

State of Mississippi

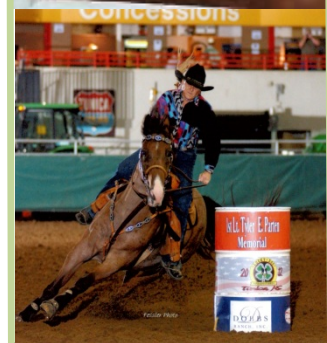
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Agriculture Fact Sheet Equine 2021



- In 2021, Mississippi had approximately 480,762 head of horses and mules.
 - Mississippi's equine industry has a \$1.15 billion total economic impact, creating 39,500 jobs statewide.
 - There are 72 public arenas in Mississippi.
 - The equine industry is valued at \$890 million of depreciated investments.
 - The horse is the largest utilizer of sacked feed and baled hay in the state.
- 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 and police work.
 - There are many local horse shows and equestrian events in Mississippi. The State Open Horse Show attracts more than 2,000 participants annually. Approximately 1,500 4-H youth participate in the Mississippi 4-H Horse Show every year. These state shows exhibit the superior quality of Mississippi's horses.

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