

# State of Mississippi

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## Agriculture Fact Sheet Greenhouse Tomatoes 2015



- In 2015, Mississippi had approximately 100 commercial growers of Greenhouse Tomatoes.
  - A typical 24 x 96 foot greenhouse will hold 600 plants and will yield an average of 25-30 pounds of fruit per plant annually. Typically, two crops can be grown each year, one in the spring and another in the fall. However, some growers prefer to grow only a spring crop or just a winter crop to complement the schedule of other farm operations.
  - Beginning growers should consider building one greenhouse and operating it for at least a year in order to gain experience. Each greenhouse requires an average of 20 hours of labor per week averaged over the entire crop. This growing process is labor-intensive but provides an excellent opportunity for part time growers and those with limited acreage.
- Greenhouse tomato production is currently one of the most rapidly growing sectors of agricultural enterprise in the state. The most common variety of greenhouse tomato is "Trust."
  - The Truck Crops Branch Experiment Station in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, carries out research and extension programs for growers seeking advice and solutions to production problems.
  - Each year, Mississippi State Extension Service puts on a national conference for greenhouse tomato growers. For information, visit the website at <http://greenhousetomatosc.com>
  - More information about growing greenhouse tomatoes can be found at <http://msucares.com/crops/comhort/greenhouse.html>

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