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## Mississippi 2005 Prospective Plantings

Mississippi **cotton** producers intend to plant 1.25 million acres of cotton in 2005, up 13 percent from 2004. **Soybean** farmers are expected to plant 1.60 million acres, down 4 percent from last year. **Corn** producers intend to plant 400,000 acres, down 13 percent from the previous year. **Rice** farmers in Mississippi intend to plant 260,000 acres, an increase of 11 percent from 2004. Farmers also intend to plant 30,000 acres of **sorghum**, up 10,000 acres from last year. **Winter wheat** seedings for 2005 are estimated at 110,000 acres, down 31 percent from last year and the lowest number of acres planted to winter wheat since 1978's total of 100,000 acres.

### March 1, 2005, Crop Acreage Intentions, With Comparisons Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted	To Be Planted	2005/2004
	2004	2005 <sup>1</sup>	
	1,000 Acres		Percent
<b>Mississippi</b>			
Soybeans	1,670	1,600	96
All Cotton	1,110	1,250	113
All Rice	235	260	111
Sorghum, All Purposes	20	30	150
Corn, All Purposes	460	400	87
All Hay <sup>2</sup>	720	750	104
Winter Wheat <sup>3</sup>	160	110	69
Sweetpotatoes	16	18	113
<b>United States</b>			
Soybeans	75,208	73,910	98
All Cotton	13,658.6	13,815.0	101
All Rice	3,347	3,358	100
Sorghum, All Purposes	7,486	7,400	99
Corn, All Purposes	80,930	81,413	101
All Hay <sup>2</sup>	61,916	62,940	102
Winter Wheat <sup>3</sup>	43,350	41,613	96
Sweetpotatoes	97.4	94.9	97

<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area harvested in 2005 as indicated by reports from farmers.

<sup>3</sup> Winter wheat was planted last fall.

**Soybeans: Asian Rust Awareness, Percent of All Farms and Farms Reporting Soybean Intentions, by Selected States and United States, March 2005**

State	Have you seen, read, or heard any information about Asian Rust?					
	All Farms			Farms Reporting Soybean Intentions		
	Yes	No	Don't Know	Yes	No	Don't Know
	Percent					
Alabama	32	58	10	91	9	*
Arkansas	38	58	4	88	10	2
Florida	3	97	*	72	25	3
Georgia	30	70	*	90	10	*
Kentucky	35	64	1	65	29	6
Louisiana	52	25	23	91	4	5
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>*</b>
Missouri	62	31	7	93	6	1
North Carolina	37	63	*	84	16	*
Oklahoma	24	74	2	70	29	1
South Carolina	38	58	4	82	18	*
Tennessee	26	71	3	85	9	6
Texas	15	76	9	69	28	3
Virginia	21	78	1	86	14	*
United States	43	51	6	89	8	3

\* Data rounds to less than 0.5 percent.

**Soybeans: Asian Rust's Impact on Planting Intentions for All Farm Operators who are Aware of Rust, by Selected States and United States, March 2005**

State	Was Asian a factor in your planting intentions?			
	Yes	If so, how did your intentions change?		
		Increase	Decrease	No Change
	Percent			
Alabama	7	2	57	41
Arkansas	6	5	59	36
Florida	6	*	87	13
Georgia	10	3	50	47
Kentucky	3	2	48	50
Louisiana	8	3	75	22
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>21</b>
Missouri	5	8	28	64
North Carolina	7	*	51	49
Oklahoma	2	1	54	45
South Carolina	13	1	79	20
Tennessee	6	1	66	33
Texas	2	7	69	24
Virginia	2	4	59	37
United States	6	7	53	40

\* Data Rounds to less than 0.5 percent.

## Sorghum County Estimates, 2003-2004

County	Planted All Purposes		Harvested for Grain		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	Acres				Bushels			
Bolivar	5,700	---	5,600	---	90.3	---	505,900	---
Coahoma	3,400	---	3,400	---	80.9	---	275,000	---
Quitman	4,800	---	4,600	---	85.2	---	392,100	---
Tallahatchie	6,300	1,600	6,300	1,500	89.0	65.3	560,800	98,000
Tunica	12,900	---	12,900	---	81.4	---	1,050,200	---
Other Counties		2,600		2,500		74.4		186,000
District 10	33,100	4,200	32,800	4,000	84.9	71.0	2,784,000	284,000
District 20	3,800	1,300	3,700	900	81.4	67.8	301,000	61,000
Humphreys	5,400	---	5,400	---	81.1	---	438,000	---
Leflore	7,900	---	7,800	---	85.7	---	668,600	---
Sunflower	11,000	5,600	10,800	5,400	81.5	88.5	880,700	478,000
Washington	6,700	2,300	5,700	2,200	89.1	93.2	508,000	205,000
Other Counties	2,400	5,000	2,400	4,500	82.4	79.8	197,700	359,000
District 40	33,400	12,900	32,100	12,100	83.9	86.1	2,693,000	1,042,000
Other Districts	4,700	1,600	4,400	1,000	80.5	35.0	354,000	35,000
State Total	75,000	20,000	73,000	18,000	84.0	79.0	6,132,000	1,422,000

--- Included in Other Counties.

## Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2004-2005

Crop	2004			2005		
	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms <sup>1</sup>	Total All Positions
	1,000 Bushels					
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	122	*	*	55	*
Corn	*	11,283	*	*	15,595	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	85	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	2,874	*	*	2,880	*
United States						
Wheat, All	257,890	762,727	1,020,617	304,710	676,304	981,014
Corn	3,030,000	2,241,459	5,271,459	4,137,000	2,616,738	6,753,738
Oats	45,600	49,414	95,014	43,500	39,026	82,526
Sorghum	21,000	137,652	158,652	33,400	169,989	203,389
Soybeans	355,900	549,947	905,847	795,000	585,974	1,380,974

\* "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.

<sup>1</sup> Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

**Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) and Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales Ginned, by State and United States, Crop Years 2003-2004**

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned by Crop Year		Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Upland Cotton				
Alabama	799,950	798,350	828,450	827,950
Arizona	509,600	675,000	525,400	694,850
Arkansas	1,735,600	2,016,500	1,784,050	2,069,450
California	1,466,500	1,758,250	1,516,000	1,819,400
Florida	122,200	92,900	125,900	95,750
Georgia	2,041,400	1,749,800	2,106,050	1,803,000
Kansas	89,200	67,000	91,950	69,900
Louisiana	1,028,300	888,250	1,055,500	912,300
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2,063,250</b>	<b>2,274,250</b>	<b>2,115,700</b>	<b>2,334,400</b>
Missouri	675,800	809,700	693,400	827,250
New Mexico	44,250	50,100	44,800	50,950
North Carolina	1,007,450	1,324,150	1,047,950	1,379,600
Oklahoma	205,350	288,200	209,850	294,250
South Carolina	311,450	369,100	322,350	382,500
Tennessee	853,900	958,550	878,800	985,300
Texas	4,231,400	7,430,450	4,353,050	7,644,100
Virginia	106,450	142,600	109,450	146,950
United States	17,292,050	21,693,150	17,808,650	22,337,900

**Cotton Ginnings: Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2003-2004**

County	Running Bales Ginned		County	Running Bales Ginned	
	2003	2004		2003	2004
Bolivar	170,400	197,200	Holmes	126,650	130,250
Coahoma	207,000	246,000	District 50	214,800	218,300
Quitman	82,700	94,700			
Tallahatchie	49,600	67,900	District 70	70,450	71,050
Tunica	89,050	90,150			
District 10	598,750	695,950			
Calhoun	50,900	52,750			
Panola	51,300	65,500			
District 20	206,800	213,800			
Humphreys	81,300	92,250			
Leflore	186,200	209,250			
Sharkey	87,150	97,150			
Sunflower	156,650	183,600			
Washington	150,450	172,800			
Yazoo	224,600	230,150			
District 40	886,350	985,200	State Total	2,063,250	2,274,250

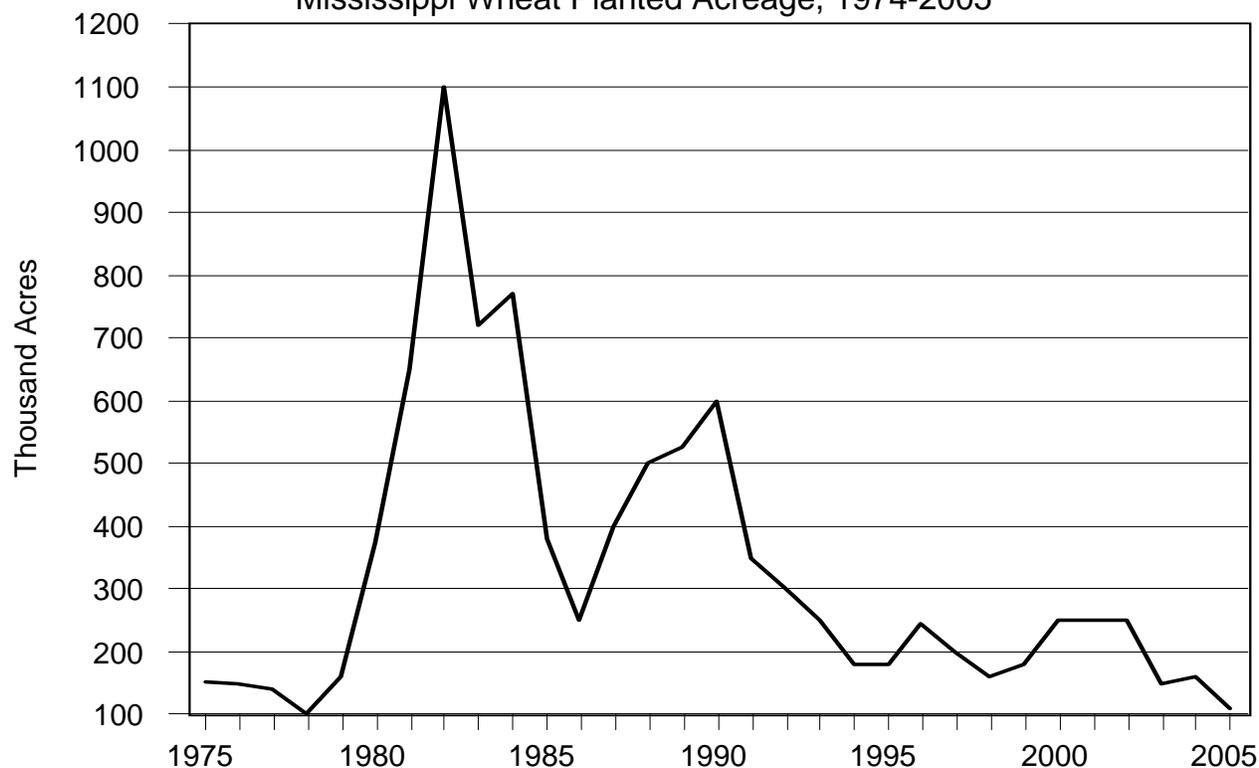
### Mississippi Wheat Average Yields, 2000-2004

County	Number of Years	Average Yield
Bolivar	5	54.1
Coahoma	5	52.7
Quitman	4	52.4
Tallahatchie	5	51.4
Tunica	4	52.1
District 10	5	53.0
DeSoto	5	50.8
Marshall	4	46.2
Panola	5	51.0
Tate	5	47.0
District 20	5	49.4
District 30	5	41.1
Humphreys	5	50.6
Issaquena	5	49.3
Leflore	5	50.5
Sharkey	5	51.1
Sunflower	5	50.0
Washington	5	51.4
Yazoo	5	48.8
District 40	5	50.4

County	Number of Years	Average Yield
District 50	5	44.7
Chickasaw	3	41.2
Lowndes	5	43.5
Monroe	1	40.6
Noxubee	5	46.2
District 60	5	43.9
Claiborne	3	42.1
Warren	1	47.8
District 70	5	44.7
District 80	5	44.4
District 90	5	40.8
State Average	5	50.1

The Agency did not publish a yield for every county each year. Whenever publication of county yields would reveal individual data, publication was suspended.

### Mississippi Wheat Planted Acreage, 1974-2005



## United States Catfish: Sales, Average Price and Ending Inventory, February 2004-2005

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
<b>Fresh</b>						
Whole Fish	3,266	3,177	1.53	1.63	188	169
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	6,455	5,615	2.62	2.75	550	520
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,518	1,295	1.70	1.67	128	130
Total Fresh	11,239	10,087	2.18	2.26	866	819
<b>Frozen</b>						
Whole Fish	1,349	1,117	1.93	2.01	1,438	800
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	11,232	10,469	2.57	2.66	5,674	8,911
Other <sup>2</sup>	4,706	4,853	1.52	1.66	2,810	2,742
Total Frozen	17,287	16,439	2.23	2.32	9,922	12,453
Total Fresh & Frozen	28,526	26,526	2.21	2.30	10,788	13,272

<sup>1</sup> Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excludes any breaded products.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

## United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2004-2005

Month	Round Weight Processed				Average Price Paid to Producers <sup>1</sup>		Imports of Catfish <sup>2</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative		2004	2005	2004	2005
	2004	2005	2004	2005				
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
January	53,849	53,856	53,849	53,856	.668	.725	215	1,383
February	54,173	51,720	108,022	105,576	.703	.731	204	
March	60,272		168,294		.723		295	
April	53,896		222,190		.728		328	
May	52,324		274,514		.720		248	
June	50,155		324,669		.689		270	
July	51,055		375,724		.682		123	
August	53,295		429,019		.683		1,637	
September	51,329		480,348		.683		1,801	
October	52,396		532,744		.695		1,104	
November	49,536		582,280		.689		1,579	
December	48,170		630,450		.690		1,420	

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes Ictalurus, Pangasius and Siluriformes catfish. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

## Chicken Eggs in Incubators: by Region and United States, March 1, 2004-2005

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,016	12,188	101	6,263	5,842	93
East North Central	9,185	8,319	91	6,502	6,774	104
West North Central	22,826	23,429	103	8,240	6,943	84
South Atlantic	232,310	239,577	103	2,463	3,869	157
South Central	346,259	349,880	101	5,586	6,406	115
West	25,000	25,473	102	5,209	4,872	94
United States	647,596	658,866	102	34,263	34,706	101

## Egg Production, Selected States and United States, February 2004-2005

State	Total Production		Table Eggs <sup>1</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>1</sup>	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000		Million Eggs			
Alabama	161	165	41	40	120	125
Arkansas	279	261	98	90	181	171
Florida	242	216	232	208	10	8
Georgia	399	397	238	234	161	163
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>
North Carolina	194	196	76	71	118	125
Oklahoma	75	70	42	39	33	31
South Carolina	105	105	87	88	18	17
Virginia	62	55	29	23	33	32
United States	6,901	6,908	5,895	5,895	1,007	1,014

<sup>1</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched: By State and United States, February 2004-2005

State	February			January-February		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	101,222	100,258	99	210,892	209,521	99
Arkansas	105,663	104,000	98	218,777	218,494	100
Georgia	113,447	111,770	99	233,341	235,489	101
Louisiana	12,538	13,446	107	25,949	28,107	108
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>67,390</b>	<b>67,202</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>138,596</b>	<b>139,705</b>	<b>101</b>
North Carolina	60,569	60,474	100	124,878	126,785	102
Texas	50,491	50,004	99	103,386	104,514	101
Virginia	21,598	21,485	99	44,777	45,072	101
United States	727,936	731,274	100	1,501,906	1,527,300	102

## Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, March 2005 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	March 2004 Entire Month		February 2005 Entire Month		March 2005 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	2.75	---	1.95	---	2.03
Cotton, Upland	lb	.622	.616	.404	.390	.400 <sup>1</sup>	.422 <sup>1</sup>
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	4.84	---	2.95	---	3.17
Soybeans	bu	9.49	9.28	5.63	5.42	6.44	6.28
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.76	---	3.27	---	3.44
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	8.45	---	6.79	---	6.97
All Milk	cwt	---	15.40	---	15.50	---	15.60
Fluid	cwt	---	15.40	---	15.50	---	15.60
Manufacturing	cwt	---	15.20	---	14.90	---	14.60
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	83.70	---	89.00	---	91.90
Cows	cwt	---	46.50	---	52.40	---	53.60
Calves	cwt	---	115.00	---	128.00	---	132.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	88.00	---	93.30	---	96.30
All Hogs	cwt	---	47.20	---	50.70	---	51.50
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	47.60	---	51.00	---	51.80
Sows	cwt	---	39.90	---	45.00	---	43.80
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.470	---	.430	---	.440
Market Eggs	doz	.990 <sup>2</sup>	1.000 <sup>2</sup>	.375 <sup>2</sup>	.358 <sup>2</sup>	.326	.327

--- Estimates not made.

<sup>1</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.

<sup>2</sup> Mid-month prices.