• In 2018, Mississippi harvested 35,000 acres of wheat, producing 2.07 million bushels.

• The production value of wheat in 2018 was $12 million.

• Wheat is normally planted between mid October and late November, and is harvested about the first week of June.

• The flour made from wheat is used for making breads, crackers, pastas, cakes and pastries.

• A bushel of wheat weighs about 60 pounds.

• A single bushel of wheat could produce a 1,080 ounce box of cereal.

• The species of wheat grown in Mississippi is Soft Red Winter Wheat. It is used for making flour used in cakes, pastries and flat breads.

• In the U.S., one acre of wheat yields an average of about 40 bushels of wheat.

• About half of the wheat grown in the U.S. is used domestically.

• Wheat was first planted in the U.S. in 1777 as a hobby crop.

• Wheat originated in the Tigris and Euphrates river valleys near what is now Iraq, which is known as the “Cradle of Civilization.”

Source: Mississippi State University, USDA-NASS, Americasfarmers.com & National Association of Wheat Growers