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# MISSISSIPPI

AGRICULTURE • FORESTRY • NATURAL RESOURCES



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# Mississippi Agriculture, Forestry & Natural Resources Overview

**31,290** farms

**10.3** million acres of land farmed

**\$35** billion value of farmland, buildings

**18.9** million acres of forestland

**14,000** miles of streams

**640,000** acres of ponds, lakes

## Percent of farms that:

Have internet access	<b>73%</b>
Sell directly to consumers	<b>3%</b>
Hire farm labor	<b>23%</b>
Are family farms	<b>86%</b>

## Making a Difference in Our State (by the numbers)



**\$9.5B**

2025 farm-gate value of  
ag and forestry production  
(includes government payments)

**\$15.43B**

2022 value-added to the  
MS economy by ag and  
forestry production

**\$105.1M**

R&D expenditures in  
agricultural science -  
#11 national ranking

**3,992**

Students enrolled  
in Ag Division  
colleges at MSU,  
Fall 2025

**175,113**

Farm Bureau member  
families served by  
the largest farm  
organization in the state

All production and income estimates are subject to  
change as USDA releases updated information in 2026.

# Agricultural & Forestry Industry Impacts

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## STATEWIDE VALUE-ADDED

**10.8%** of state's total impact

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## STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

**14.2%** of state's economic activity

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## STATEWIDE EMPLOYMENT

**11.4%** of all jobs

## Mississippi Ranks in the Top 20 in the Production of 11 Agricultural Commodities

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#1	Catfish
#3	Sweet Potatoes Pine Pulpwood
#4	Pine Lumber
#5	Cotton, Cotton seed Rice
#6	Broilers
#9	Peanuts
#15	Soybean
#20	Corn Eggs

Industry impacts based on an analysis of the contribution of agriculture and forestry to the Mississippi economy, Mississippi State University Extension Service.

Value of production figures were estimated in December 2025. These estimates may change as USDA releases updated information in 2026.

# F FARMS & FARMERS

**Farm acreage** 10,251,497

**Forestry acreage** 18,907,718

## *Demographics of farmers*

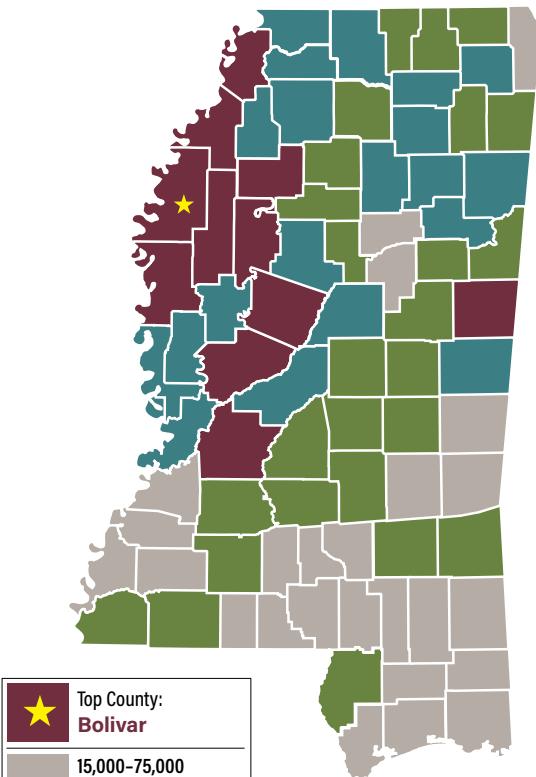
### Race

White	86.8%
African American	12.0%
Other	1.2%

### Gender

Male	65.6%
Female	34.4%

**Average age** 59.6



Map based on 2022  
Ag Census data

## F FARMS & FARMERS

**Number of farms** 31,290

**Farms with \$1 million or more in sales** 2,220

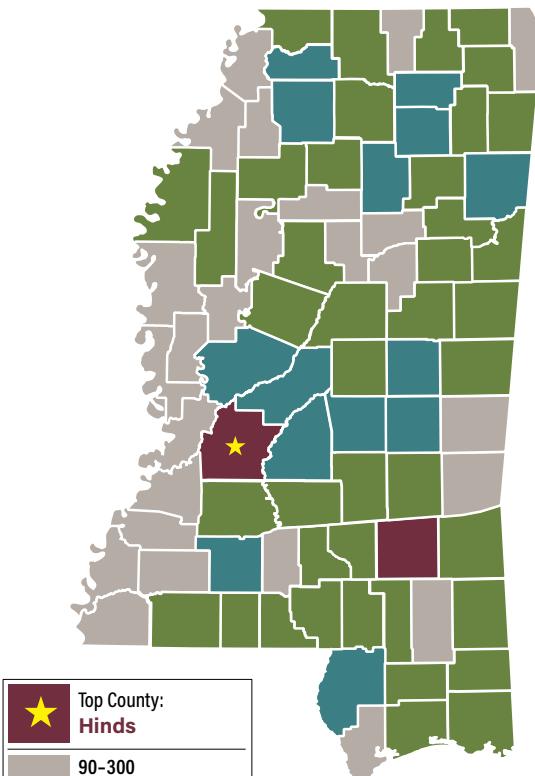
**Value of farmland, buildings** \$35B

**Average size of farm (acres)** 328

*Principal operators' primary occupation*

**Farming** 20,858

**Other** 31,167



Map based on 2022 Ag Census data

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## BROILERS

**752,000,000** broilers produced in 2025

**3,003** farms (*2022 census*)

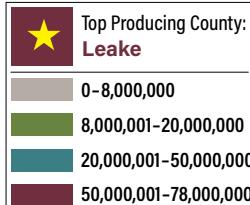
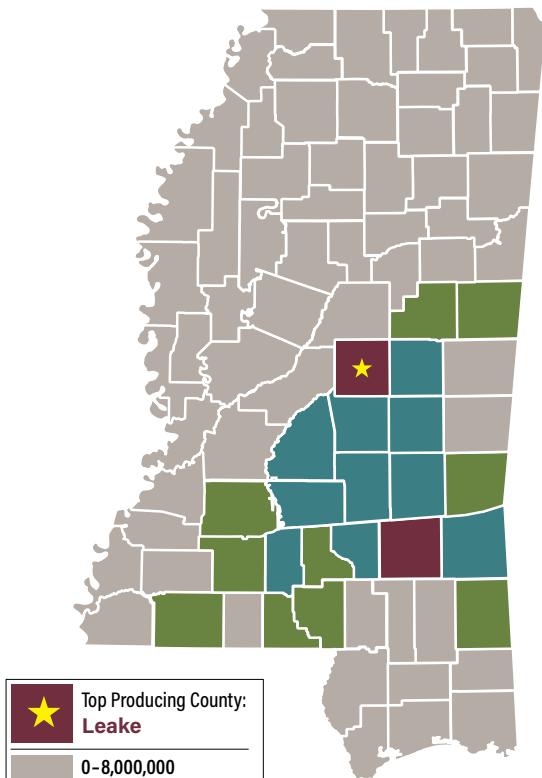
**\$3.38** billion value of production in 2025

**\$37**  
MILLION

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2024 value of  
production*



NUMBER OF BROILERS SOLD



Map based on 2022  
Ag Census data

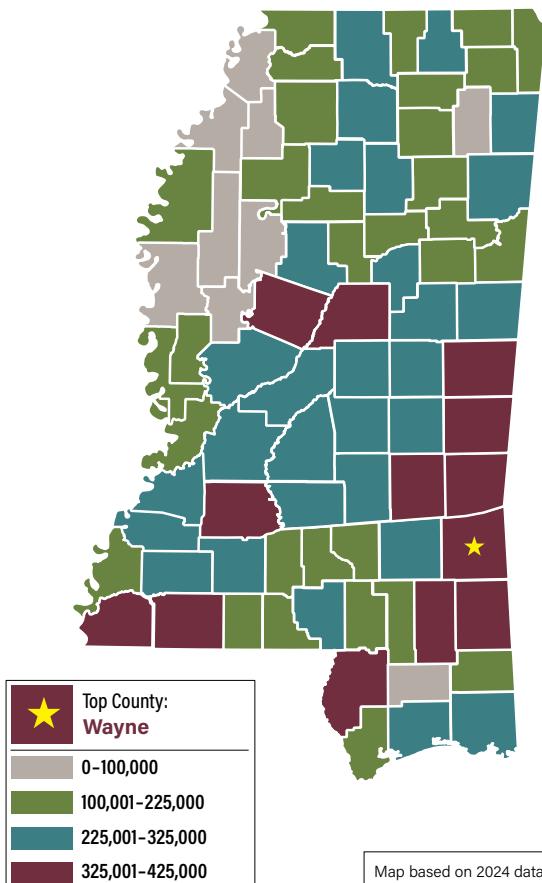
# FORESTRY

**18,907,718** acres | **120,000** forest landowners

**Forest-related** economic activity in Mississippi generated 84,024 jobs and over \$4.42 billion in income

**Forest-related** value-added amounted to over \$7.44 billion

**\$1.5** billion value of production in 2025



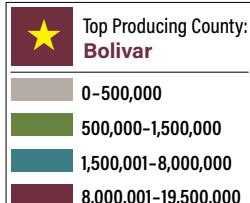
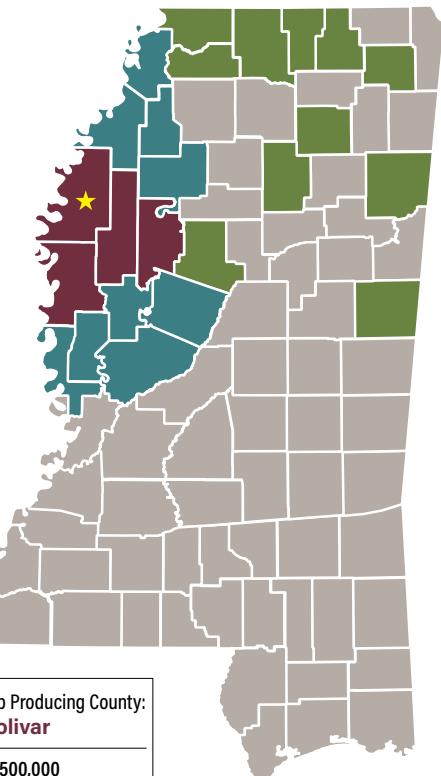
# SOYBEANS

**1,780,000** acres harvested in 2025

**97,900,000** bushels produced in 2025

**2,926** farms (2022 census)

**\$1** billion value of production in 2025



Map based on 2024 data

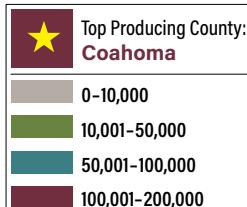
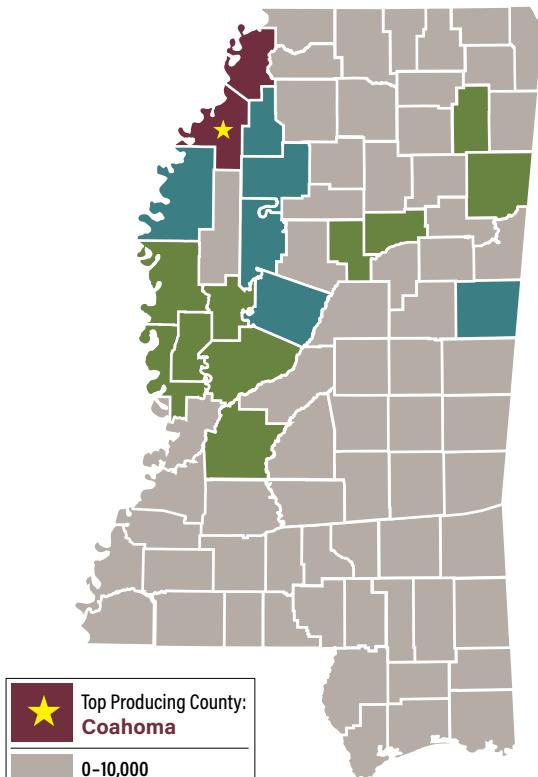
# COTTON

**325,000** acres harvested in 2025

**900,000** bales produced in 2025

**788** farms (2022 census)

**\$333** million value of production in 2025



Map based on 2024 data

## CATTLE & CALVES

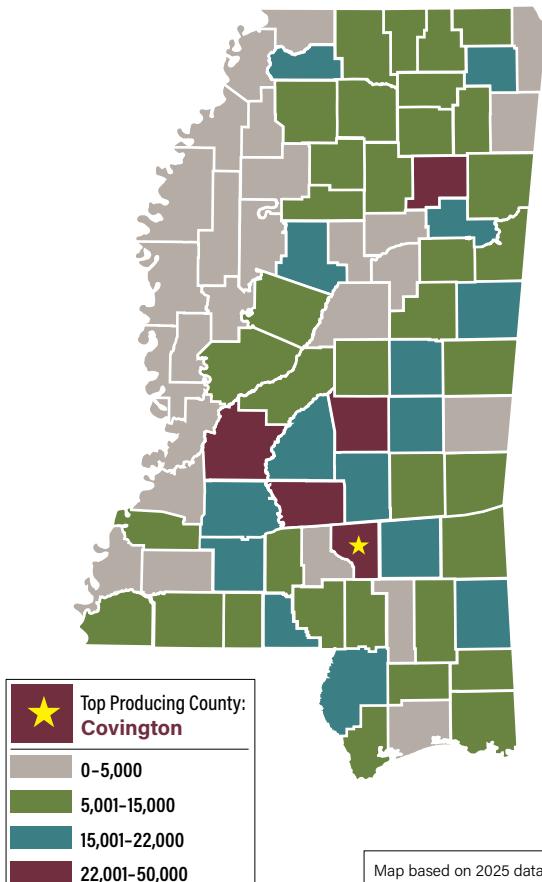
**810,000** head in 2025 (*1/1/25 inventory*)

**13,631** farms (*2022 census*)

**\$639** million value of production in 2025

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MILLION

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# CORN

**880,000** acres harvested in 2025

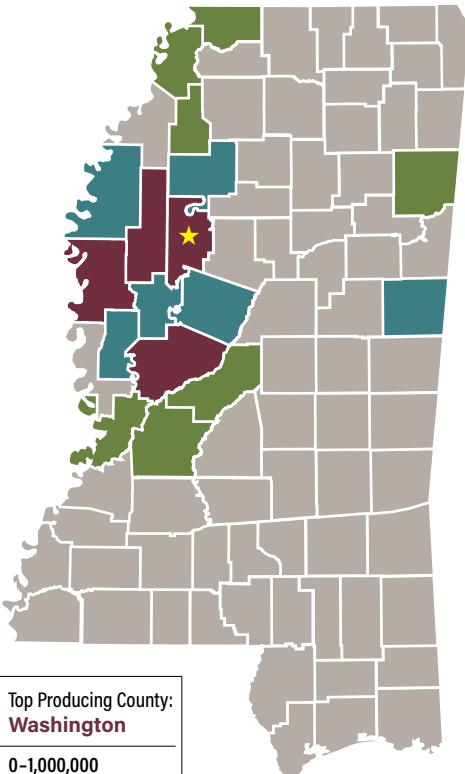
**155,760,000** bushels produced in 2025

**1,495** farms (2022 census)

**\$619** million value of production in 2025

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MILLION

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# CATFISH

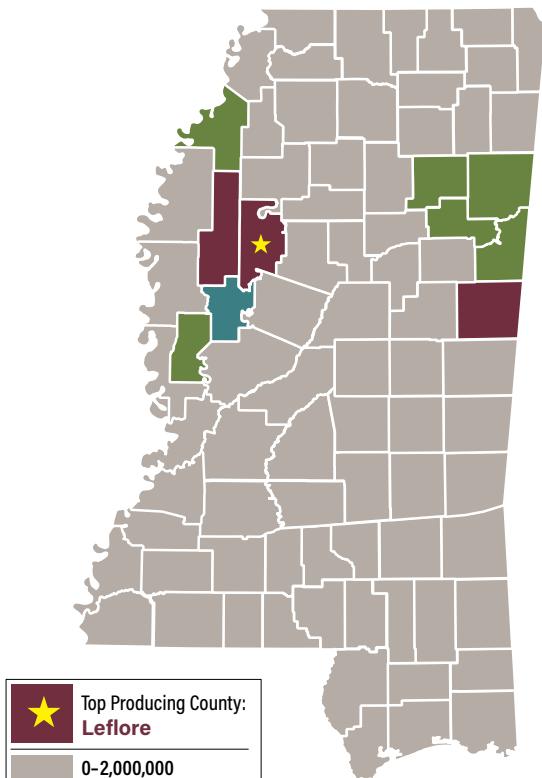
**129** operations in 2025

**28,100** acres of production (2022 census)

**\$196** million value of production in 2025

**\$11**  
MILLION

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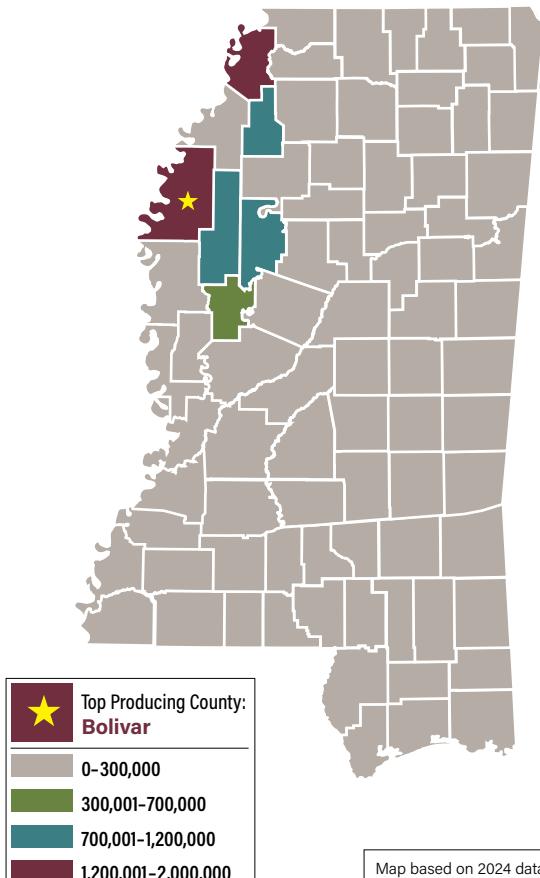
# rice

**160,000** acres harvested in 2025

**11,840,000** hundredweight  
produced in 2025

**188** farms *(2022 census)*

**\$125** million value of production in 2025



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## EGGS

**1,508** million eggs produced in 2025

**234** farms with 100+ layers (2022 census)

**\$351** million value of production in 2025

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## HAY

**600,000** acres harvested in 2025

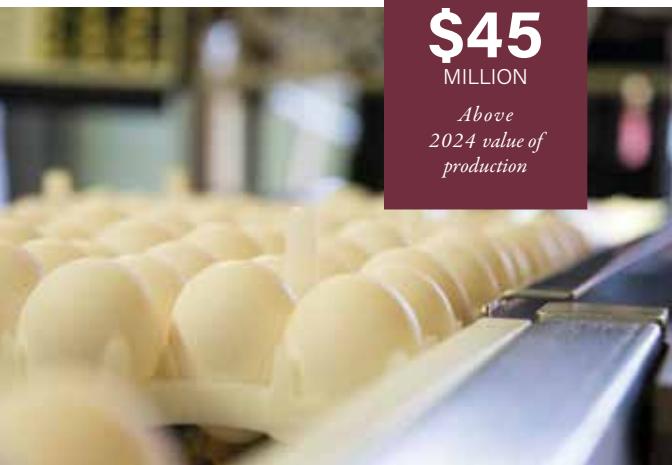
**1.38** million tons produced in 2024

**9,945** farms (2022 census)

**\$186** million value of production in 2025

**\$45**  
MILLION

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## SWEET POTATOES

**31,500** acres harvested in 2025

**3.78** million hundredweight produced in 2025

**156** farms *(2022 census)*

**\$84** million value of production in 2025

**\$2.4**  
MILLION

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of production*



## HORTICULTURE

**\$117** million value of production in 2025 for horticulture crops excluding sweet potatoes

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

**\$1.2**  
MILLION

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## HOGS

**177,541** hogs and pigs *(2022 census)*

**709** farms with hogs *(2022 census)*

**\$92** million value of production in 2025



**\$13**  
MILLION

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## WHEAT

**45,000** acres harvested in 2025

**2,700,000** bushels produced in 2025

**355** farms *(2022 census)*

**\$13** million value of production in 2025



**\$3.2**  
MILLION

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## PEANUTS

**20,000** acres harvested in 2025

**80** million pounds produced in 2025

**36** farms *(2022 census)*

**\$19** million value of production in 2025

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## DAIRY MILK

**32** Grade A Dairy Herds

*(2022 Census)*

**5,500** milk cows in 2025

**\$13** million value of  
production of milk in 2025



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## HORSES

**37,562** horses and mules

**8,467** farms

**\$839** million value of  
depreciated investments



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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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Data based on 2010 study by Forest  
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- Forest and Wildlife Research Center
- Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station
- MSU Extension Service



The Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation serves as the largest and strongest general farm organization in Mississippi, with 175,113 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.

# Mississippi Value of Production Estimates

DECEMBER 2025

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

Commodity	2024	2025
	in million dollars	
Broilers/Eggs/Chickens	3,645	3,727
Forestry	1,484	1,468
Soybeans	1,335	1,017
Cattle/Calves	497	639
Corn	341	619
Cotton	485	333
Catfish	185	196
Hay	193	186
Rice	168	125
Horticulture	115	117
Hogs	78	92
Sweet Potatoes	82	84
Peanuts	24	20
Wheat	10	13
Milk	16	13
Govt. Programs / Misc.	243	858
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$8,901</b>	<b>\$9,505</b>



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Source: Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, MSU Extension Service and National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2025 government programs estimate is preliminary. Miscellaneous sales from 2022 Ag Census. Numbers may not add up due to rounding.