

By: Representative Stamps

To: Agriculture

## HOUSE BILL NO. 560

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
2 AND COMMERCE TO DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A MONTHLY AGRICULTURE  
3 MARKET REPORT, IN A MANNER MODELED AFTER THE AGRICULTURAL  
4 MARKETING SERVICE (AMS) DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
5 OF AGRICULTURE; TO PRESCRIBE THE INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN  
6 THE REPORTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Department of Agriculture  
9 and Commerce shall develop and distribute a monthly Agriculture  
10 Market Report, in a manner modeled after the Agricultural  
11 Marketing Service (AMS) division of the United States Department  
12 of Agriculture, to provide efficient, fair marketing of  
13 Mississippi agricultural products, including food, fiber and  
14 specialty crops. The unbiased price and sales information  
15 contained in the report shall identify commodities by price,  
16 volume and other pertinent descriptors to assist farmers,  
17 producers and other agricultural businesses to:

- 18 (a) Evaluate market conditions;  
19 (b) Identify trends;  
20 (c) Make purchasing decisions;



21 (d) Monitor price patterns;  
22 (e) Evaluate transportation equipment needs; and  
23 (f) Accurately assess movement.

24 (2) The market report, which shall be published and  
25 distributed in print form, shall also be made available in  
26 electronic format, to be easily located and accessible on the  
27 department's website. The market report shall be a compilation of  
28 the various agricultural markets, including market news for:

29 (a) Cotton and Tobacco, which shall be further itemized  
30 using:

31 (i) For cotton:

32 1. A daily cotton quality summary;  
33 2. A weekly cotton quality classed summary.

34 For purpose of this subparagraph (i), classing shall consist of  
35 the cotton's:

36 a. Color grade;  
37 b. Leaf grade;  
38 c. Staple;  
39 d. Micronaire;  
40 e. Extraneous matter;  
41 f. Strength; and  
42 g. Uniformity;

43 3. A season-to-date cotton quality summary,  
44 statewide and by region;



- 45 4. A monthly season-to-date cotton quality
- 46 classed summary;
- 47 5. An annual cotton quality classed summary;
- 48 6. A cotton quality carryover summary;
- 49 (ii) Cotton prices, using:
  - 50 1. Daily spot cotton quotations;
  - 51 2. Daily base, selected quality prices;
  - 52 3. Monthly cotton price statistics;
  - 53 4. Current month base price; and
  - 54 5. Annual cotton price statistics; and
- 55 (iii) For tobacco, the report shall consist of the
- 56 quarterly collection and consolidation of tobacco stocks data;
- 57 (b) Dairy and milk products, which shall be further
- 58 itemized using:
  - 59 (i) A weekly dairy market report for butter,
  - 60 cheese, dry milk products, fluid milk and cream and dry whey
  - 61 products;
  - 62 (ii) An annual dairy markets statistics summary;
  - 63 and
  - 64 (iii) A monthly and annual commodity averages
- 65 (c) Fruits, vegetables and specialty crops;
- 66 (d) Livestock, meats, poultry, eggs, grain and hay; and
- 67 (e) Organic products.

68 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from

69 and after July 1, 2021.

