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- Wage rates for all workers in the Delta region of the United States during the July 6-12, 2008, period increased 81 cents per hour from the same period a year earlier.
- The 2007 season average price received by Mississippi farmers for winter wheat, other hay and peanuts increased from the previous year.
- Mississippi farmers received an average \$10.80 per bushel for soybeans during July 2008, up \$3.46 from July 2007.

Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States,
July 6-12, 2008, with Comparisons ¹

Farm Employment	July 8-14, 2007	April 6-12, 2008	July 6-12, 2008
		1,000	
Hired Workers	843	700	828
150 Days or More	596	563	285
149 Days or Less	247	137	243
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	363	219	345
		Hours per Week	
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,206	919	1,173
Hours Worked			
Hired	41.4	40.8*	40.5
		Dollars per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers ^{2,3}	9.99	10.57*	10.34
Type or Worker			
Field & Livestock Combined	9.37	9.84*	9.74
Field	9.24	9.65	9.66
Livestock	9.73	10.24*	9.98

* Revised.

¹ Excludes Alaska.

² Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

³ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,
by Selected Regions and United States, July 8-14, 2007, and July 6-12, 2008 ¹**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined		Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008
	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008		
Dollars per Hour								
Northeast II	9.62	9.66	10.04	8.68	9.74	9.50	10.78	10.10
Appalachian I	8.80	9.04	8.80	9.29	8.80	9.10	9.25	9.60
Appalachian II	8.55	9.80	9.85	9.38	9.05	9.65	9.53	10.72
Southeast	8.57	8.56	8.52	8.27	8.55	8.50	9.12	9.00
Florida	8.50	8.84	8.60	9.25	8.51	8.90	9.49	9.90
Cornbelt I	9.22	10.27	10.32	10.87	9.57	10.43	10.20	10.90
Delta	8.14	9.18	9.78	9.74	8.80	9.42	9.07	9.88
Southern Plains	8.14	8.60	9.67	10.12	8.85	9.20	9.18	9.80
Mountain II	9.25	10.39	9.85	11.14	9.45	10.65	9.85	11.00
Pacific	9.64	9.85	10.65	10.22	9.71	9.87	10.41	10.35
California	9.60	9.85	10.60	11.00	9.72	10.00	10.32	10.74
Hawaii ²	10.70	11.10			10.89	11.21	12.87	13.33
United States ³	9.24	9.66	9.73	9.98	9.37	9.74	9.99	10.34

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

² Insufficient data for livestock.

³ Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region and United States,
July 8-14, 2007, and July 6-12, 2008 ¹**

United States and Region	Hired						Number of Hours Worked	
	Number or Workers		Expected to be Employed				Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	Jul 8-14, 2007	Jul 6-12, 2008	
1,000								
Hours per Week								
Appalachian I	40	35	26	26	14	9	37.1	40.3
Appalachian II	30	21	18	13	12	8	34.2	33.5
Southeast	31	41	22	29	9	12	36.3	36.6
Florida	41	42	39	39	2	3	41.0	40.9
Lake	78	64	47	44	31	20	40.2	36.5
Delta	25	39	18	31	7	8	38.1	39.4
Southern Plains	58	57	43	43	15	14	41.0	39.0
United States ²	843	828	596	585	247	243	41.4	40.5

¹ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

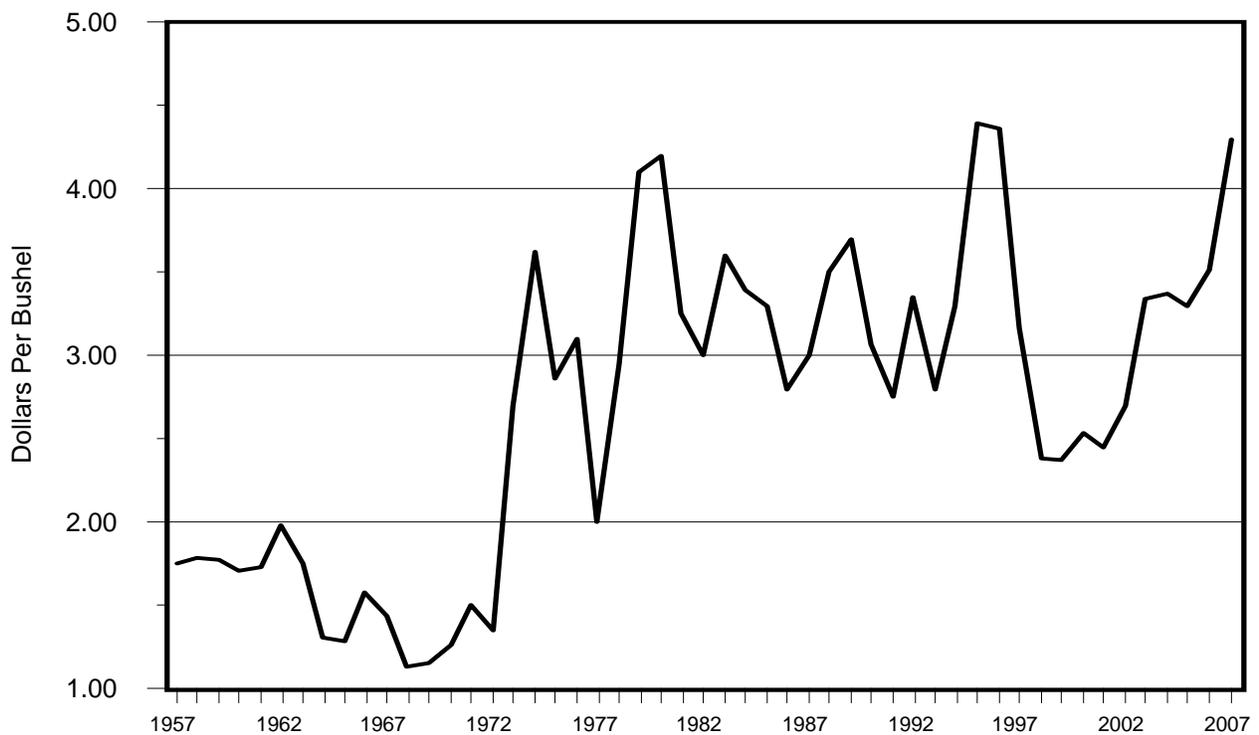
² Excludes Alaska.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Mountain II – CO, NV, UT; Pacific – OR, WA.

Crops: Marketing Year Average Prices Received by Selected States and United States, 2006-2007

State	Winter Wheat		Other Hay		Peanuts	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Dollars per Bushels		Dollars per Ton		Dollars per Pound	
Alabama	3.95	5.30	68.00	97.00	0.168	0.191
Arkansas	3.52	4.72	84.00	90.00		
California	4.11	5.34	89.00	120.00		
Florida	3.15	4.00	101.00	116.00	0.173	0.186
Georgia	3.70	6.50	65.00	80.00	0.175	0.200
Illinois	3.40	5.37	78.00	103.00		
Kansas	4.56	5.93	75.00	81.00		
Kentucky	3.45	5.28	72.00	86.00		
Louisiana	3.60	5.20	63.00	79.00		
Mississippi	3.52	4.30	61.00	65.00	0.168	0.185
Missouri	3.52	5.17	62.00	89.00		
North Carolina	3.26	4.90	68.00	90.00		
Oklahoma	4.70	6.22	88.00	71.00	0.185	0.210
South Carolina	3.05	4.55	65.00	125.00	0.183	0.222
Tennessee	3.53	5.05	57.00	91.00		
Texas	4.47	6.40	123.00	123.00	0.187	0.235
Virginia	3.24	5.78	136.00	143.00	0.167	0.204
United States	4.17	6.13	103.00	110.00	0.177	0.205

Mississippi Winter Wheat Market Year Average Prices Received, 1957-2007



Rice Stocks by Position, State and United States, August 1, 2007-2008

State	2007			2008		
	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ¹	Total All Positions
Rough Rice – 1,000 Cwt						
Arkansas	420	21,091	21,511	210	14,730	14,940
California	115	7,292	7,407	*	*	5,746
Louisiana	150	1,636	1,786	*	*	460
Mississippi	*	*	380	*	*	542
Missouri	*	*	1,095	*	*	829
Texas	*	*	2,754	*	*	1,859
Unallocated *	535	3,694		185	9,251	
United States	1,220	33,713	34,933	395	23,981	24,376
Milled Rice – 1,000 Cwt						
Arkansas		1,225	1,225		1,452	1,452
California		591	591		*	*
Louisiana		*	*		*	*
Mississippi		*	*		*	*
Missouri		*	*		*	*
Texas		*	*		762	762
Unallocated *		1,295	1,295		1,361	1,361
United States		3,111	3,111		3,575	3,575

* Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, ports, and in transit.

Region: Northeast II – DE, MD, NJ, PA; Appalachian I – NC, VA; Appalachian II – KY, TN, WV; Southeast – AL, GA, SC; Cornbelt I – IL, IN, OH; Delta – AR, LA, MS; Southern Plains – OK, TX; Mountain II – CO, NV, UT; Pacific – OR, WA.

Mississippi Rice Average Yields: 2003-2007

County	Number of Years	Weighted Average Yield (lbs)	County	Number of Years	Weighted Average Yield (lbs)
Bolivar	5	6,949	Humphreys	5	6,597
Coahoma	5	6,961	Leflore	5	6,924
Quitman	5	6,766	Sharkey	5	7,019
Tallahatchie	5	6,507	Sunflower	5	6,688
Tunica	5	6,839	Washington	5	7,208
District 10	5	6,864	District 40	5	6,902
Panola	4	6,587	Other Districts	5	6,558
District 20	4	6,697	State Average	5	6,871

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 Cotton Average Yields: 2003-2007

County	Number of Years	Weighted Average Yield (lbs)	County	Number of Years	Weighted Average Yield (lbs)
Bolivar	5	960	Attala	5	790
Coahoma	5	956	Carroll	5	918
Quitman	5	986	Holmes	5	948
Tallahatchie	5	974	Madison	5	857
Tunica	5	908	Montgomery	5	846
District 10	5	953	Rankin	5	796
			Webster	5	829
Benton	1	655	District 50	5	895
Calhoun	5	727			
De Soto	2	894	Chickasaw	3	687
Grenada	2	783	Lowndes	4	575
Lafayette	3	813	Monroe	5	642
Panola	5	817	Noxubee	5	837
Tate	5	909	District 60	5	684
Yalobusha	5	848			
District 20	5	811	Claiborne	1	1,029
			Hinds	5	790
Alcorn	1	560	Jefferson	5	905
Lee	1	511	Warren	5	944
Pontotoc	1	742	District 70	5	895
Prentiss	2	632			
Union	1	812	Other Districts	5	701
District 30	5	653			
Humphreys	5	971			
Issaquena	5	924			
Leflore	5	1,000			
Sharkey	5	1,016			
Sunflower	5	967			
Washington	5	943			
Yazoo	5	919			
District 40	5	963	State Average	5	915

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

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	12,135	13,403	110	4,755	4,381	92
East North Central	11,977	12,191	102	6,522	6,643	102
West North Central	29,557	29,594	100	8,349	8,355	100
South Atlantic	248,901	239,229	96	3,881	2,999	77
South Central	347,085	333,810	96	4,245	5,665	133
West	24,361	22,571	93	4,689	4,997	107
United States	674,016	650,798	97	32,441	33,040	102

July 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	9,153	9,213	28	30	150	148
Arkansas	13,838	13,488	93	86	180	184
Florida	10,564	9,974	234	214	10	6
Georgia	19,121	18,493	206	200	188	182
Mississippi	6,457	6,298	38	38	92	92
North Carolina	12,137	12,253	105	119	145	134
South Carolina	4,644	4,225	77	73	22	23
Virginia	3,196	3,073	30	31	36	32
United States	340,035	336,101	6,461	6,486	1,138	1,115

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.

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

State	During July			January-July		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
			Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	115,396	114,172	99	783,116	809,249	103
Arkansas	103,993	97,655	94	711,931	699,574	98
Florida	5,029	5,095	101	34,537	34,916	101
Georgia	127,616	123,297	97	867,709	866,238	100
Mississippi	70,283	70,011	100	478,955	485,346	101
North Carolina	71,976	69,616	97	488,021	494,429	101
South Carolina	19,694	19,459	99	135,942	137,375	101
Virginia	23,662	23,095	98	160,683	158,635	99
United States	818,983	806,555	98	5,589,873	5,659,918	101

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,
by Selected States and United States, 2008**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	93,090	97,671	508,156	527,389	5.46	5.40
Arkansas	91,608	96,499	513,315	541,888	5.60	5.62
Georgia	110,035	115,610	578,652	609,137	5.26	5.27
Kentucky	25,271	26,606	138,615	144,875	5.49	5.45
Louisiana	15,370	16,655	90,821	97,903	5.91	5.88
Mississippi	66,295	69,037	379,206	392,504	5.72	5.69
Missouri	33,523	35,347	157,753	162,425	4.71	4.60
North Carolina	60,781	63,582	415,386	435,927	6.83	6.86
South Carolina	25,010	26,349	157,094	163,714	6.28	6.21
Tennessee	22,741	24,037	115,868	121,732	5.10	5.06
Texas	54,277	56,812	285,984	303,255	5.27	5.34
Virginia	25,340	28,124	124,736	134,215	4.92	4.77
United States	747,140	785,338	4,154,004	4,350,435	5.56	5.54

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Pounds Certified and Post-Mortem Condemnations,
by Selected States and United States, 2008**

State	Total Pounds Certified ¹		Post-Mortem Condemnations			
			Carcass and Parts		Percent ²	
	June	July	June	July	June	July
	1,000 Pounds				Percent	
Alabama	377,523	396,243	3,106	3,139	0.82	0.79
Arkansas	367,929	385,854	3,999	4,587	1.08	1.17
Georgia	434,223	458,129	3,526	3,074	0.81	0.67
Kentucky	100,075	104,593	660	613	0.66	0.58
Louisiana	67,669	72,430	306	324	0.45	0.45
Mississippi	289,649	298,255	2,347	2,578	0.80	0.86
Missouri	115,912	119,252	1,205	1,235	1.03	1.03
North Carolina	317,768	333,568	3,595	4,006	1.12	1.19
South Carolina	117,874	122,624	960	993	0.81	0.80
Tennessee	83,626	87,835	840	738	0.99	0.83
Texas	221,086	234,692	1,837	1,866	0.82	0.79
Virginia	86,618	93,808	1,123	636	1.28	0.67
United States	3,078,023	3,224,942	30,190	30,491	0.97	0.94

¹ Ready to cook weights.

² Pounds condemned as a percent of pounds certified plus post-mortem condemnations.

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, August 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	August 2007 Entire Month		July 2008 Entire Month		August 2008 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	3.26	---	5.24	---	4.90
Cotton, Upland	lb	.442	.449	.576	.593	.579 ¹	.594 ¹
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	5.93	---	9.07	---	8.26
Soybeans	bu	7.34	7.72	10.80	13.30	10.80	12.10
Winter Wheat	bu	---	5.66	---	7.10	---	7.70
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	10.10	---	17.20	---	17.70
All Milk	cwt	---	21.60	---	19.40	---	18.50
Fluid	cwt	---	21.60	---	19.40	---	18.50
Manufacturing	cwt	---	19.90	---	18.90	---	18.10
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	91.40	---	95.10	---	96.10
Cows	cwt	---	51.50	---	56.40	---	57.60
Calves	cwt	---	127.00	---	115.00	---	114.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	95.70	---	99.60	---	100.00
All Hogs	cwt	---	51.30	---	54.20	---	59.70
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	52.10	---	56.00	---	61.10
Sows	cwt	---	36.10	---	20.10	---	33.10
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.460	---	.500	---	.470
Market Eggs	doz	.700 ³	.722 ³	.690 ³	.668 ³	.870	.815

--- Estimates not made.

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

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Mid-month.

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