

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Horticulture 2021



- In 2021, Mississippi produced \$108 million in horticulture crops, excluding sweet potatoes.
- Horticulture crops include:
 - Vegetables
 - Melons
 - Potatoes
 - Fruits
 - Tree nuts
 - Berries
 - Nurseries
 - Greenhouses
 - Floriculture
 - Sod
 - Christmas trees

- Mississippi ranks nationally with three horticulture crops, excluding sweet potatoes:
 - #9 in the United States in blueberry production
 - #11 in the United States in pecan production
 - #15 in the United States in watermelon production
- The favorable soil and weather conditions in Mississippi make growing common domestic fruits and vegetables ideal.
- Mississippi's long growing season - from early spring to late fall - allows vegetable farmers at least two crops per year. Depending on the area of the state as well as the crop, some farmers grow as many as three crops per year.
- Recent studies show U.S. per capita consumption of fresh vegetables, excluding sweet potatoes, is 140 pounds per person per year.
- On average fresh fruit consumption is about 104 pounds per person per year.

Source: Mississippi State University & USDA-NASS

