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Highlights

- Soybean acreage planted in Mississippi for 2008 is estimated at 2.21 million acres, up 52 percent from 2007 – the most acreage planted since 1988.
- The 2008 cotton crop in the State is estimated at a record low 370,000 acres, down 44 percent from the previous record low set last year.
- Winter wheat planted acreage for 2008 was estimated at 500,000 acres, up 35 percent from 2007 – the highest amount of acreage planted since 1990.

Crop Acreage Planted and Harvested, June 1, 2008, With 2007 Comparisons Mississippi and United States

Crop	Area Planted		2008/2007	Area Harvested		2008/2007
	2007	2008		2007	2008 ¹	
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1000 Acres		Percent
Mississippi						
Soybeans	1,450	2,210	152	1,420	2,180	154
Cotton, All	660.0	370.0	56	655.0	²	---
Rice, All	190	210	111	189	209	111
Sorghum	145	65	45	115	63	55
Corn	960	780	81	940	760	81
Hay, All	---	---	---	750	750	88
Winter Wheat ³	370	500	135	330	480	145
Sweet Potatoes	20.5	20.0	98	20.0	19.0	95
Peanuts	19.0	23.0	121	18.0	22.0	122
United States						
Soybeans	63,631	74,533	117	62,820	72,121	115
Cotton, All	10,827.2	9,246.0	85	10,489.1	²	---
Rice, All	2,761	2,895	105	2,748	2,879	105
Sorghum	7,718	7,291	94	6,805	6,405	94
Corn	93,600	87,327	93	86,542	78,940	91
Hay, All	---	---	---	61,625	60,439	98
Winter Wheat ³	44,987	46,605	104	35,952	40,252	112
Sweet Potatoes	100.6	104.1	103	97.5	100.8	103
Peanuts	1,230.0	1,461.0	119	1,195.0	1,426.0	119

¹ Forecasted.

² Estimates to be released August 12, 2008 in the August Crop Production report.

³ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

**Soybeans: Percent of Acreage Planted Following Another Harvested Crop,
by Selected States and United States, 2004-2008 ¹**

State	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Percent					
Alabama	11	8	6	10	48
Arkansas	16	4	6	23	27
Florida	41	29	*	71	2
Georgia	61	51	69	77	61
Kentucky	34	29	21	26	36
Louisiana	10	9	14	22	24
Maryland	43	27	32	47	47
Mississippi	8	1	4	14	13
Missouri	10	7	11	13	12
North Carolina	31	32	30	38	47
Oklahoma	34	3	20	64	58
South Carolina	38	37	29	36	52
Tennessee	32	15	20	31	40
Texas	3	4	*	*	*
Virginia	37	7	25	44	56
West Virginia	17	9	*	4	*
United States	6	4	5	8	9

¹ Data as obtained from area frame samples. These data do not represent official estimates of the Agricultural Statistics Board but provide raw data as obtained from survey respondents. The purpose of these data is to portray trends in soybean production practices.

* Data rounds to less than 0.5 percent.

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

State	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
1,000 Bushels						
Mississippi						
Wheat, All	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corn	*	6,177	*	*	12,805	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	664	*
Soybeans	*	684	*	*	2,156	*
United States						
Wheat, All	73,190	382,963	456,153	25,635	279,983	305,618
Corn	1,826,600	1,706,843	3,533,443	1,970,900	2,057,117	4,028,017
Oats	18,400	32,198	50,598	16,100	50,704	66,804
Sorghum	5,380	69,490	74,870	7,000	89,805	96,805
Soybeans	500,000	592,185	1,092,185	226,600	449,491	676,091

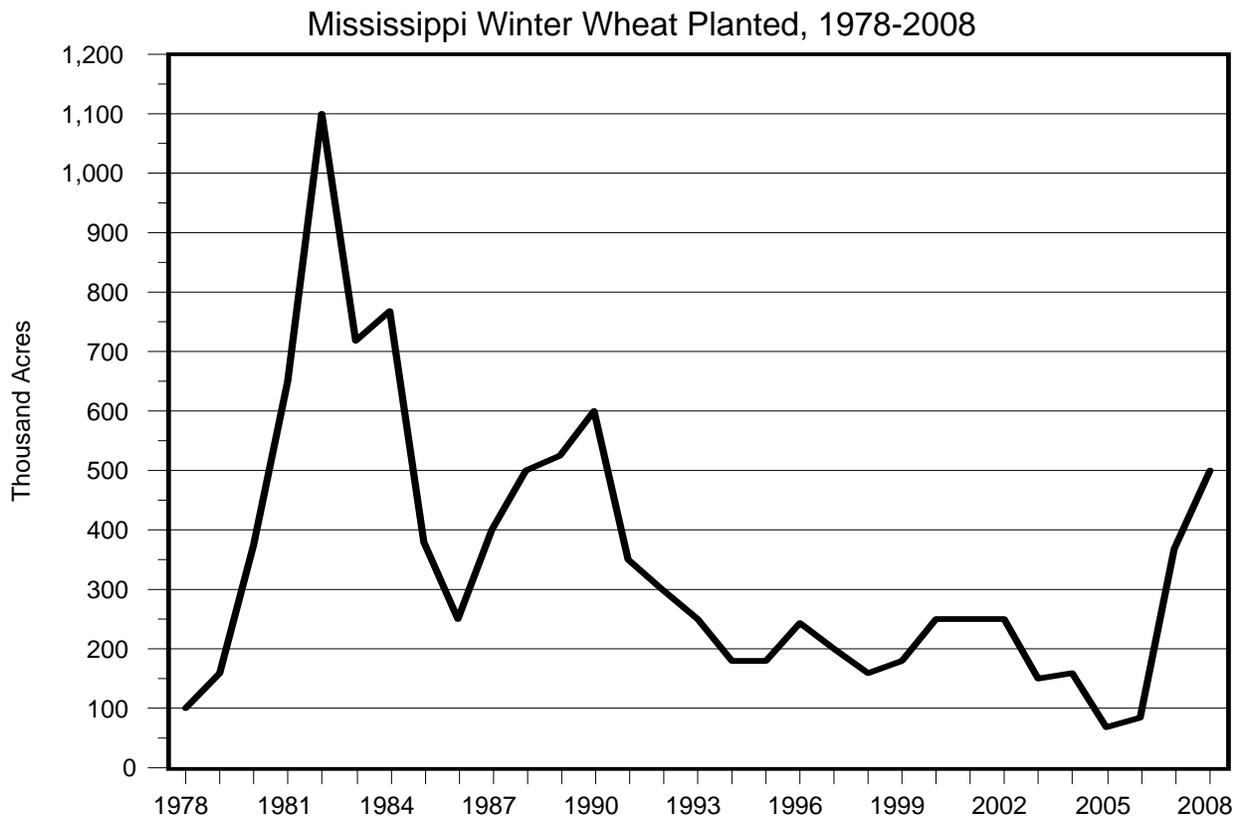
* "Off farms unallocated" includes State data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations; "on farms unallocated" includes minor producing States' data not published separately.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Sweet Potatoes, Marketing Year Average Prices Received,
by State and United States, 2005-2007

State	2005	2006	2007 ¹
Dollars Per Hundredweight			
Alabama	21.40	25.70	31.90
California	25.30	20.10	19.00
Louisiana	16.20	17.30	19.00
Mississippi	18.30	19.80	18.90
New Jersey	26.80	27.70	27.40
North Carolina	14.20	16.20	16.40
South Carolina	17.30	18.30	18.00
Texas	20.50	22.70	19.80
Virginia	11.40	11.60	12.50
United States	18.10	18.20	18.30

¹ Revised



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

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,147	13,493	111	6,027	5,102	85
East North Central	11,237	12,094	108	7,061	8,136	115
West North Central	30,467	29,922	98	10,001	9,759	98
South Atlantic	251,449	244,831	97	5,061	5,121	101
South Central	349,327	348,060	100	4,636	4,917	106
West	25,472	25,813	108	5,764	4,560	79
United States	680,099	674,213	99	38,550	37,595	98

May 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	9,183	9,502	25	30	150	153
Arkansas	14,363	14,036	102	84	184	190
Florida	10,430	10,389	227	222	10	8
Georgia	19,246	18,685	206	198	190	185
Mississippi	6,413	6,257	36	34	91	91
North Carolina	12,255	12,587	108	122	148	141
South Carolina	4,793	4,485	75	74	22	22
Virginia	3,293	3,237	30	30	36	35
United States	342,469	340,319	6,475	6,429	1,148	1,145

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.

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

State	During May			January-May		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
			Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	115,972	119,047	103	555,436	578,116	104
Arkansas	106,622	100,720	94	504,110	503,886	100
Florida	5,108	4,949	97	24,674	24,989	101
Georgia	129,205	125,611	97	614,776	620,518	101
Mississippi	70,629	70,642	100	339,849	346,148	102
North Carolina	73,185	71,786	98	345,344	355,597	103
South Carolina	20,299	19,933	98	96,342	98,177	102
Virginia	24,236	22,332	92	113,716	112,774	99
United States	835,773	823,718	99	3,962,561	4,047,161	102

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, May 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	2,715	3,136	1.71	1.57	168	136
Fillets	4,280	4,042	3.27	3.10	427	340
Other	850	736	1.76	1.65	99	89
Total Fresh	7,845	7,914	2.57	2.36	694	565
Frozen						
Whole Fish	916	1,179	2.23	2.16	1,001	1,332
Fillets ¹	9,310	8,863	2.99	2.88	10,821	7,315
Other ²	3,987	3,833	1.36	1.54	2,927	2,358
Total Frozen	14,213	13,875	2.48	2.45	14,749	11,005
Total Fresh & Frozen	22,058	21,789	2.51	2.42	15,443	11,570

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	46,079	45,992	46,079	45,992	.837	.658
February	44,083	47,634	90,162	93,626	.838	.688
March	45,477	47,908	135,639	141,534	.838	.743
April ²	37,954	46,481	173,593	188,015	.841	.753
May	38,867	45,699	212,460	233,684	.840	.774
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.

**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	6,590	39	38,718	16,491	43
April	19,217	18,222	95	40,998	38,143	93
May	49,837	42,292	85	102,859	81,263	79
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		

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,
Mississippi and United States, 2007-2008**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2007	2008		2007 ¹	2008	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	66	41	62	280	293	105
February	207	49	24	367	238	65
March	1,369	212	15	2,126	482	23
April	1,348	488	36	1,967	986	50
May	3,812	699	18	4,686	1,390	30
June	4,646			5,560		
July	5,764			6,937		
August	8,111			10,028		
September	3,422			5,118		
October	1,737			2,612		
November	280			544		
December	85			225		

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	2,575	7,582	9,603	69.1	71.6	29.9	0.0
March	2,101	2,040	6,430	7,884	252.8	106.3	14.3	11.9
April	1,139	3,040	5,097	10,492	73.5	72.3	0.0	1.2
May	1,394		5,434		51.8		5.1	
June	388		5,469		69.3		24.3	
July	401		5,718		117.2		0.0	
August	80		8,839		77.6		0.0	
September	607		6,741		99.0		43.2	
October	1,061		7,111		126.3		11.8	
November	1,199		7,248		97.4		0.0	
December	1,678		6,880		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.

Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States, May 2008 with Comparisons ¹

State	May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	May 2008 as Percent of ²	
				May 2007	April 2008
Million Pounds			Percent		
Alabama	2.5	2.4	2.0	81	86
Arkansas	4.4	4.8	5.0	113	103
Florida	7.9	8.0	8.9	113	112
Georgia	15.0	13.0	12.4	83	96
Kentucky	47.4	50.0	44.2	93	88
Louisiana	0.5	0.6	0.5	95	84
Mississippi	1.2	1.3	1.1	92	87
Missouri	124.1	146.0	128.0	103	88
North Carolina	188.5	224.8	200.2	106	89
Oklahoma	86.5	100.5	91.2	105	91
South Carolina	22.6	22.1	21.1	93	95
Tennessee	16.3	16.9	16.1	99	96
Texas	419.4	460.1	490.1	117	106
Virginia	38.3	46.1	41.4	108	90
West Virginia	0.3	0.4	0.3	105	77
United States	4,075.5	4,297.0	4,222.3	104	98

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

² Percentages based on unrounded data.

* Revised.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, June 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	June 2007 Entire Month		May 2008 Entire Month		June 2008 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	3.53	---	5.28	---	6.12
Cotton, Upland	lb	.428	.454	.585	.605	.585 ¹	.592 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	6.11	---	9.32	---	11.70
Soybeans	bu	7.61	5.61	12.00	12.10	12.30	13.50
Winter Wheat	bu	---	5.03	---	8.87	---	8.28
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	10.00	---	16.10	---	16.70
All Milk	cwt	---	20.20	---	18.40	---	19.40
Fluid	cwt	---	20.20	---	18.40	---	19.40
Manufacturing	cwt	---	19.80	---	18.70	---	19.50
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	88.80	---	91.10	---	91.60
Cows	cwt	---	50.10	---	53.90	---	53.80
Calves	cwt	---	124.00	---	119.00	---	120.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	93.20	---	95.90	---	95.90
All Hogs	cwt	---	54.30	---	55.30	---	53.60
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	55.10	---	56.60	---	54.70
Sows	cwt	---	37.40	---	25.10	---	27.50
Broilers, Live	lb	---	0.470	---	0.480	---	0.480
Market Eggs	doz	.490 ²	.499 ²	.700 ²	.698 ²	.930	.927

--- Estimates not made.

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

² Mid-month.