
Educational Programs

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Master Beef Producer Training
Master Urban Forestry Training
Memphis Urban Garden Program
Ornamental Shrubs & Flowers
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 4H Shooting Sports
 4H Chick Chain
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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.

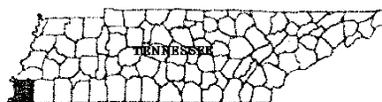
Shelby County is the largest county in Tennessee in both population and area. She has an estimated population of **909,035**. 96 % of the population is classified as urban . Shelby County consistently ranks in or near the top 10 in Tennessee in cotton and soybean production³. Of her 480,640 acres, **244,662 (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 21,036,000⁴**. The average Shelby County farmer is 59⁴ years of age.

Beef Cattle — 7029 head

Horses — 2000 head

Shelby County ranks near the top ten of all counties in Tennessee in cotton and soybean production.



2010 Crops	Area	Yield/Acre	Production
Soybean	45,000	28 bu.	1,260,000
Cotton	12,000	700 lbs.	16,800 bales
2009 Crops	Acres	Yield/Acre	Production
Soybean	47,000	44 bu.	2,025,000
Cotton	12,000	772 lbs.	18,500 bales
2008 Crops	Acres	Yield/Acre	Production
Soybean	38,000	35 bu.	1,330,000
Cotton	14,200	525 lbs.	14,910 bales

- 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
1997 Census	\$8, 596,000
2002 Census	\$9,006,000
2007 Census	\$8,798,000

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

