

# Agriculture Fact Sheet

## Wheat 2023

- In 2023, Mississippi harvested 95,000 acres of wheat, producing over 5 million bushels.
- The production value of wheat in 2023 was 36.2 million.
- 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-ounce box of cereal.
- The species of wheat grown in Mississippi is Soft Red Winter Wheat. It is used for making flour used in cakes, pastries and flat breads.
- In the U.S., one acre of wheat yields an average of about 40 bushels of wheat.
- About half of the wheat grown in the U.S. is used domestically.
- Wheat was first planted in the U.S. in 1777 as a hobby crop.
- Wheat originated in the Tigris and Euphrates river valleys near what is now Iraq, which is known as the “Cradle of Civilization.”



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