

Agriculture Fact Sheet

Equine 2024



- In 2024, Mississippi had approximately 37,562 head of horses and mules.
- Mississippi has 8,467 horse farms, creating 39,500 jobs statewide.
- There are 72 public arenas in Mississippi.
- The equine industry is valued at \$839 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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