

A Look at Mississippi Agriculture



Mississippi

Capital: Jackson
Population: 2,844,658
Founded: December 10, 1817 (20th state)
State Bird: Mockingbird
State Flower: Magnolia
State Fish: Black Bass
Number of Counties: 82
Largest City: Jackson Population: 184,256

Soil

- Most of the fertile earth is silt that is deposited by floodwaters of the Mississippi River.



Climate

- Mississippi is warm and moist with long summers and short winters.
- The average temperature for July 81° F and the average January temperature is 46° F.
- The average precipitation is about 50" in the northwest and about 65" in the southeast.



General

- Mississippi has about 39,000 farms that cover about half of the state.
- Livestock and crops each provide about half of the state's total farm income.



Crops

- Cotton and soybeans are Mississippi's most valuable crops.
- Cotton is grown in the northwest part of the state, and the northeast part grows the majority of the cotton.



Animals

- As in most of the other southern states, Broilers are the leading livestock product in Mississippi.
- Cattle farms are common in all parts of Mississippi except the Mississippi Delta.



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