

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of
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Agriculture Fact Sheet Wheat 2015



- In 2015, Mississippi had 1,247 farms that grew 5,760,000 bushels of wheat.
- The value of wheat produced in Mississippi in 2015 was \$32 million.
- The United States produces nearly 2.4 billion bushels of wheat annually.
- Wheat is normally planted between mid October and late November and is harvested about the first week of June.
- The flour made from wheat is used for making breads, crackers, pastas, cakes and pastries.

- A bushel of wheat weighs about 60 pounds.
- A single bushel of wheat could produce a 1,080 oz. box of cereal
- The classification of wheat grown in Mississippi is Soft Red Winter Wheat, and it is used mainly for making flour used in cakes, pastries and flat breads.
- In the United States, one acre of wheat yields an average of around 40 bushels of wheat.
- About half of the wheat grown in the United States is used domestically.
- Wheat was first planted in the United States in 1777 as a hobby crop.
- Wheat originated in the “cradle of civilization” in the Tigris and Euphrates river valley near what is now Iraq.

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