

# USDA begins 2022 Agricultural Resource Management Survey

Jackson, Mississippi – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is collecting data from approximately 560 Mississippi farmers and ranchers for its annual Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS). The survey looks at all aspects of U.S. agricultural production, the well-being of farm households, farm finances, chemical usage, and various farm production characteristics. The survey also collects detailed information on production practices, costs, and returns for different commodities on a rotating basis. In 2022, the survey will take a closer look at

wheat production in the United States.

“The annual data from ARMS are used to gauge the financial health and resource use of today’s producers,” said Esmerelda Dickson, Mississippi State Statistician. “The information gives us an annual snapshot of the role of the farming industry in the U.S. economy.”

The information producers provide through the survey will inform national and state policy decisions. In addition, ARMS data are used to calculate the farm sector portion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is an important measure of the U.S. economy.

The survey is conducted in three phases from June 2022 through April 2023. The current (first) phase screens participants to ensure they have the commodities of interest that are needed to accurately represent the entire U.S. farm sector. During the second phase, NASS will collect information on production practices and chemical use for specific commodities. In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on farm income and production expenditures. Mississippi will be included in the first and final phase of this survey project.

“We strongly encourage every producer contacted for ARMS to participate, as their response represents not just their own farm but many other similar operations across the country,” added Dickson. “For maxi-

mum convenience, producers should complete the survey online at [accounts.usda.gov](https://accounts.usda.gov) with the survey code mailed to them. Online reporting is fast and secure. Producers may also mail or fax their completed questionnaire to us.”

All information from respondents is kept confidential, as required by federal law, and reported so that no individual operation or producer can be identified. For more information on how NASS protects information, visit [www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality](https://www.nass.usda.gov/confidentiality).

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS and USDA’s Economic Research Service. For more information about the Agricultural Resource Management Survey, visit [nass.usda.gov/go/ARMS](https://nass.usda.gov/go/ARMS). For information on how these data are used in this region, or if you have any questions about this survey, please call the NASS Delta Field Office at 800-327-2970.

# Pickens Student Participates in Junior Theatre Camp



NATALIE (JADE) SMART

Jackson, MS – New Stage Theatre announces its Broadway Jr Theatre Camp Intensive for rising 6th grade to graduating seniors. The New Stage Theatre Arts in Education department strives to bring professional, progressive acting instruction to youth throughout Mississippi with its summer camps, yearlong acting classes, and touring workshops. The Broadway Jr Theatre Camp Intensives serves as an upbeat, musical theatre experience for first

timers and long-time theatre students ages 11-18.

From June 20 to July 17, 2022, the students will have four weeks of theatre instruction taught by seasoned theatre veterans. Students will be introduced to all the elements of theatre production in daily classes. The culmination of the camp will be a fully-produced Broadway Junior musical presented for four performances on New Stage’s main stage. Camp participants will also receive instruction in acting, improvisation, stage movement, musical theatre, dance, voice and diction, and auditioning. The camp will culminate with Children of Eden, Jr. July 14-16 at 7 p.m. and July 17 at 2 p.m.

New Stage welcomed Natalie (Jade) Smart from Pickens to the Broadway Jr Theatre Camp Intensive 2022.

For more information on the New Stage Theatre Education Programs, please contact (601) 948-3533 ext 232 or [smiles@newstagetheatre.com](mailto:smiles@newstagetheatre.com).

## \*Ole Miss

(Continued from page 1.) the Hattiesburg Super Regional. They advanced to the semifinals in Omaha through the winner’s bracket. Their only loss was the first semifinal matchup with Arkansas. Then they swept Oklahoma in the championship round.

In Sunday’s game, Ole Miss was on the board first with a home run by Jacob Gonzalez in the bottom of the first. Oklahoma jumped ahead with two runs in the top of the 7th. Then thanks to three wild pitches in the 8th, Ole Miss was able to add three runs to take the lead.

John Gaddis (4-2) got the win after pitching in relief for 1.1 innings late in the game. Ole Miss starter Hunter Elliott went 6.2 innings with three hits, two runs, and six strikeouts on 96 pitches. For the Sooners, ace Cade Horton pitched 7.1 innings with four hits, two runs, and 13 strikeouts on 107 pitches.

Ole Miss pitcher Dylan DeLucia won the tourna-

ment’s MVP award after pitching 16 2/3 innings in his appearances while only allowing one run and throwing 17 strikeouts.

“Ole Miss means the world to me....I prayed after the draft last year,” Elko said after the game. “God told me that I am not done here at Ole Miss. I was like, ‘alright, let’s do this thing then.’ It was the best decision I could have made.” Elko went undrafted last season and returned to Oxford for his senior year.

The national championship trophy will remain in the Magnolia State for a second consecutive year after the Mississippi State Bulldogs won the championship last year. South Carolina won back-to-back titles in 2010 and 2011, and Oregon State won in 2006 and 2007. However, the last time the national championship was won by two schools in the same state in consecutive years was 2002-2003, when Texas and Rice won the championship.

# Two More Arrested in Connection with Hinds County Election Commission Case

JACKSON, Miss. – On Tuesday, May 24, State Auditor Shad White announced special agents from his office have arrested Undare Kidd and Trafonda Kidd. Both have been indicted for conspiracy and fraud by a local grand jury. A \$49,653.52 demand letter was presented to both individuals upon arrest.

The Kidds allegedly submitted a false invoice for services not actually provided to Hinds County taxpayers. These arrests come after Toni Johnson, Sudie Jones-Teague, and Cedric Cornelius were each arrested for fraud, embezzlement, and bribery earlier this year.

A portion of the money allegedly obtained by the Kidds came from \$1.9 million in grants awarded to Hinds County by the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL)—a nonprofit organization funded by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg. According to the Wall Street Journal, this organization gave over \$350 million to election offices across the country during the 2020 election season.

“This case shows, once again, that there was allegedly fraudulent spending on the 2020 election in Hinds County. We will continue to work alongside prosecutors to ensure all our 2020 election spending cases are brought to a successful conclusion,” said Auditor White. “I am thankful to the investigators and prosecutors for

their hard work.”

If convicted, the defendants face many years in prison and thousands of dollars in fines. All persons arrested by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor are presumed innocent until proven guilty

## Peggy’s Ponderings

I decided I needed to go shopping for a few things for our kitchen at the cabin on turned on the AC and still felt not too much relief from the “roast”. By the time I got into town my eye makeup was running down my face in black inky rivulets, my make-up had melted off my nose, my lipstick was smeared, and my hair was falling into my face. The nicer dress I had worn was pasted to my back and was not coming loose, and my legs were stuck to the leather seat as to my being unable to get out of my little hot box car. Well, I turned that little hot box car around faster than a hiccup and headed back to my cool safe haven.

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for the total amount of the demand in addition to criminal proceedings.

Suspected fraud can be reported to the Auditor’s office online at any time by clicking the red button at [www.osa.ms.gov](https://www.osa.ms.gov) or via telephone during normal business hours at 1-(800)-321-1275.

iced sweet tea. HEAVEN!!

How in the world did we/I live back in the days I was a kid growing up? We had one window fan that was anchored into our dining room window, and we raised every window in the house and begged the air to blow through the screens. We didn’t even have a tabletop fan to help. I can remember almost getting over into the part of the window right next to the screen to feel some relief. Now I would probably be pulled through the screen by some intruder before I could even die by heat.

Oh well, if we cool off by say, December here in Mississippi, we only have five or six months more before we get some relief.

I’m looking for some cool easy recipes to use during this heat spell. Here’s one.

I love anything called a salad and this is a favorite.

CUCUMBER TOMATO SALAD – 2 cups sliced tomatoes, 1 large sliced English cucumber, 5 sliced Basil leaves, 3 T. olive oil, 2 T. vinegar, 2 t sugar, salt and pepper to taste.

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