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Mississippi Cotton Production Down From Last Month

The October 1, 2008, Mississippi **Cotton** production is forecast at 680,000 bales, down 48 percent from last year and 12 percent below last month's forecast. Yield is forecast at 907 pounds per acre, down 59 pounds from last year. **Soybean** production is forecast at 74.9 million bushels, up 28 percent from the previous year, but 10 percent below a month ago. Yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, down 2.5 bushels from last year. **Rice** production is forecast at 16.5 million hundredweight, up 17 percent from 2007, but down 3 percent

from last month's forecast. Yield is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, down 250 pounds from last year. **Corn** for grain production is forecast at 100 million bushels, down 29 percent from 2007 and 4 percent below last month's forecast. Yield per acre is forecast at 143 bushels, down 7 bushels per acre from last year. **Peanut** production is forecast at 71.4 million pounds, up 20 percent from last year and 3 percent above last month's forecast. Yield is forecast at 3,400 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds from 2007.

Crop Acreage, Yield and Production, Mississippi and United States, October 1, 2008

Crop	Unit	Acreage		Yield		Production	
		Harvested 2007	For Harvest 2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		1,000 Acres				1,000 Units	
Mississippi							
Soybeans	bu	1,440	1,970	40.5 *	38.0	58,320	74,860
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	655.0	360.0 **	966	907	1,318	680
All Rice ²	cwt	189	229	7,450 *	7,200	14,081	16,488
Corn Grain	bu	940	700	150 *	143	141,000	100,100
Peanuts	lbs	18.0	21.0	3,300	3,400	59,400	71,400
United States							
Soybeans	bu	64,141	75,479	41.7	39.5	2,675,822	2,983,023
All Cotton ^{1 2}	bale	10,489.1	7,755.0	879 *	849	19,206.9	13,711.0
All Rice ²	cwt	2,748	2,924	7,185 *	6,982	197,456	204,141
Corn Grain	bu	86,542	79,197	151.1	154.0	13,073,893	12,199,908
Peanuts	lbs	1,195	1,494	3,076	3,298	3,675,250	4,927,650

* Record high.

** Record low.

¹ Production ginned and to be ginned. 480-lb. net weight bales.

² Yield in pounds per acre.

**Rice: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, by State and United States,
Forecasted October 1, 2008, with Comparisons**

State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production ¹	
			2007	2008			
	2007	2008		Sep 1	Oct 1	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels	
Arkansas	1,325	1,345	7,130	7,200	6,900	94,487	92,805
California	533	517	8,220	7,800	8,100	43,822	41,877
Louisiana	378	465	6,140	5,700	5,700	23,222	26,505
Mississippi	189	229	7,450	7,400	7,200	14,081	16,488
Missouri	178	199	6,900	7,100	7,100	12,279	14,129
Texas	145	169	6,600	7,200	7,300	9,565	12,337
United States	2,748	2,924	7,185	7,076	6,982	197,456	204,141

Stocks of Grain in All Positions, Mississippi and United States, September 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	*	*	*	*	321	*
Corn	*	*	*	*	1,056	*
Oats		*	*		*	*
Sorghum	*	*	*	*	*	*
Soybeans	*	*	*	*	*	*
United States						
Wheat, All	495,000	1,221,927	1,716,927	635,000	1,221,576	1,856,576
Corn	460,100	843,547	1,303,647	499,950	1,124,200	1,624,150
Oats	53,650	34,710	88,360	52,800	66,275	119,075
Sorghum	2,150	29,903	32,053	3,550	49,200	52,750
Soybeans	143,000	430,810	573,810	47,000	158,034	205,034

* "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.

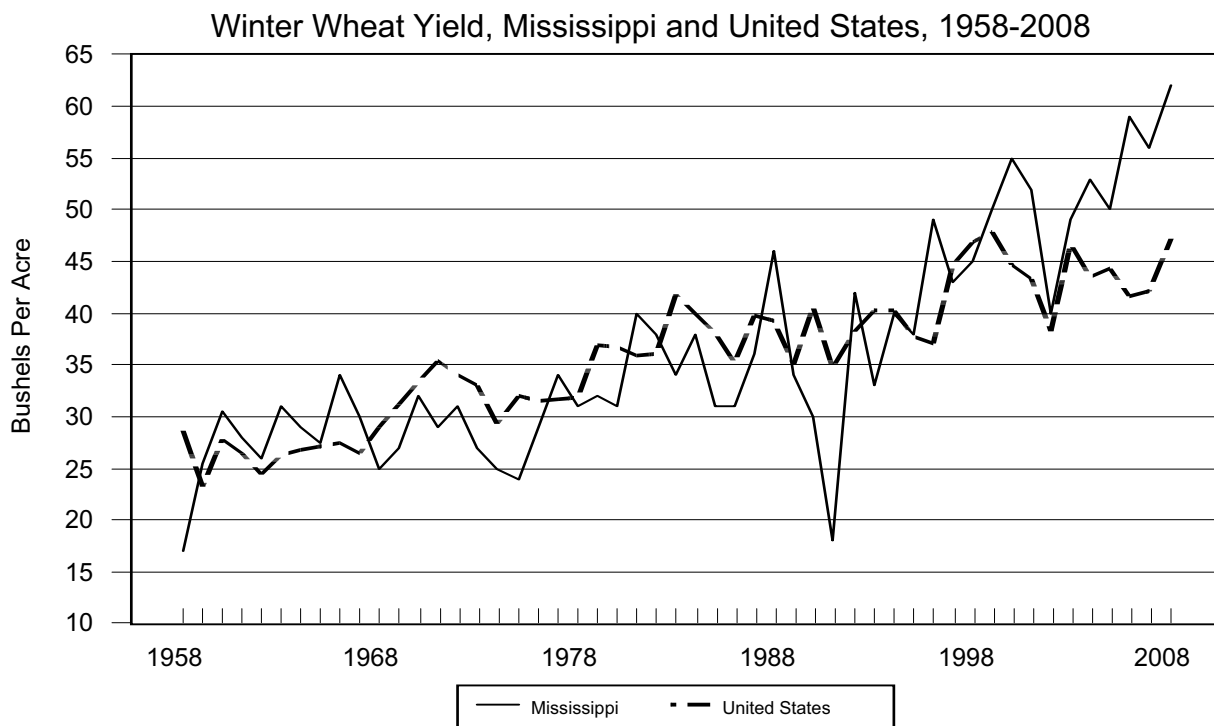
¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors.

Winter Wheat Acreage, Yield and Production, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

State	Area Planted ¹		Area Harvested		Yield		Production ¹	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Acres				Bushels		1,000 Bushels	
Alabama	120	240	80	200	43.0	71.0	3,440	14,200
Arkansas	820	1,070	700	980	41.0	57.0	28,700	55,860
California	500	650	240	400	80.0	85.0	19,200	34,000
Georgia	360	480	230	400	40.0	56.0	9,200	22,400
Illinois	1,000	1,200	890	1,150	57.0	64.0	50,730	73,600
Kentucky	440	580	250	460	49.0	71.0	12,250	32,660
Louisiana	235	400	220	385	54.0	57.0	11,880	21,945
Mississippi	370	520	330	485	56.0	62.0 *	18,480	30,070
Missouri	1,050	1,250	880	1,160	43.0	48.0	37,840	55,680
North Carolina	630	820	500	720	40.0	60.0	20,000	43,200
Ohio	820	1,120	730	1,090	63.0	68.0	45,990	74,120
Oklahoma	5,900	5,600	3,500	4,500	28.0	37.0	98,000	166,500
South Carolina	160	220	135	205	31.0	54.0	4,185	11,070
South Dakota	2,100	2,050	1,980	1,890	48.0	55.0	95,040	103,950
Tennessee	420	620	260	520	41.0	63.0	10,660	32,760
Texas	6,200	5,800	3,800	3,300	37.0	30.0	140,600	99,000
Virginia	230	310	205	280	64.0	71.0	13,120	19,880
United States	44,987	46,181	35,952	39,614	42.2	47.2	1,515,989	1,867,903

¹ Includes area planted in preceding fall.

* Record high.



Mississippi Catfish County Estimates, 2006-2008 ¹

County	Total Water Surface Acres Used for Production ² Jan 1 - Jun 30		Foodsize Sales			
			Live Weight		Total Sales	
	2007	2008	2006	2007	2006	2007
Acres		Pounds		Dollars		
District 10	*	5,900	24,700,000	21,100,000	19,055,000	15,680,000
Humphreys	19,300	18,400	52,145,000	49,600,000	39,420,000	35,890,000
Leflore	15,100	14,900	52,300,000	61,700,000	41,240,000	45,570,000
Sunflower	24,100	20,800	67,750,000	57,800,000	52,480,000	42,150,000
Washington	6,300	5,900	20,950,000	18,900,000	16,450,000	13,840,000
Yazoo	5,100	3,800	16,760,000	13,400,000	13,125,000	10,090,000
Other Counties	3,200	2,900	4,805,000	3,800,000	3,875,000	2,890,000
District 40	73,100	66,700	214,710,000	205,200,000	166,590,000	150,430,000
District 50	750	*	*	*	*	*
Chickasaw	1,000	1,000	4,820,000	4,200,000	3,573,000	3,000,000
Lowndes	1,900	2,000	10,760,000	9,500,000	8,187,000	6,740,000
Noxubee	6,800	6,400	34,960,000	31,600,000	26,815,000	22,600,000
Other Counties	4,300	4,100	21,110,000	17,595,000	15,175,000	12,610,000
District 60	14,000	13,500	71,650,000	62,895,000	53,750,000	44,950,000
Other Districts	6,150	1,200	1,940,000	805,000	1,615,000	640,000
State Total	94,000	87,300	313,000,000	290,000,000	241,010,000	211,700,000

¹ Estimates for operations with ponds in more than one county are included in the county where the farm's headquarters is located.

² Total water surface acres include acres used for broodfish, foodfish and fingerling production.

* Included in Other Districts.

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	2,864	5,434	10,151	51.8	57.0	5.1	0.0
June	388	1,758	5,469	11,299	69.3	71.0	24.3	10.9
July	401	1,202	5,718	8,674	117.2	52.1	0.0	14.6
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.

Mississippi: Leading Commodities for Cash Receipts, 2007

Rank	Items	Value of Mississippi Receipts	Percent of Total Receipts	Cumulative Percent ^{1/}	Percent of U.S. Value ^{2/}	Value of U.S. Receipts
		1,000 Dollars		----- Percent -----		1,000 Dollars
	All Commodities	4,341,957	100.0	--	1.5	284,843,650
	Livestock and Products	2,753,775	63.4	--	2.0	137,889,448
	Crops	1,588,182	36.6	--	1.1	146,954,202
1	Broilers	1,984,192	45.7	45.7	9.2	21,460,211
2	Cotton	453,980	10.5	56.2	7.4	6,172,099
3	Soybeans	345,665	8.0	64.1	1.6	21,113,437
4	Corn	338,273	7.8	71.9	1.0	33,922,784
5	Aquaculture	247,666	5.7	77.6	22.0	1,126,387
6	Cattle and calves	194,778	4.5	82.1	0.4	49,721,888
7	Chicken eggs	171,379	3.9	86.0	2.6	6,678,147
8	Rice	138,551	3.2	89.2	6.7	2,083,441
9	Wheat	84,025	1.9	91.2	0.8	10,686,156
10	Hogs	71,316	1.6	92.8	0.5	14,785,505
11	Dairy products	65,688	1.5	94.3	0.2	35,425,015
12	Sweet Potatoes	61,157	1.4	95.7	17.5	348,788
13	Greenhouse/nursery	45,465	1.0	96.8	0.3	17,178,517
14	Hay	34,486	0.8	97.6	0.5	6,280,990
15	Sorghum grain	28,221	0.6	98.2	2.0	1,423,419
16	Blueberries	17,250	0.4	98.6	2.9	602,357
17	Peanuts	12,058	0.3	98.9	1.6	762,646
18	Watermelons	6,365	0.1	99.0	1.3	476,209
19	Farm chickens	4,279	0.1	99.1	8.4	50,783
20	Pecans	3,090	0.1	99.2	0.7	434,725
21	Honey	1,418	0.0	99.2	0.9	158,048
	Government payments ^{3/}	591,152	--	--	5.0	11,903,128
	Net farm income ^{4/}	1,422,063	--	--	1.7	86,035,331

-- Not applicable.

¹ The cumulative percentage is the sum of the percent of total receipts for each commodity and all preceding commodities.

² Percent State receipts are of U.S. receipts for same line item.

³ Government payments made directly to farmers in cash or Payment-in Kind.

⁴ Net farm income, a value of production measure, is the farm operator's share of the sector's net value added to the National economy from production activities within a calendar year.

Pecans: Utilized Production and Price by Variety, by State and United States, 2006-2008

Variety and State	Utilized Production (In Shell Basis)		
	2006	2007	2008
	1,000 Pounds		
Improved Varieties ¹			
Alabama	5,400	8,700	7,000
Arizona	14,000	23,000	15,500
Arkansas	1,150	1,500	550
California	3,400	4,400	4,000
Florida	200	1,700	1,400
Georgia	36,000	135,000	68,000
Louisiana	3,500	3,000	2,500
Mississippi	2,000	2,200	900
Missouri	160	2	140
New Mexico	47,000	74,000	45,000
North Carolina	420	160	510
Oklahoma	5,000	3,000	2,000
South Carolina	900	1,500	1,800
Texas	33,000	44,000	22,000
United States	152,130	302,162	171,300
Native and Seeding			
Alabama	600	1,300	1,000
Arkansas	1,050	800	450
Florida	300	200	300
Georgia	6,000	15,000	2,000
Kansas	2,000	500	1,500
Louisiana	17,500	11,000	4,500
Mississippi	500	800	400
Missouri	940	3	820
North Carolina	80	40	90
Oklahoma	12,000	27,000	11,000
South Carolina	200	500	700
Texas	14,000	26,000	10,000
United States	55,170	83,143	32,760
All Pecans			
Alabama	6,000	10,000	8,000
Arizona	14,000	23,000	15,500
Arkansas	2,200	2,300	1,000
California	3,400	4,400	4,000
Florida	500	1,900	1,700
Georgia	42,000	150,000	70,000
Kansas	2,000	500	1,500
Louisiana	21,000	14,000	7,000
Mississippi	2,500	3,000	1,300
Missouri	1,100	5	960
New Mexico	47,000	74,000	45,000
North Carolina	500	200	600
Oklahoma	17,000	30,000	13,000
South Carolina	1,100	2,000	2,500
Texas	47,000	70,000	32,000
United States	207,300	385,305	204,060

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

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

Region	Broiler-type			Egg-type		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
North Atlantic	13,257	12,287	93	5,297	5,637	106
East North Central	11,354	11,881	105	6,819	7,072	104
West North Central	30,041	29,654	99	8,392	8,598	102
South Atlantic	246,605	237,183	96	4,320	3,720	86
South Central	344,202	325,952	95	5,323	6,465	121
West	23,640	21,582	91	4,620	4,828	105
United States	669,099	638,539	95	34,771	36,320	104

August 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	9,051	9,361	27	33	149	147
Arkansas	13,803	13,262	100	91	176	179
Florida	10,642	9,927	233	211	10	7
Georgia	19,190	18,259	205	203	188	175
Mississippi	6,342	6,168	38	37	91	91
North Carolina	12,204	12,303	110	123	144	136
South Carolina	4,618	4,185	74	72	22	22
Virginia	3,186	3,018	32	31	34	32
United States	340,651	335,060	6,463	6,445	1,131	1,102

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.

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

State	During August			January-August		
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,000		Percent	1,000		Percent
Alabama	119,091	113,525	95	902,207	922,774	102
Arkansas	104,740	93,120	89	816,671	792,694	97
Florida	5,051	4,851	96	39,588	39,767	100
Georgia	127,754	122,197	96	995,463	988,435	99
Mississippi	69,419	70,073	101	548,374	555,419	101
North Carolina	72,944	69,911	96	560,965	564,340	101
South Carolina	20,429	19,703	96	156,371	157,078	100
Virginia	23,409	23,154	99	184,092	181,789	99
United States	826,599	799,625	97	6,416,472	6,459,543	101

Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, September 2008 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	September 2007 Entire Month		August 2008 Entire Month		September 2008 Mid Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
Dollars							
Corn	bu	---	3.28	---	5.26	---	5.17
Cotton, Upland	lb		.520 ¹	.580	.585		.646 ³
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	6.17	---	8.40	---	8.39
Soybeans	bu	7.85	8.15	11.70	12.80	10.90	11.70
Winter Wheat	bu	---	6.89	---	7.31	---	6.63
Rice, All	cwt	---	10.30	---	18.00	---	17.90
All Milk	cwt	---	21.80	---	18.40	---	18.00
Fluid	cwt	---	21.80	---	18.40	---	18.00
Manufacturing	cwt	---	20.10	---	17.60	---	17.40
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	93.10	---	96.10	---	94.90
Cows	cwt	---	49.30	---	57.40	---	56.00
Calves	cwt	---	126.00	---	116.00	---	116.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	98.30	---	100.00	---	99.50
All Hogs	cwt	---	46.80	---	60.60	---	53.70
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	47.20	---	61.60	---	53.90
Sows	cwt	---	37.00	---	40.30	---	50.40
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.450	---	.470	---	.450
Market Eggs	doz	.960 ⁴	.961 ⁴	.870 ⁴	.815 ⁴	.870	.856

--- Estimates not made.

¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

² Insufficient sales to establish a price.

³ Based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ Mid-month.