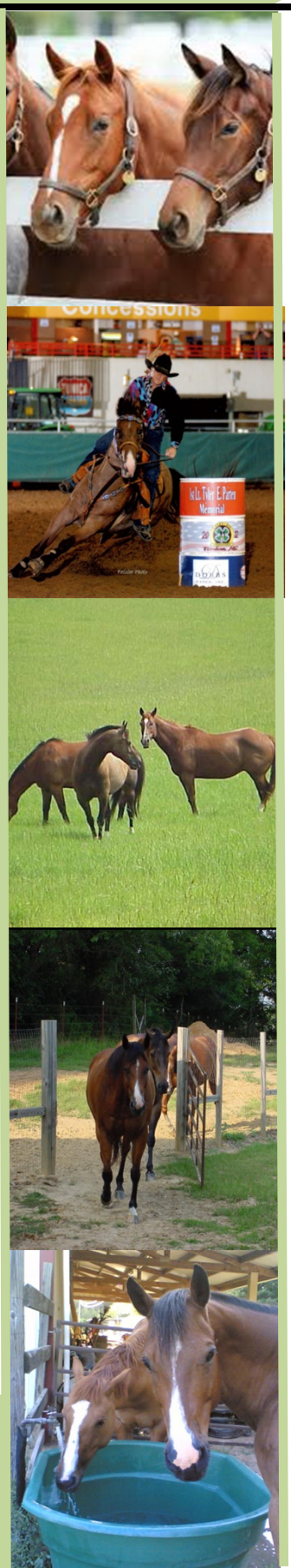
State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Equine 2015

- In 2015, Mississippi had approximately 126,000 head of horses.
- Mississippi's equine industry has a $1.15 billion total economic impact creating 39,500 jobs statewide.
- There are 72 public arenas in Mississippi.
- $890 million value of depreciated investments.
- The horse is the largest utilizer of sacked feed and baled hay.

- The densest horse population in Mississippi is in the Southaven area. Other major horse populations exist in the Jackson area, Tupelo, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Meridian and in the coastal counties.
- Approximately 90 percent of Mississippi's horses are used for pleasure and showing. The remaining 10 percent are used in ranch and farm work, rodeos, police work, etc.
- There are many local horse shows and equestrian events in Mississippi. The State Open Horse Show attracts over 2,000 participants annually. Approximately 1500 4-H youth participate in the Mississippi 4-H Horse Show. These state shows exhibit the superior quality of Mississippi's horses.



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