Educational Programs

Agriculture
Row Crop Production
Financial Management (families and farms)
Foods & Nutrition
Food Safety
Forestry
Fruits & Vegetables
Horse Management
Horticulture
Lawn and Turf Care
Livestock Production
Master Gardener Training
Master Beef Producer Training
Master Urban Forestry Training
Memphis Urban Garden Program
Ornamental Shrubs & Flowers
Parenting/Family Communication Skills
Pasture/Forage Production
4-H Youth Development
  4H Public Speaking
  4H Shooting Sports
  4H Chick Chain
  4H Citizenship
  4H Leadership
  4H Clubs (in school)
  4H Clubs (community clubs)
On My Own Financial Training for Youth
Agricenter Environmental and Agricultural Science Education Program.

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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 million). 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 Memphis. Memphis is home of the world’s **largest hardwood trading and processing center**.

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 production. 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 farms. There are 716 farms in Shelby County and the average farm contains 162 acres. The average market value of all farm products produced annually is **$21,036,000**. The average Shelby County farmer is 59 years of age.

**Beef Cattle** — **7029 head**

**Horses** — **2000 head**

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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**

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