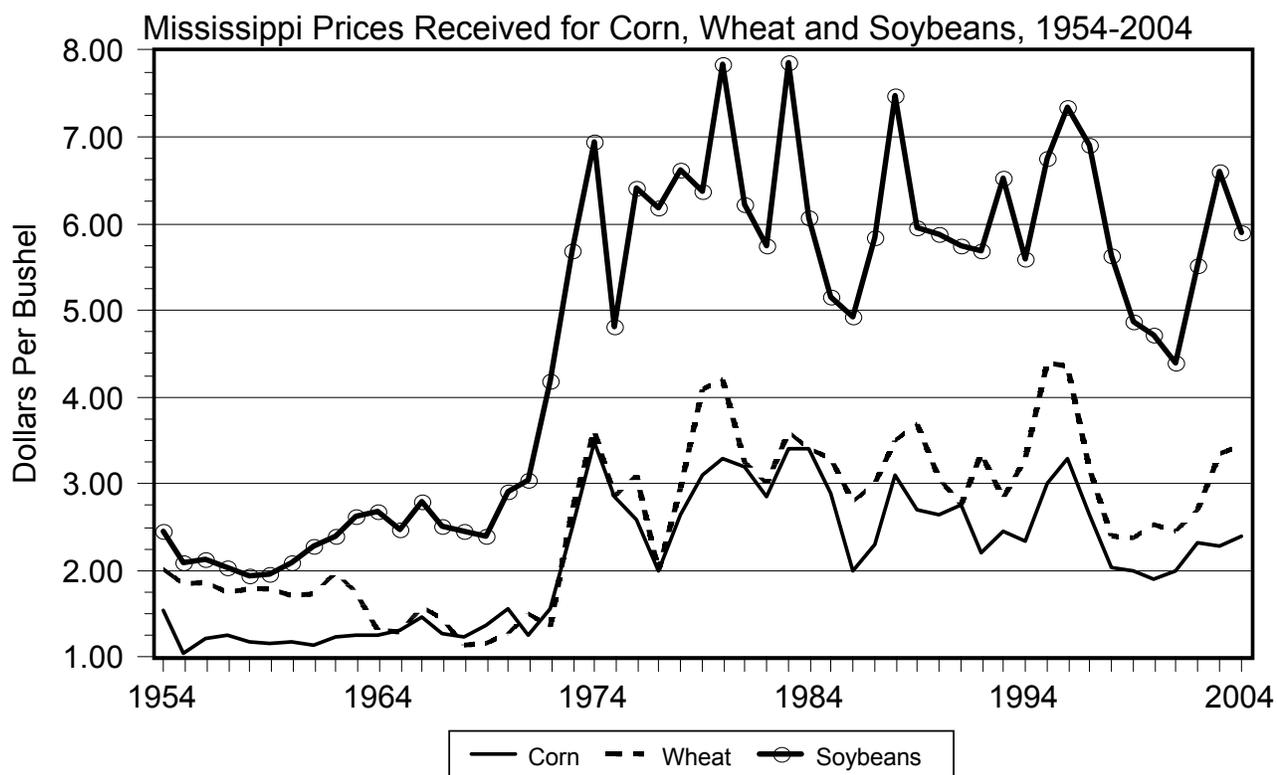
<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Exclude AK.

## Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States January , 2005 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

Farm Employment	January 11-17, 2004	October 10-16, 2004	January 9-15, 2005
Hired Workers	662	851	574
150 Days or More	549	606 *	478
149 Days or Less	113	245 *	96
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	185	324 *	175
Hired Farm & Service Workers	847	1,175 *	749
		Hours Per Week	
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	38.1	40.5	36.8
		Dollars Per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers <sup>2,3</sup>	9.41	9.32 *	9.81
Field & Livestock Combined	8.55	8.69 *	8.91
Field	8.39	8.62 *	8.73
Livestock	8.83	8.91	9.19

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excluded Alaska.<sup>2</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

### All Hired Workers: Wage Rates, by Economics Class of Farm by Selected Region and 48 States <sup>1</sup>

Region <sup>2</sup>	Gross Value Sales-\$1,000's						All Farms
	<50	50-99	100-249	250-499	500-999	1,000+	
Dollars per Hour							
Jan 9-15, 2005							
Appalachian	<sup>3</sup>	8.20	7.84	10.08	8.88	9.88	9.33
Southeast	7.10	8.22	8.24	9.12	9.46	9.37	9.17
Cornbelt	8.75	8.55	10.08	10.04	9.85	10.55	10.31
Delta	7.77	8.55	8.85	8.83	9.05	10.67	9.29
Southern	<sup>3</sup>	8.46	8.18	7.61	9.70	9.90	9.56
48 States	9.29	9.05	8.47	9.56	9.75	10.21	9.79
Jan 11-17, 2004							
Appalachian	6.97	6.82	8.96	8.17	9.69	9.78	9.16
Southeast	7.72	8.18	9.91	8.70	8.00	8.69	8.64
Cornbelt	9.66	7.64	9.21	10.18	11.52	10.72	10.46
Delta	9.05	8.88	8.53	9.50	9.02	9.00	9.03
Southern	6.82	8.51	8.29	7.99	7.73	9.33	8.43
48 States	8.76	8.61	9.22	9.11	9.53	9.73	9.38

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Worker.

<sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following States: Appalachian: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV; Southeast: AL, FL, GA, SC; Cornbelt: IA, IL, IN, MO, OH; Delta: AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains: OK, TX; 48 States: All States, excluding AK and HI.

<sup>3</sup> Insufficient data.

### Mississippi Number of Farms, Acres in Farms, Land Values and Cash Rent, 1994-2004

Year	Number of Farms	Acreage in Farms	Average Size of Farms	Value of Farmland and Buildings	Cash Rent			
					Pasture	Cropland		
						Non-Irrigated	Irrigated	All
		1,000 Acres	Acres		Dollars Per Acres			
1994	40,000	12,200	305	836	15.90	44.30	59.90	---
1995	41,000	12,300	300	886	13.00	41.60	70.00	---
1996	42,000	11,900	283	917	15.60	45.00	70.00	---
1997	42,000	11,700	279	980	16.40	49.00	71.20	---
1998	42,000	11,340	276	1,050	14.50	47.90	67.30	55.60
1999	42,000	11,220	265	1,120	13.50	49.20	76.00	58.00
2000	42,000	11,160	258	1,200	14.00	52.00	80.00	61.00
2001	42,000	11,130	265	1,270	16.00	54.00	79.00	62.00
2002	42,200	11,100	263	1,330	17.00	54.00	79.00	62.00
2003	42,800	11,110	260	1,400	16.00	56.00	78.00	63.00
2004	42,200	11,050	262					

Number of Farms: Economic Sales Class by State, by Selected States  
and United States, 2003-2004

State	Economic Sales Class					
	\$1,000-\$9,999		\$10,000-\$99,999		\$100,000-\$249,999	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Number						
Alabama	31,000	30,000	9,300	9,200	1,300	1,400
Arkansas	26,500	26,400	11,700	11,700	3,200	3,200
Florida	27,600	26,800	11,000	10,700	2,300	2,400
Georgia	32,200	31,600	10,800	11,000	2,000	1,900
Kentucky	56,500	54,500	25,000	24,800	3,200	3,300
Louisiana	17,100	17,000	6,400	6,400	1,600	1,650
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>30,300</b>	<b>29,700</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,600</b>
Missouri	59,600	58,900	36,100	36,300	6,100	6,300
North Carolina	33,500	32,100	11,500	11,300	2,500	2,600
Oklahoma	52,000	51,500	24,900	25,200	3,800	3,900
South Carolina	18,400	18,300	4,300	4,300	600	650
Tennessee	65,500	63,500	17,500	17,500	1,950	1,950
Texas	157,000	156,500	56,000	56,500	8,000	8,000
Virginia	31,200	31,000	12,400	12,400	1,750	1,800
West Virginia <sup>1</sup>	17,200	17,200				
United States	1,199,270	1,180,560	600,540	599,170	167,220	167,930

State	Economic Sales Class					
	\$250,000-\$499,999		\$500,000 & Over		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Number						
Alabama	1,400	1,400	2,000	2,000	45,000	44,000
Arkansas	3,200	3,300	2,900	2,900	47,500	47,500
Florida	1,200	1,200	1,900	1,900	44,000	43,000
Georgia	1,800	1,800	2,500	2,700	49,300	49,000
Kentucky	1,300	1,400	1,000	1,000	87,000	85,000
Louisiana	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,150	27,200	27,200
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>42,800</b>	<b>42,200</b>
Missouri	2,500	2,600	1,700	1,900	106,000	106,000
North Carolina	2,500	2,500	3,500	3,500	53,500	52,000
Oklahoma	1,600	1,600	1,200	1,300	83,500	83,500
South Carolina	400	400	700	750	24,400	24,400
Tennessee	1,200	1,200	850	850	87,000	85,000
Texas	4,500	4,400	3,500	3,600	229,000	229,000
Virginia	1,100	1,200	1,050	1,100	47,500	47,500
West Virginia <sup>1</sup>					20,800	20,800
United States	86,550	89,070	73,280	76,740	2,126,860	2,113,470

<sup>1</sup> Estimates not available for all sales classes.

**Land in Farms: Economic Sales Class by State, by Selected States  
and United States, 2003-2004**

State	Economic Sales Class					
	\$1,000-\$9,999		\$10,000-\$99,999		\$100,000-\$249,999	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
1,000 Acres						
Alabama	3,300	3,050	3,000	3,000	800	800
Arkansas	2,850	2,800	3,500	3,500	1,600	1,600
Florida	1,650	1,600	2,300	2,200	1,250	1,300
Georgia	3,700	3,550	2,800	2,800	1,100	1,000
Kentucky	4,600	4,500	5,100	5,100	1,600	1,600
Louisiana	1,450	1,400	2,050	2,050	1,400	1,400
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>990</b>
Missouri	7,200	6,900	10,700	10,700	5,100	5,100
North Carolina	2,300	2,200	2,000	1,950	1,050	1,100
Oklahoma	6,000	5,700	13,700	13,700	6,400	6,600
South Carolina	1,950	1,920	1,380	1,380	450	450
Tennessee	4,700	4,650	3,600	3,600	950	950
Texas	21,000	20,700	46,500	46,400	23,500	23,600
Virginia	2,800	2,750	3,100	3,050	1,100	1,100
West Virginia <sup>1</sup>	2,100	2,070				
United States	124,770	120,840	270,055	266,495	196,055	193,915
State	Economic Sales Class					
	\$250,000-\$499,999		\$500,000 & Over		Total	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
1,000 Acres						
Alabama	700	700	1,100	1,150	8,900	8,700
Arkansas	2,250	2,250	4,200	4,250	14,400	14,400
Florida	850	850	4,150	4,150	10,200	10,100
Georgia	1,100	1,150	2,100	2,200	10,800	10,700
Kentucky	1,080	1,150	1,420	1,450	13,800	13,800
Louisiana	1,200	1,250	1,750	1,750	7,850	7,850
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>11,110</b>	<b>11,050</b>
Missouri	3,900	3,900	3,200	3,500	30,100	30,100
North Carolina	1,250	1,250	2,500	2,500	9,100	9,000
Oklahoma	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,900	33,700	33,700
South Carolina	400	400	670	700	4,850	4,850
Tennessee	950	950	1,400	1,450	11,600	11,600
Texas	16,500	16,100	23,000	23,200	130,500	130,000
Virginia	720	780	880	920	8,600	8,600
West Virginia <sup>1</sup>					3,600	3,600
United States	150,135	151,555	197,635	203,795	938,650	936,600

<sup>1</sup> Estimates not available for all sales classes.

Cattle and Calves, by Size Group, by Selected States and United States, 2003-2004 <sup>1</sup>

State	Percent Inventory on Operations Having:									
	1-49 Head		50-99 Head		100-499 Head		500-999 Head		1,000+ Head	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Percent									
Alabama	24.0	23.0	24.0	22.0	37.0	39.0	9.5	9.5	5.5	6.5
Arkansas	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0	43.0	43.0	8.5	8.5	6.5	6.5
Georgia	17.0	15.5	21.5	21.0	42.0	45.0	12.0	11.0	7.5	7.5
Kentucky	24.5	23.0	23.0	22.0	43.0	44.0	6.0	8.0	3.5	3.0
Louisiana	24.0	21.0	14.0	14.0	43.0	46.0	11.5	11.5	7.5	7.5
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Missouri	18.0	18.0	20.0	20.0	46.0	46.0	10.8	10.0	5.2	6.0
United States	11.8	11.3	12.0	11.6	35.9	35.4	12.3	12.7	28.0	29.0

State	Operations Having			
	500-999 Head		1,000+ Head	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Number			
Alabama		240	240	60
Arkansas		230	230	70
Georgia		240	240	60
Kentucky		240	340	60
Louisiana		160	160	40
<b>Mississippi</b>		<b>130</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>
Missouri		750	650	150
United States		17,970	18,445	9,790

<sup>1</sup> Percents reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year but are based primarily on beginning-of-year and mid-year surveys.

Beef Cows, by Size Group, by Selected States and United States, 2003-2004 <sup>1 2</sup>

State	Inventory on Operations Having							
	1-49 Head		50-99 Head		100-499 Head		500+ Head	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Percent							
Alabama	39.0	39.0	25.5	25.0	30.0	30.0	5.5	6.0
Arkansas	40.0	40.0	25.0	25.0	31.0	31.0	4.0	4.0
Georgia	39.0	36.0	21.0	23.0	36.0	37.0	4.0	4.0
Kentucky	49.0	42.0	24.3	25.7	25.0	30.0	1.7	2.3
Louisiana	35.0	32.5	18.0	19.0	38.5	41.0	8.5	7.5
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Missouri	41.0	37.0	26.0	26.0	29.0	33.0	4.0	4.0
North Carolina	55.0	55.5	21.5	20.0	21.0	22.0	2.5	2.5
United States	29.1	28.1	19.0	19.1	37.5	38.3	14.4	14.5

<sup>1</sup> Percents reflect average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year but are based primarily on beginning-of-year and mid-year surveys.

<sup>2</sup> Missing data combined with other size groups to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**All Rice: Monthly Price 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	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
	Dollars Per Cwt			1,000 Cwt		
August	5.01	3.94	5.93	12,443	10,892	8,542
September	4.67	4.09	6.56	9,496	12,313	13,489
October	4.39	4.03	7.15	12,415	14,429	16,507
November	4.25	4.24	7.80	11,093	12,338	11,217
December	4.29	4.46	8.55	11,215	15,059	16,408
January <sup>3</sup>	4.30	4.66	8.57	16,415	19,860	19,554
February	4.16	4.24	8.23	11,694	13,141	12,641
March	3.99	4.31	8.45	9,718	14,553	12,861
April	3.94	4.61	8.65	11,270	14,502	10,176
May	3.98	4.84	8.82	9,841	10,113	8,723
June	3.92	5.43	9.30	8,884	9,691	9,021
July	3.81	5.31	9.37	8,288	11,755	8,180
MYA	4.25	4.49	8.08	132,772	158,646	147,319

<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 by private firms and rice (rough equivalent) shipped from producers as reported by cooperative mills.

<sup>3</sup> Second year.