

2019 MISSISSIPPI

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES



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(OVERVIEW)

34,700 farms

10.4 million acres of land farmed

\$28.5 billion value of farmland & buildings

19.7 million acres of forestland

14,000 miles of streams

640,000 acres of ponds & lakes

Top 6 enterprises in 2019

- poultry and eggs
- forestry
- soybeans
- cotton
- corn
- cattle and calves

Value of production figures were estimated in December 2019. These estimates may change as USDA releases updated information in 2020.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR STATE

(BY THE NUMBERS)

**\$7.45
billion**

2019 farm-gate value of ag
and forestry production
(includes government pymts)

**\$16.17
billion**

2019 value-added to
the MS economy by ag
and forestry production

**\$105.1
million**

R&D expenditures by MSU
in agricultural sciences -
#11 national ranking

3,667

Students enrolled
in Ag Division colleges
at MSU, Fall 2019 -
highest ever

181,219

Farm Bureau
members served
by the largest farm
organization in the
state

2019**CHALLENGING YEAR**

Floods, tariffs, and weather issues made 2019 a challenging year for many Mississippi producers. Despite those factors, a number of positive events occurred.

Corn Yields *174 bushels per acre*

Corn Production *107.88 million bushels*

Corn Production *\$455 million*
(value)

Cotton Yields *1,097 lbs per acre*

Cotton Production *1.6 million bales*

Soybean Yields *50 bushels per acre*

Peanut Yields *4,000 lbs per acre*

Broiler Production *\$2.62 billion*
(value)

All production and income estimates are subject to change as USDA releases updated information in 2020.

Mississippi is in the Top 20 in the production of 12 agricultural commodities

- **#1** in Catfish
- **#3** in Pulpwood
- **#3** in Sweet Potatoes
- **#3** in Cotton
- **#3** in Cottonseed
- **#5** in Broilers
- **#6** in Rice
- **#9** in Peanuts
- **#13** in Soybeans
- **#18** in Hay
- **#19** in Corn
- **#20** in Hogs & Pigs



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FARMS & FARMERS

Farm acreage 10,400,000

Forestry acreage 19,700,000

Demographics of farmers

Race

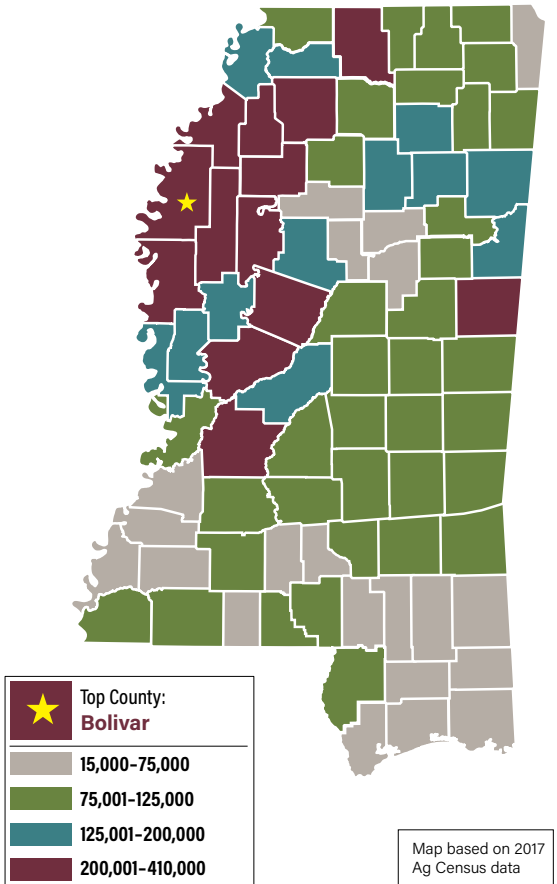
White	85.9%
African American	13.1%
Other	1.0%

Gender

Male	73.9%
Female	26.1%

Average age 59.9

ACREAGE IN FARMS





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FARMS & FARMERS

Number of farms	34,700
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Farms with \$1 million or more in sales	1,946
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Value of farmland & buildings	\$28.5B
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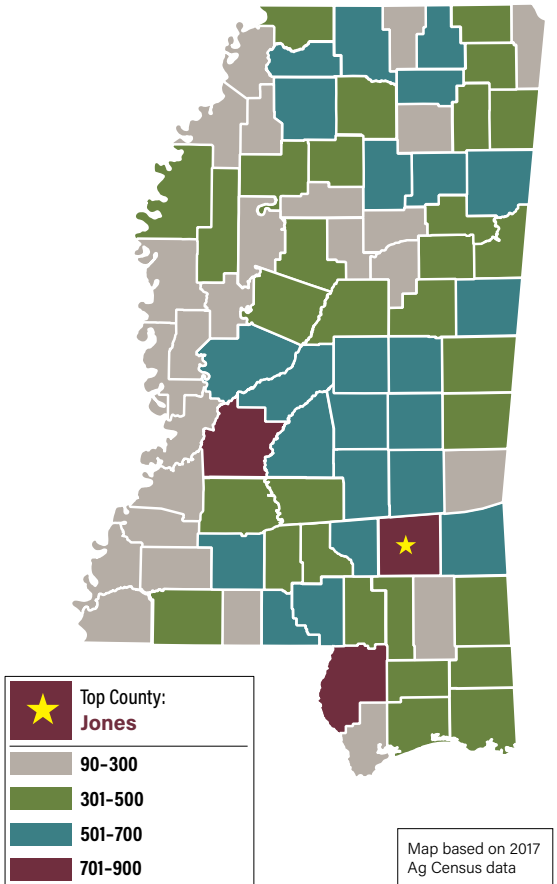
Average size of farm (acres)	300
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Principal operators' primary occupation

Farming	18,347
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Other	27,118
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NUMBER OF FARMS





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BROILERS

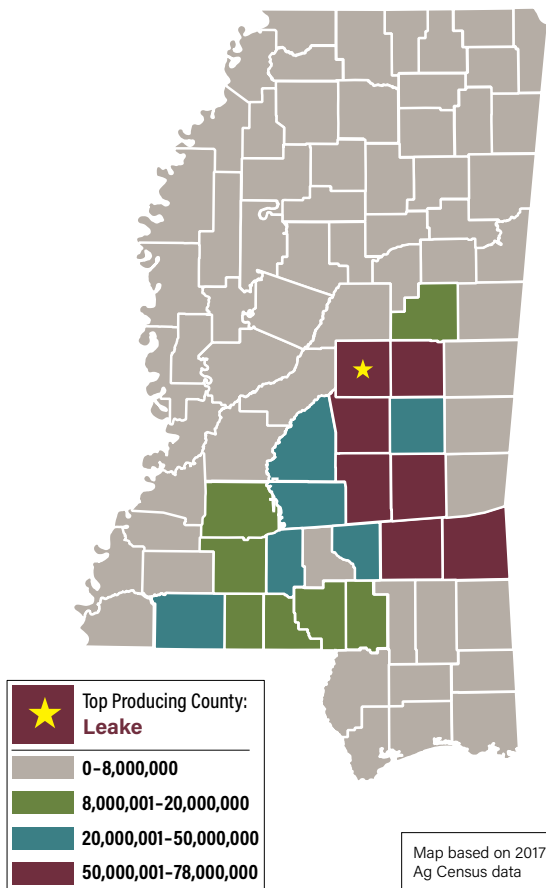
756,000,000 broilers produced in 2019

1,237 farms

\$2,622 million value of production in 2019



NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD





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FORESTRY

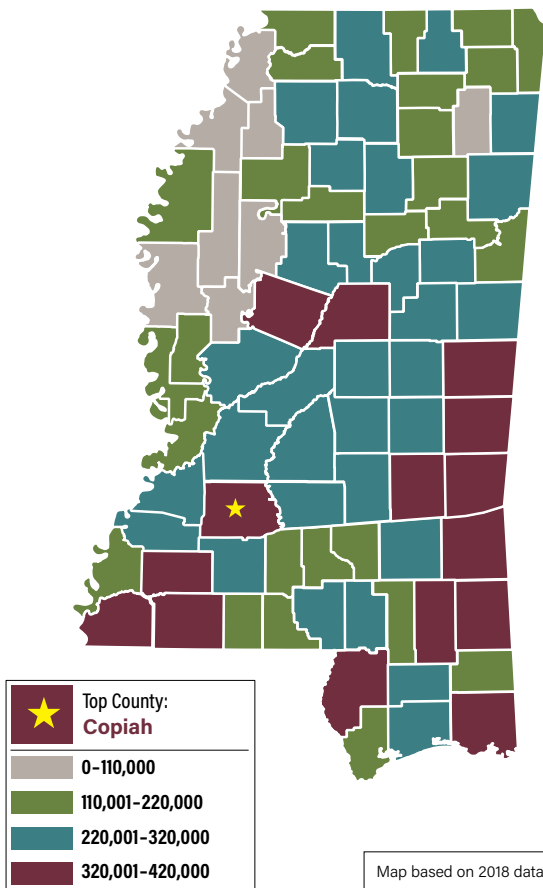
19,700,000 acres

125,000 forest landowners

\$1,150 million value of production in 2019



FOREST ACREAGE





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SOYBEANS

1,630,000 acres harvested in 2019

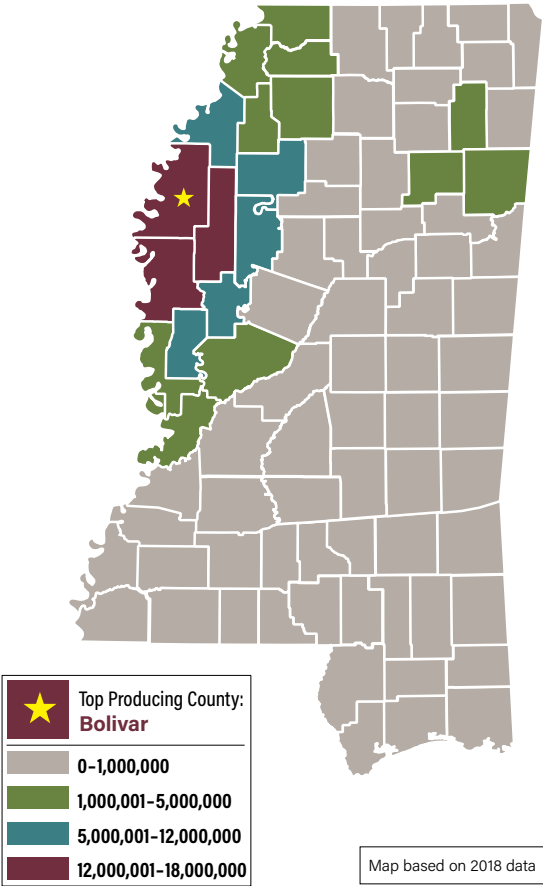
81,500,000 bushels produced in 2019

3,087 farms

\$762 million value of production in 2019



SOYBEAN BUSHEL





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COTTON

700,000 acres harvested in 2019

1,600,000 bales produced in 2019

780 farms

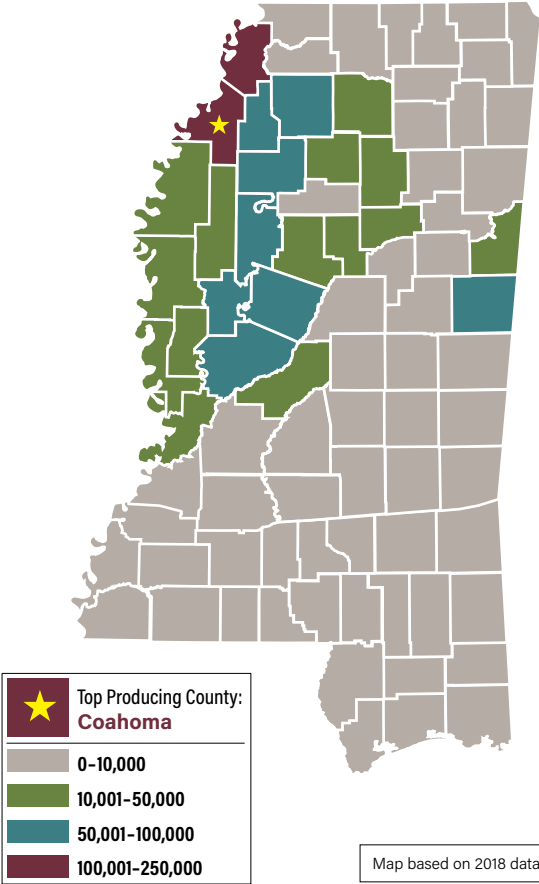
\$585 million value of production in 2019

\$6

MILLION

ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION

COTTON BALES





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CORN

620,000 acres harvested in 2019

107,880,000 bushels produced in 2019

1,427 farms

\$455 million value of production in 2019

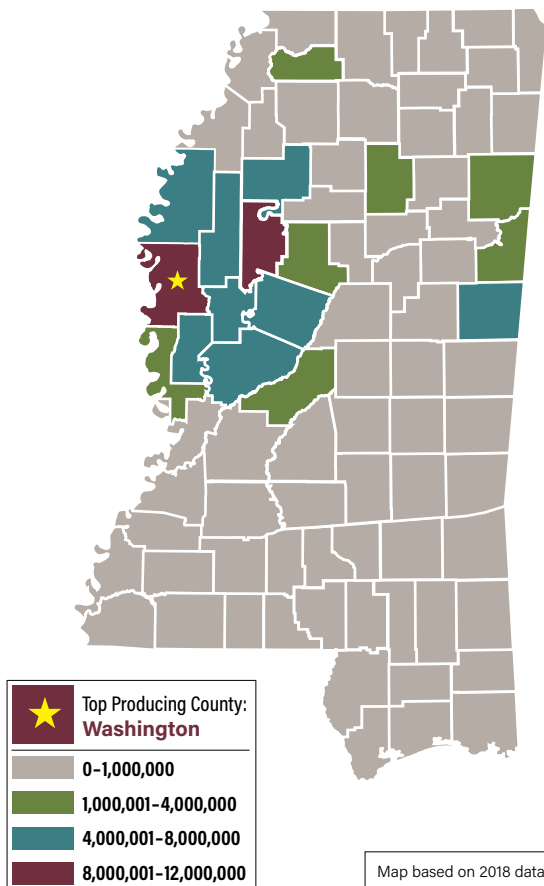


\$128

MILLION

ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION

CORN BUSHEL





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CATTLE & CALVES

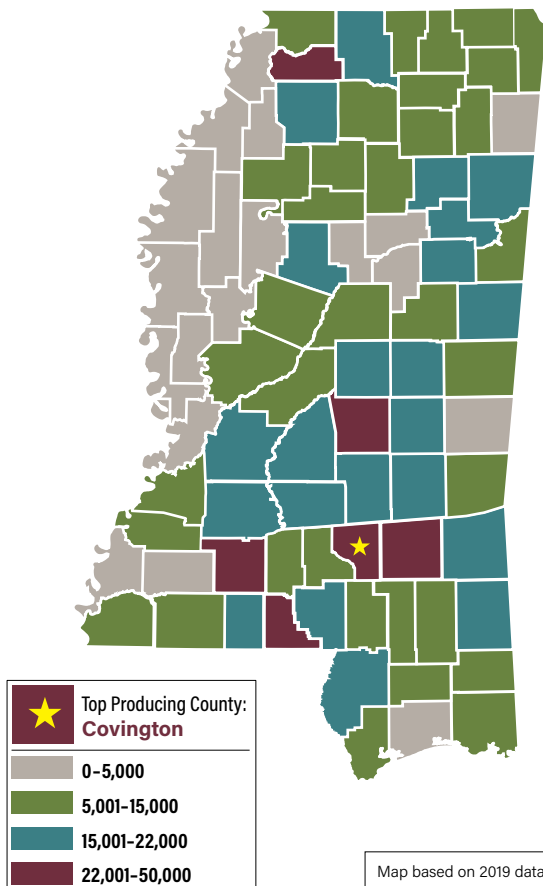
900,000 head in 2019 *(1/1/19 inventory)*

15,980 farms

\$268 million value of production in 2019



CATTLE AND CALF INVENTORY





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CATFISH

205 operations

36,300 acres of production

\$172 million value of production in 2019

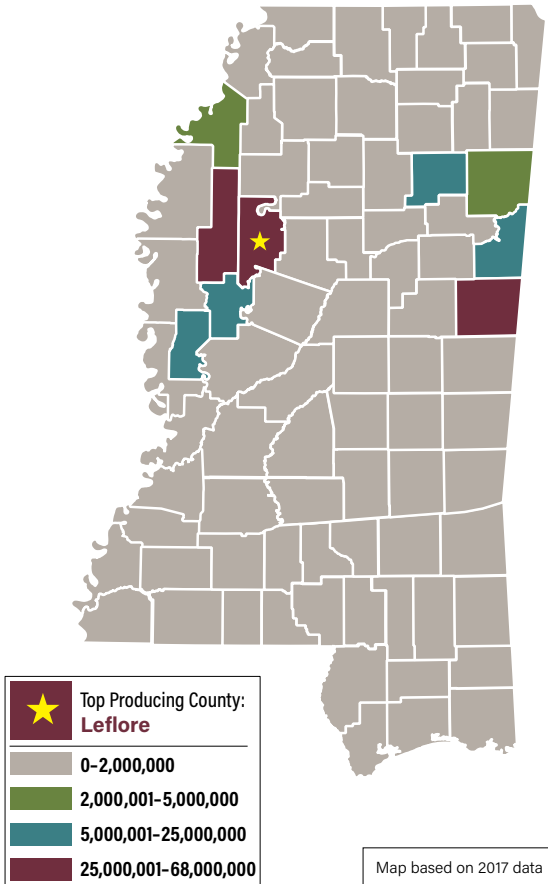
A photograph of a large, cylindrical fishing net being hoisted by chains from a boat. The net is filled with numerous catfish. The scene is set on a body of water at sunset, with a warm orange and pink sky. In the background, a person is visible on the boat, and another person is partially visible on the left. A line of red buoys runs across the foreground.

\$8

MILLION

ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION

CATFISH SOLD IN DOLLARS





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RICE

113,000 acres harvested in 2019

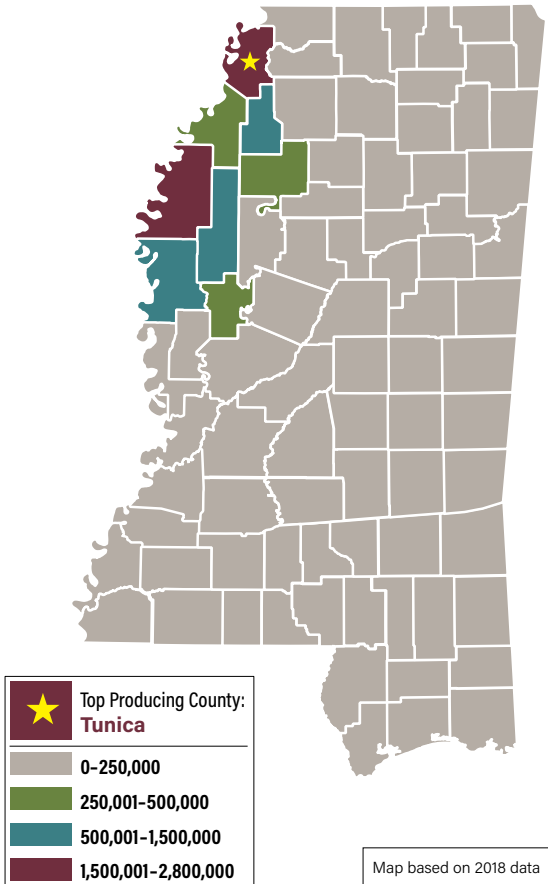
8,302,000 hundredweight
produced in 2019

221 farms

\$91 million value of production in 2019



RICE HUNDREDWEIGHT





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WHEAT

21,000 acres harvested in 2019

987,000 bushels produced in 2019

162 farms

\$5 million value of production in 2019





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HAY

610,000 acres harvested in 2019

1.40 million tons produced in 2019

11,565 farms

\$151 million value of production in 2019



\$31
MILLION
ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION



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SWEET POTATOES

26,000 acres harvested in 2019

4.55 million hundredweight
produced in 2019

172 farms

\$95 million value of production in 2019





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HORTICULTURE

\$106 million value of production in 2019 for **horticulture crops** excluding sweet potatoes.

Horticulture crops include vegetables, melons, potatoes, fruits, tree nuts, berries, nurseries, greenhouses, floriculture, sod, and Christmas tree farms.



\$2

MILLION

ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION



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EGGS

1,410 million eggs produced in 2019

234 farms with 100+ layers

\$155 million value of production in 2019





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HOGS

190,000 hogs and pigs

(12/23/19 inventory)

1,021,000 piglets born in 2019

437 farms with hogs

\$96 million value of production in 2019





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PEANUTS

19,000 acres harvested in 2019

76.0 million pounds produced in 2019

113 farms

\$16 million value of production in 2019





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DAIRY MILK

65 Grade A Dairy Herds

(Estimated 12/2019)

8,000 milk cows in 2019

\$24 million value of
production of milk in 2019



\$2

MILLION

ABOVE 2018
VALUE OF
PRODUCTION



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GRAIN SORGHUM

40 farms

\$1.0 million value of production in 2019

Acreage and yield/production estimates for Mississippi were discontinued in 2019.





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HORSES

126,000 horses | **72** public arenas

\$1.15 billion total economic impact

\$890 million value of depreciated investments | **39,500** jobs



Data based on 2008 study by Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University



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FISHING, HUNTING

& WILDLIFE WATCHING

14,000 miles of streams

345,000 acres of ponds

295,000 acres of large
lakes and reservoirs

\$2.7 billion annual economic impact

\$1.14 billion from hunting

\$772 million from fishing

\$829 million from wildlife watching

66,171 jobs



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www.dafvm.msstate.edu



The Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation serves as the largest and strongest general farm organization in Mississippi, with over 181,000 member families in 82 county Farm Bureaus. It is a voluntary, non-governmental, non-partisan organization seeking solutions to problems affecting the lives of farm families, both socially and economically.

www.msfb.org

Mississippi Value of Production Estimates

DECEMBER 2019

by: Division of Agriculture, Forestry, and Veterinary Medicine
Mississippi State University

Commodity	2018	2019
	in million dollars	
Broilers/Eggs/Chickens	2,867	2,780
Forestry	1,150	1,150
Soybeans	1,047	762
Cotton	579	585
Corn	327	455
Cattle/Calves	278	268
Catfish	164	172
Hay	120	151
Horticulture Crops	104	106
Hogs	97	96
Sweet Potatoes	107	95
Rice	113	91
Milk	22	24
Peanuts	19	16
Wheat	7	5
Govt. Programs / Misc.	399	689
Grand Total	\$7,400	\$7,445



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Source: MSU Extension Service and Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2019 government programs estimate is preliminary. Miscellaneous sales from 2017 Ag Census.