Climate & Soil
• Mississippi is warm and moist with long summers and short winters.
• The average temperature for July is 81°F and the average January temperature is 46°F.
• The average precipitation is about 50" in the northwest and about 65" in the southeast.
• Most of the fertile earth is silt that is deposited by floodwaters of the Mississippi River.

Crops & Livestock
• Broiler (meat) chicken and soybeans are Mississippi's most valuable agricultural products.
• Cotton is grown in the northwest part of the state, and the northeast part grows the majority of the cotton.
• Cattle farms are common in all parts of Mississippi except the Mississippi Delta.
• Mississippi ranks fourth nationally for the production of rice. The crop was valued at $178 million dollars in 2009.

General
• Mississippi ranks fifth nationally for poultry and poultry products. It's approximate value in 2009 was $384 million dollars.
• Livestock and crops each provide about half of the state's total farm income.
• Aquaculture, or fish farming, is also an important part of the state's agricultural production.