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This report contains the results from the *2015 Fresh Market Vegetable Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web sites at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

Watermelon and Tomato Acreage Decline in the Delta

Arkansas' 2015 watermelon planted acreage was down 6 percent from 2014; harvested acres were also down 6 percent. With a yield at 225 cwt/ac, production rose 6 percent from the 2014 crop. Price per cwt increased 14 percent from 2014 to an average price of \$14.80/cwt. Tomatoes in the state decreased 100 acres from 2014, but saw an increase in yield, going from 170 cwt/ac to 190 cwt/ac. Production decreased slightly from 2014. The price of tomatoes dropped \$3.00/cwt to a season average of \$59.00/cwt.

Mississippi watermelons decreased in both planted and harvested acres from 2014; 17 percent and 14 percent, respectively. Watermelon yield, at 175 cwt/ac, decreased 3 percent from 2014, while production dropped 63,000 cwt to 315,000 cwt. Price per cwt increased 3 percent from 2014 to an average price of \$12.00/cwt.

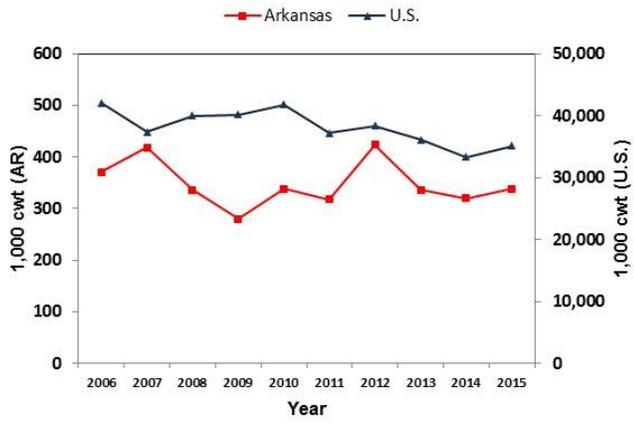
Watermelons for Fresh Market Area – Arkansas, Mississippi, Select States, and U.S.: 2014-2015

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Price per cwt	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>cwt</i>	<i>cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>
Arkansas	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,500	200	225	320	338	13.00	14.80
Mississippi	2,400	2,000	2,100	1,800	180	175	378	315	11.70	12.00
Florida	21,000	21,500	19,700	21,000	245	280	4,827	5,880	16.60	15.00
Georgia	20,000	19,500	19,000	19,000	270	290	5,130	5,510	15.60	14.80
Texas	24,000	29,000	20,000	23,000	260	240	5,200	5,520	9.60	9.40
United States	122,300	127,000	111,350	115,750	299	303	33,263	35,104	13.50	13.80

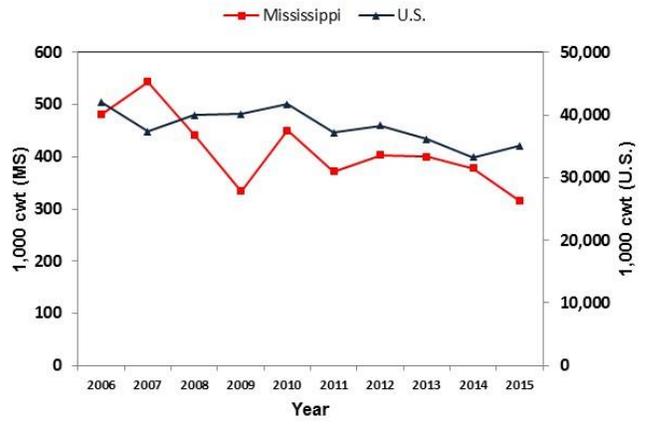
Tomatoes for Fresh Market Area – Arkansas, Select States, and U.S.: 2014-2015

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		Price per cwt	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>acres</i>	<i>cwt</i>	<i>cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>dollars</i>
Arkansas	1,000	900	900	800	170	190	153	152	62.00	59.00
California	32,900	30,900	32,300	30,400	315	310	10,175	9,424	34.80	34.90
Florida	35,000	33,000	33,000	32,200	280	295	9,240	9,499	47.30	47.70
Ohio	3,700	3,700	3,600	3,500	265	253	954	886	36.60	54.40
Tennessee	4,100	3,500	3,900	3,400	340	295	1,326	1,003	43.00	56.00
Texas	850	1,100	780	900	100	90	78	81	57.30	60.00
United States	101,900	97,500	97,600	94,300	280	287	27,280	27,026	41.60	46.00

Watermelons: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006-2015



Watermelons: Production, Mississippi and U.S., 2006-2015



Tomatoes: Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006-2015

