

TENNESSEE AGRICULTURE: LEADING IN DIVERSITY

Tennessee is certainly no stranger to production agriculture generating more than \$2 billion in gross farm receipts each year. The state may be traditionally known for ranking among the nation's top producers of tobacco (3rd), cotton (10th), beef cows (10th), corn (18th) and soybeans (18th). These commodities contribute significantly to the overall agricultural economy in the state because they tend to be produced by a large number of farmers who have above average yields and are sold on relatively predictable markets.

However, in addition to the more traditional commodities, Tennessee is home to an extremely diverse agricultural landscape. And in many cases ranks among the nation's leaders in the number of farms and acres of several commodities/enterprises. While still relatively small when compared to more traditional income-producing agricultural enterprises, some of the enterprises in which Tennessee ranks among the nation's leaders could serve as a spring-board for success with value-added products for niche markets.

A complete list of Tennessee's ranking in certain commodities and enterprises is provided below.

TENNESSEE RANKING OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES & ENTERPRISES (based on 1997 Census of Agriculture)

<u>COMMODITY/ENTERPRISE</u>	<u>RANKING</u>
Pounds and Acres of Sweet Sorghum for Sirup	1
Number of Farms Growing Sweet Sorghum for Sirup	2
Number of Farms with Quail	2
Number of Farms with Goats	2
Number of Goats	2
Number of Farms wit Mules, Burros and Donkeys	2
Number of Farms Growing Tobacco	2
Number of Farms with Ducks	3
Number of Farms with Other Poultry	3
Number of Farms with Horses and Ponies	4
Number of Farms with Bees and Honey	4
Number of Farms Growing Blackberries	4
Number of Farms Raising Hay	4
Pounds of Tobacco	5
Number of Horses and Ponies	5
Number of Farms Growing Nursery Crops	5
Number of Farms with Poultry	5
Acres of Snap Beans	7
Number of Farms with Geese	8
Number of Milk Goats	8
Number of Farms Growing Sweet potatoes	9
Acres of Tomatoes	9

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Number of Beef Cows	9
Number of Acres of Fescue Seed	9
Bales of Cotton	9
Number of Farms Growing Tomatoes	10
Number of Farms Growing Foliage Plants	11
Number of Farms with Rabbits	11
Number of Farms Growing Foliage Plants	11
Number of Farms Rasing Greenhouse Vegetables	11
Number of Farms Growing Snap Beans	11
Number of Farms Growing Sweet Corn	13
Number of Farms Growing Grapes	13
Number of Cows and heifers	13
Value of Nursery and Greenhouse Crops	14
Number of Farms with Popcorn	14
Number of Farms Growing Potted Plants	14
Number of all Cattle and Calves	14
Number of Broilers and Other Meat-Type Chickens Sold	15
Bushels of Soybeans	15
Number of Farms Growing Vegetables	16
Number of Farms Growing Floriculture Crops	17
Number of Cattle and Calves Sold	17
Number of Farms Growing Pumpkins	18
Number of Feeder Pigs Sold	18
Bushels of Corn Produced	18
Bushels of Sorghum For Grain	18
Tons of All Hay	18
Number of Farms Growing Strawberries	20
Acres of Green Peas	20
Number of Farms Growing Sod	20
Value of poultry	20

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