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Highlights

- Producers in the State intend to plant the largest crop of soybeans since 1997 when 2.10 million acres were planted.
- Mississippi cotton farmers are expected to plant only 420,000 acres. If realized, this would be the lowest acreage on record.
- Prices received for soybeans by Mississippi farmers during February 2008 averaged \$10.10 per bushel, up \$2.84 per bushel from a year earlier.

Crop Acreage Intentions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2008, with Comparisons

| Crop | Area Planted 2007 | To Be Planted 2008 ¹ | 2008/2007 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1,000 acres | | Percent |
| Mississippi | | | |
| Soybeans | 1,450 | 2,050 | 141 |
| All Cotton | 660.0 | 420.0 | 64 |
| Rice, All | 190 | 180 | 95 |
| Sorghum, All Purposes | 145 | 110 | 76 |
| Corn, All Purposes | 960 | 670 | 70 |
| Hay, All ² | 850 | 750 | 88 |
| Winter Wheat ³ | 370 | 450 | 122 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 20.5 | 20.0 | 98 |
| Peanuts | 19.0 | 28.0 | 147 |
| United States | | | |
| Soybeans | 63,631 | 74,793 | 118 |
| All Cotton | 10,830.3 | 9,389.6 | 87 |
| Rice, All | 2,761 | 2,770 | 100 |
| Sorghum, All Purposes | 7,718 | 7,415 | 96 |
| Corn, All Purposes | 93,600 | 86,014 | 92 |
| Hay, All ² | 61,625 | 60,583 | 98 |
| Winter Wheat ³ | 44,987 | 46,840 | 104 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 100.6 | 103.8 | 103 |
| Peanuts | 1,230.0 | 1,430.0 | 116 |

¹ Intended plantings in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Intended area harvested in 2008 as indicated by reports from farmers.

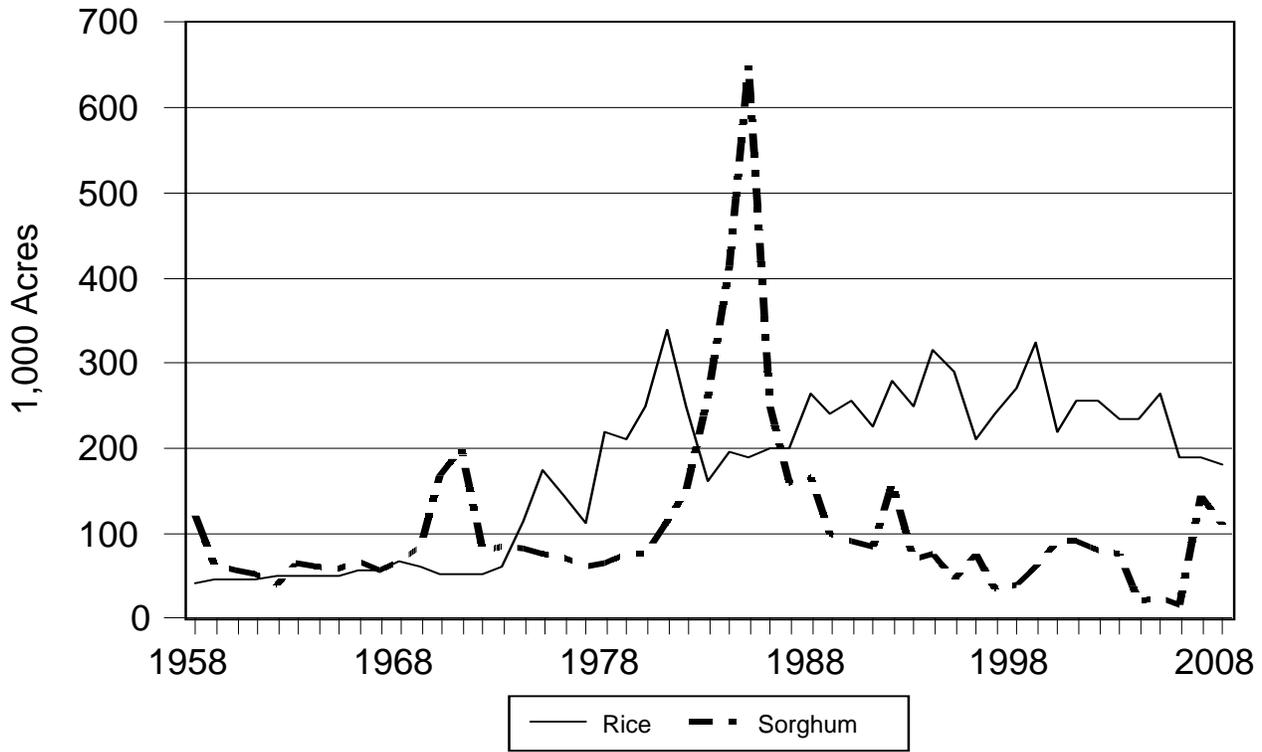
³ Winter Wheat was planted last fall.

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, March 1, 2007-2008

| Crop | 2007 | | | 2008 | | |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | On Farms | Off Farms ¹ | Total All Positions | On Farms | Off Farms ¹ | Total All Positions |
| 1,000 Bushels | | | | | | |
| Mississippi | | | | | | |
| Wheat, All | * | * | * | * | 130 | * |
| Corn | * | 9,426 | * | * | 20,778 | * |
| Oats | | * | * | | * | * |
| Sorghum | * | * | * | * | 712 | * |
| Soybeans | * | 4,378 | * | * | 5,291 | * |
| United States | | | | | | |
| Wheat, All | 192,450 | 664,278 | 856,728 | 91,990 | 617,650 | 709,640 |
| Corn | 3,330,000 | 2,738,250 | 6,068,250 | 3,780,000 | 3,078,895 | 6,858,895 |
| Oats | 33,900 | 37,158 | 71,058 | 31,000 | 48,038 | 79,038 |
| Sorghum | 17,100 | 125,122 | 142,222 | 26,100 | 159,471 | 185,571 |
| Soybeans | 910,000 | 876,887 | 1,786,887 | 593,000 | 835,102 | 1,428,102 |

¹ "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.

Mississippi Rice and Sorghum Planted Acres, 1958-2007 and March 1, 2008, Intentions



**Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters) and Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight
Bales Ginned, Upland Cotton, Selected States and United States, Crop Years 2006-2007**

| Crop and State | Running Bales Ginned by Crop Year | | Equivalent 480-Pound Net Weight Bales | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 ¹ | 2006 | 2007 |
| Alabama | 668,600 | 397,300 | 691,600 | 409,900 |
| Arkansas | 2,419,500 | 1,807,150 | 2,475,450 | 1,849,700 |
| Florida | 148,150 | 102,250 | 153,250 | 105,900 |
| Georgia | 2,285,750 | 1,620,550 | 2,358,150 | 1,672,200 |
| Louisiana | 1,257,000 | 695,800 | 1,278,750 | 712,200 |
| Mississippi | 2,029,450 | 1,271,250 | 2,079,750 | 1,300,650 |
| Missouri | 994,100 | 785,550 | 1,015,450 | 804,550 |
| North Carolina | 1,257,600 | 763,650 | 1,306,600 | 791,500 |
| Oklahoma | 183,750 | 281,900 | 187,400 | 283,550 |
| South Carolina | 402,650 | 148,650 | 416,250 | 152,800 |
| Tennessee | 1,310,900 | 586,600 | 1,346,400 | 602,100 |
| Texas | 5,710,100 | 8,300,700 | 5,852,350 | 8,503,050 |
| Virginia | 141,500 | 95,900 | 145,300 | 98,050 |
| United States | 20,260,450 | 18,086,150 | 20,811,450 | 18,553,750 |

¹ There were 499,353 bales included in this report from the 2007 crop which ginners estimated would be ginned after the March survey, compared to 68,132 bales last year. There were 806 active cotton gins for the 2007 crop year compared with 835 active gins for the 2006 crop year.

Cotton Ginnings: Mississippi Running Bales Ginned by County, 2006-2007

| County | Running Bales Ginned | | County | Running Bales Ginned | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | 2006 | 2007 | | 2006 | 2007 |
| Bolivar | 193,100 | 119,950 | Holmes | 121,950 | 70,550 |
| Coahoma | 258,200 | 197,700 | District 50 | 181,800 | 114,900 |
| Quitman | 77,050 | 49,650 | District 70 | 76,300 | 44,000 |
| District 10 ² | 528,350 | 367,300 | | | |
| Calhoun | 37,700 | 34,950 | | | |
| Panola | 43,900 | 22,850 | | | |
| District 20 | 170,950 | 117,700 | | | |
| Humphreys | ¹ | 52,550 | | | |
| Leflore | 208,950 | 149,150 | | | |
| Sharkey | ¹ | 55,250 | | | |
| Sunflower | 173,950 | 60,450 | | | |
| Washington | 146,750 | 63,650 | | | |
| Yazoo | 184,850 | 97,450 | | | |
| District 40 | 714,500 ² | 478,500 | State Total | 2,029,450 | 1,271,250 |

¹ Withheld to avoid disclosing individual gins.

² Excludes some gins' data to avoid disclosing individual gins, but included in State total.

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, February 2007-2008

| Item | Sales Volume | | Average Price ¹ | | Ending Inventory | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------------|------|------------------|--------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | Dollars Per Pound | | 1,000 Pounds | |
| Fresh | | | | | | |
| Whole Fish | 2,824 | 3,585 | 1.77 | 1.50 | 209 | 170 |
| Fillets | 4,405 | 4,915 | 3.24 | 2.88 | 442 | 320 |
| Other | 814 | 819 | 1.79 | 1.51 | 96 | 51 |
| Total Fresh | 8,043 | 9,319 | 2.58 | 2.23 | 747 | 541 |
| Frozen | | | | | | |
| Whole Fish | 863 | 963 | 2.27 | 2.07 | 1,207 | 1,155 |
| Fillets | 8,912 | 10,181 | 3.08 | 2.73 | 12,172 | 7,421 |
| Other | 5,125 | 4,524 | 1.39 | 1.40 | 3,361 | 1,877 |
| Total Frozen | 14,900 | 15,668 | 2.45 | 2.31 | 16,740 | 10,453 |
| Total Fresh & Frozen | 22,943 | 24,987 | 2.50 | 2.28 | 17,487 | 10,994 |

¹ Gross value f.o.b. plant.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, 2007-2008

| Month | Round Weight Processed | | | | Price Paid Pound ¹ | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------|------------|--------|-------------------------------|------|
| | Monthly | | Cumulative | | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | | |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | | Dollars | |
| January ² | 46,079 | 45,992 | 46,079 | 45,992 | .837 | .658 |
| February | 44,083 | 47,610 | 90,162 | 93,602 | .838 | |
| March | 45,477 | | 135,639 | | .838 | |
| April | 37,954 | | 173,593 | | .841 | |
| May | 38,867 | | 212,460 | | .840 | |
| June | 37,275 | | 249,735 | | .817 | |
| July | 39,168 | | 288,903 | | .762 | |
| August | 42,626 | | 331,529 | | .731 | |
| September | 39,519 | | 371,048 | | .697 | |
| October | 45,890 | | 416,938 | | .682 | |
| November | 40,307 | | 457,245 | | .666 | |
| December | 39,001 | | 496,246 | | .650 | |

¹ Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's 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 Revised 2008 only.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States, 2007-2008

| Month | Imports ¹ | | | | Exports ¹ | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|--------|------|
| | Ictalurus spp. | | Total ² | | Fresh | | Frozen | |
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 Pounds | | | | | | | |
| January | 4,381 | 2,944 | 12,056 | 9,666 | 69.7 | 134.6 | 0.0 | 23.1 |
| February | 3,030 | | | | 69.1 | | 29.9 | |
| March | 2,101 | | | | 252.8 | | 14.3 | |
| April | 1,139 | | | | 73.5 | | 0.0 | |
| May | 1,394 | | | | 51.8 | | 5.1 | |
| June | 388 | | | | 69.3 | | 24.3 | |
| July | 401 | | | | 117.2 | | 0.0 | |
| August | 80 | | | | 77.6 | | 0.0 | |
| September | 607 | | | | 99.0 | | 43.2 | |
| October | 1,061 | | | | 126.3 | | 11.8 | |
| November | 1,199 | | | | 97.4 | | 0.0 | |
| December | 1,678 | | | | 92.3 | | 5.7 | |

¹ Data furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

² Includes freshwater imports for consumption of Ictalurus spp., Pangasius spp., and other catfish of the order Siluriformes.

Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish, Mississippi and United States, 2007-2008

| Month | Mississippi | | Percent of Previous Year | United States | | Percent of Previous Year |
|-----------|-------------|-------|-----------------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | | 2007 | 2008 | |
| | Tons | | Percent | Tons | | Percent |
| January | 1,045 | 825 | 79 | 4,500 | 3,316 | 74 |
| February | 2,146 | 1,462 | 68 | 6,058 | 5,182 | 86 |
| March | 16,944 | | | 38,718 | | |
| April | 19,217 | | | 40,998 | | |
| May | 49,837 | | | 102,859 | | |
| June | 62,580 | | | 127,246 | | |
| July | 65,230 | | | 133,478 | | |
| August | 65,099 | | | 135,806 | | |
| September | 63,635 | | | 126,105 | | |
| October | 36,018 | | | 73,196 | | |
| November | 8,855 | | | 21,830 | | |
| December | 1,645 | | | 7,209 | | |

Mississippi Corn Average Yields, 2003-2007

| County | Number of Years | Average Yield (bu) | County | Number of Years | Average Yield (bu) |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Bolivar | 5 | 165.4 | Attala | 5 | 108.2 |
| Coahoma | 5 | 155.4 | Carroll | 5 | 143.6 |
| Quitman | 3 | 153.7 | Holmes | 5 | 144.9 |
| Tallahatchie | 5 | 158.2 | Madison | 5 | 114.3 |
| Tunica | 3 | 155.0 | Montgomery | 5 | 119.2 |
| District 10 | 5 | 158.0 | Rankin | 5 | 118.0 |
| Benton | 5 | 103.8 | Scott | 4 | 95.9 |
| Calhoun | 5 | 105.3 | Webster | 4 | 113.2 |
| Desoto | 5 | 133.2 | District 50 | 5 | 125.2 |
| Grenada | 1 | 150.4 | Chickasaw | 5 | 102.7 |
| Lafayette | 3 | 118.8 | Clay | 5 | 101.8 |
| Marshall | 5 | 112.7 | Lowndes | 5 | 94.2 |
| Panola | 5 | 129.0 | Monroe | 5 | 91.1 |
| Tate | 5 | 126.1 | Noxubee | 5 | 111.1 |
| Yalobusha | 3 | 117.9 | District 60 | 5 | 102.1 |
| District 20 | 5 | 120.8 | Claiborne | 5 | 134.9 |
| Alcorn | 5 | 109.0 | Hinds | 5 | 113.3 |
| Itawamba | 5 | 85.3 | Jefferson | 2 | 144.6 |
| Lee | 5 | 97.3 | Warren | 5 | 144.0 |
| Pontotoc | 4 | 123.8 | District 70 | 5 | 125.5 |
| Prentiss | 4 | 81.1 | Covington | 2 | 112.7 |
| Tippah | 5 | 101.8 | Lawrence | 3 | 92.3 |
| Tishomingo | 3 | 82.9 | Simpson | 4 | 118.9 |
| Union | 5 | 109.8 | District 80 | 5 | 90.3 |
| District 30 | 5 | 102.0 | George | 4 | 80.5 |
| Humphreys | 5 | 150.7 | Newton | 3 | 98.0 |
| Issaquena | 5 | 153.1 | District 90 | 5 | 94.4 |
| Leflore | 5 | 166.0 | State Average | 5 | 136.6 |
| Sharkey | 5 | 155.5 | | | |
| Sunflower | 5 | 149.9 | | | |
| Washington | 5 | 166.0 | | | |
| Yazoo | 5 | 143.4 | | | |
| District 40 | 5 | 154.2 | | | |

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

Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, March 1, 2007-2008

| Region | Broiler-type | | | Egg-type | | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 |
| | 1,000 | | Percent | 1,000 | | Percent |
| North Atlantic | 11,858 | 12,614 | 106 | 6,847 | 5,094 | 74 |
| East North Central | 9,721 | 11,448 | 118 | 8,078 | 7,116 | 88 |
| West North Central | 28,711 | 30,429 | 106 | 8,939 | 8,575 | 96 |
| South Atlantic | 248,207 | 251,372 | 101 | 3,957 | 4,624 | 117 |
| South Central | 340,157 | 347,643 | 102 | 4,876 | 5,997 | 123 |
| West | 25,161 | 25,575 | 102 | 5,771 | 5,125 | 89 |
| United States | 663,815 | 679,081 | 102 | 38,468 | 36,531 | 95 |

February Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

| State | All Layers on Hand ¹ | | Table Eggs ² | | Hatching Eggs ² | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 | 2007 | 2008 |
| | 1,000 | | | Million Eggs | | |
| Alabama | 9,225 | 9,535 | 26 | 29 | 133 | 143 |
| Arkansas | 14,561 | 14,536 | 92 | 81 | 161 | 177 |
| Florida | 11,216 | 10,876 | 223 | 226 | 9 | 9 |
| Georgia | 19,755 | 19,442 | 205 | 200 | 167 | 178 |
| Mississippi | 6,672 | 6,376 | 36 | 36 | 83 | 84 |
| North Carolina | 11,902 | 12,757 | 88 | 114 | 128 | 134 |
| South Carolina | 4,807 | 4,583 | 73 | 67 | 19 | 20 |
| Virginia | 3,257 | 3,160 | 30 | 27 | 31 | 30 |
| United States | 348,843 | 343,366 | 5,943 | 6,053 | 1,008 | 1,072 |

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

² Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

February Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

| State | During February | | | January-February | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------------|----------------|------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 | 2007 | 2008 | 2008/2007 |
| Alabama | 101,237 | 109,490 | 108 | 214,079 | 227,613 | 106 |
| Arkansas | 92,053 | 95,937 | 104 | 194,014 | 200,315 | 103 |
| Florida | 4,587 | 4,774 | 104 | 9,569 | 9,787 | 102 |
| Georgia | 114,722 | 118,523 | 103 | 242,665 | 246,284 | 101 |
| Mississippi | 62,342 | 65,686 | 105 | 129,491 | 135,467 | 105 |
| North Carolina | 61,954 | 67,619 | 109 | 130,969 | 140,427 | 107 |
| South Carolina | 17,680 | 18,376 | 104 | 37,509 | 38,567 | 103 |
| Virginia | 20,513 | 21,652 | 106 | 43,635 | 44,202 | 101 |
| United States | 723,753 | 771,197 | 107 | 1,520,819 | 1,593,063 | 105 |

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, March 2008 with Comparisons

| Commodity | Unit | March 2007 Entire Month | | February 2008 Entire Month | | March 2008 Mid Month | |
|------------------|------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | | MS | US | MS | US | MS | US |
| Dollars | | | | | | | |
| Corn | bu | --- | 3.43 | --- | 4.53 | --- | 4.83 |
| Cotton, Upland | lb | .455 | .464 | .556 | .619 | .558 ¹ | .614 ¹ |
| Sorghum, grain | cwt | --- | 6.48 | --- | 8.35 | --- | 8.72 |
| Soybeans | bu | 7.26 | 6.95 | 10.10 | 11.70 | 11.00 | 11.90 |
| Winter Wheat | bu | --- | 4.67 | --- | 8.97 | --- | 11.00 |
| Rice, Rough | cwt | --- | 10.00 | --- | 12.50 | --- | 12.90 |
| All Milk | cwt | --- | 15.60 | --- | 19.10 | --- | 18.30 |
| Fluid | cwt | --- | 15.60 | --- | 19.10 | --- | 18.30 |
| Manufacturing | cwt | --- | 15.10 | --- | 18.30 | --- | 18.30 |
| All Beef Cattle | cwt | --- | 91.60 | --- | 89.00 | --- | 88.70 |
| Cows | cwt | --- | 47.20 | --- | 51.40 | --- | 52.20 |
| Calves | cwt | --- | 122.00 | --- | 120.00 | --- | 120.00 |
| Steers & Heifers | cwt | --- | 97.70 | --- | 94.20 | --- | 93.80 |
| All Hogs | cwt | --- | 44.90 | --- | 42.20 | --- | 41.20 |
| Barrows & Gilts | cwt | --- | 45.50 | --- | 43.20 | --- | 41.90 |
| Sows | cwt | --- | 33.00 | --- | 22.90 | --- | 25.10 |
| Broilers, Live | lb | --- | .500 | --- | .500 | --- | .510 |
| Market Eggs | doz | .710 ² | .681 ² | 1.250 ² | 1.220 ² | 1.310 | 1.300 |

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

² Mid-month.