



AGRIBUSINESS

MISSISSIPPI Thanks to a well-trained, skilled, and productive workforce, agriculture and forestry is Mississippi's number one industry, employing 29 percent of workers in the state. In 2014, Mississippi had more than 57,500 farms covering 10.9 million acres. From cattle to catfish, poultry to pecans, and horses to horticulture, these farms help Mississippi remain a leading economy in agribusiness.

Mississippi forests cover 19.6 million acres, which constitutes 65 percent of the state. Forestry-related jobs employ 25 percent of Mississippi's manufacturing workforce. The value of production for Mississippi's number three commodity was more than \$1 billion in 2012.

MISSISSIPPI RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES In 2014, Mississippi State University spent \$102.8 million in research and development expenditures in agricultural sciences, ranking the university 6th in the nation for its R&D initiatives.

The Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University operates 16 branch experiment stations and research units throughout the state. Each center focuses on a specific field of study, ranging from cattle production, to exploratory seafood processing, to truck crops.

The Jamie Whitten Delta States Research Center in Leland, Mississippi is one of the major research establishments of the Agricultural Research Service. The center's research includes: genetics and basic physiology; control of principal crops enemies; production systems and techniques; equipment innovation and development; safety and human health; and technology of pesticide application.

The School of Agriculture, Research, Extension and Applied Sciences at Alcorn State University prepares graduate and undergraduate students in the areas of agriculture and applied science. The school also has a strong partnership in agribusiness research with Mississippi State University.

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Business Facilities Magazine, 2014

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 EXPENDITURES IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
RANKING 6TH NATIONALLY 2014

Agribusiness Success in Mississippi:



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major universities throughout the state offer ABET-accredited undergraduate degree programs in 16 different engineering fields.



WORKFORCE

Mississippi's skilled workforce is its greatest treasure. Mississippians have a "can-do" attitude and are driven by pride to do things right. Robust workforce training programs offered throughout the state equip Mississippi's people with the necessary skills to get the job done. A right-to-work state, Mississippi's affordable cost of living, low overall cost of doing business, and tax and financing incentives make it an attractive economic option for companies of all sizes—from start-ups to established multinational corporations.

An enterprise is only as good as its people—that's why more industry leaders are choosing a Mississippi location to compete in today's global marketplace.



INCENTIVES

The State of Mississippi offers a variety of grant, loan, and tax incentive programs designed to assist businesses creating jobs and making capital investments in the state. For a full list of agribusiness industry incentive programs available from the state, visit the [incentives page](#).

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