

Agriculture Fact Sheet

Peanuts 2023



- Mississippi ranks #9 in the United States in peanut production, producing 79.2 million pounds annually.
- In 2023, Mississippi had 113 peanut farms covering 18,000 acres.
- The production value of peanuts produced in 2023 was \$20.2 million.
- Runner peanut varieties are the most popular peanuts grown in Mississippi.
- Peanuts are planted after the last frost in April or early May and are normally harvested beginning the second week of September.

- The majority of peanut acreage is located in the southeastern part of the state.
- Peanuts account for two-thirds of all snack nuts consumed in the U.S.
- There are four types of peanuts grown in the U.S.- Runner, Virginia, Spanish and Valencia.
- The average American consumes more than six pounds of peanuts and peanut butter products each year.
- March is National Peanut Month.



- Most U.S. peanut farms are family owned and operated, with the average size farm being 100 acres.
- The peanut plant originated in South America.
- The peanut growth cycle from planting to harvest is about five months.
- Peanuts flower above ground and then migrate underground to reach maturity.
- Peanut butter is the leading use of peanuts in the U.S.



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