
Educational Programs

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AGRICULTURAL FACTS SHELBY COUNTY TENNESSEE

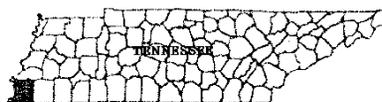


Memphis has been the **Mid-South Capital for Agribusiness** since her birth in 1819. 375 Memphis area agribusiness related companies employ 65,000 folks (22% of the total labor force, with an annual payroll of \$850 million¹. Memphis is known as the world's **Cotton Capital** - home of the **world's largest spot cotton market** -nearly half of the U.S. cotton crop is sold through Memphis². Memphis is home of the **world's largest hardwood trading and processing center**².

Shelby County has an estimated population of **909,035**. 96 % of the population lives in an urban area. Shelby County consistently ranks in or near the top 10 in Tennessee in cotton and soybean production³. Shelby is the largest county in Tennessee. Of her total 480,640 acres, **244,662 (over 50%) is classified as rural/farm and forest**. 206,178 acres (42.9%) is classified urban and 29,800 acres (6.2%) is considered wetland.

Shelby County has 115,917 acres (27.7%) in farms⁴. There are 716 farms in Shelby County and the average farm contains 162 acres⁴. The average market **value of all farm products produced annually is 23,731,000⁴**. The average Shelby County farmer is 59⁴ years of age.

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2007 Crops	Area	Yield/Acre	Production	Rank
Soybean	30,000	19 bu.	570,000	13
Cotton	20,500	576 lbs.	23,616 bales	10
2006 Crops	Acres	Yield/Acre	Production	Rank
Soybean	32,500	33 bu.	1,056,000	12
Cotton	29,000	900 lbs.	54,000 bales	10
2005 Crops	Acres	Yield/Acre	Production	Rank
Soybean	32,500	35 bu.	1,105,000	11
Cotton	29,000	803 lbs.	47,000 bales	9

- 1 - Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce
- 2 - Memphis Convention Center & Visitors Bureau
- 3 - Tennessee Agricultural Statistics Service
- 4 - USDA, National Ag Statistics Service

Nursery and Greenhouse Crops

Census Yr.	Production	Rank
1997 Census	\$8,596,000	4th
2002 Census	\$9,006,000	7th

Beef Cattle — 6000 head

Horses — 4000 head

SHELBY COUNTY LAND USE

(480,640 Total Acres)

6.2% Wetland
29,800 acres

27.7% Rural/Farm
133,154 acres

42.9% Urban
206,178 acres

23.2% Forest
111,508 acres

Percentage of Land Use

