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FACT SHEET

Missouri Agriculture Quick Facts

What: Agriculture in Missouri is incredibly diverse, including everything from field crops, livestock, fruits, nuts, vegetables, floriculture, aquaculture, forestry and so much more...

Soybeans remain Missouri's largest cash crop. Soybean acreage in Missouri outnumbers corn, wheat, rice, potatoes, tomatoes and other major crops combined.

A typical productive acre of land in the U.S. can produce approximately: 42,000 lbs. of strawberries, 11,000 heads of lettuce, 25,000 lbs. of potatoes, 8,900 lbs. of sweet corn, or 640 lbs. of cotton lint. One acre is about the size of a football field.

Inventory: In 2005, Missouri was home to 105,000 farms. There is currently less than one-half the number of farms there were 50 years ago.

Rankings: Nationally in 2005, Missouri was...

- No. 2 in total number of farms, hay and beef cattle operations
- No. 5 in grain sorghum, turkeys and rice production
- No. 6 in number of cattle and calves
- No. 7 in hogs and pigs raised, soybean production and milk cow operations
- No. 8 in watermelons
- No. 9 in cotton and cottonseed production and cattle and calves (total head)
- No. 10 in grain corn production, total cheese production and ice cream
- No. 11 tobacco production
- No. 12 in hog operations

Sources: Missouri Department of Agriculture: www.mda.state.mo.us
Missouri Agricultural Statistics Service: www.nass.usda.gov/mo
Missouri Farm Bureau: www.mofb.org