

Growing Mississippi

The 2,113 corn farmers in Mississippi, represented by the Mississippi Corn Promotion Board, are proud to support the Growing Mississippi Farm Families of Mississippi campaign.

We take pride in providing food, fiber, and energy to our people while also protecting and improving our natural resources. We know how important it is to communicate our mission to the citizens of our state.

Corn is now the No. 2 row crop in Mississippi; in 2011, producers planted about 810,000 acres of corn and produced nearly 95 million bushels, with an estimated farm value of more than \$585 million. Corn production provides thousands of jobs in the state and contributes to the economies of Mississippi's counties and communities.

Most of the corn produced here remains in the state and is used as feed in the poultry industry. The ethanol plant in Vicksburg uses more than 7 million bushels annually to produce an environmentally friendly fuel that reduces U.S. dependence on foreign oil. A byproduct of ethanol production called dried distillers grain with solubles, or DDGS, is used by the poultry industry as a high-protein feed.

Family farmers in Mississippi are producing this corn in an environmentally responsible manner. They use no-till and low-till management practices, integrated pest management (IPM), and crop rotation. Corn can even help farmers deal with herbicide-resistant weeds. The Mississippi Corn Promotion Board is supported by the corn check-off, which is \$.01 per bushel. The board funds research projects that help farmers increase yields, reduce production costs, and grow healthier crop.

Mississippi corn farmers are proud to be part of the state's number 1 industry: agriculture. Agriculture contributes to all 82 counties in our state, generating jobs and tax revenue for our roads and schools.

America's farmers and ranchers provide a safe, reliable, abundant, and affordable food supply for you and your family. And we do it in a way that protects the environment. After all, we live here, too.

– Rob Coker, *Chairman*
Mississippi Corn Promotion Board



95% of all
corn farms in
America are
family owned.

Source: USDA

Four generations of the Hill family
(left to right): Jason, Kelly, Katelyn, James, Tyler, Jan, and Judy

Woodland, Mississippi



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