

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE MISSISSIPPI OYSTER INDUSTRY
AT THE YEAR 2000**



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Table 1. Economic Impact ¹ of Mississippi Commercial Oyster Industry By Sector, 2000								
Sector	Output		Employment		Labor Income		Indirect Business Taxes	
	\$M	Percent	Jobs	Percent	\$M	Percent	\$M	Percent
Harvesting	8.25	11%	237	15%	3.50	14%	0.27	6%
Processing	8.45	12%	73	5%	1.49	6%	0.15	3%
Wholesaling	6.44	9%	115	7%	2.83	12%	0.79	18%
Restaurant	42.84	60%	1,020	64%	13.65	56%	2.39	55%
Retailing	5.96	8%	149	9%	2.77	11%	0.72	17%
Total	71.92	100%	1,594	100%	24.23	100%	4.31	100%
Production sector²	16.70	23%	310	19%	4.98	21%	0.42	10%
Distribution sector³	55.23	77%	1,283	81%	19.25	79%	3.89	90%

1 - Includes direct, indirect and induced economic effects.

2 - Production sector includes oyster harvesting and processing.

3 - Distribution sector includes oyster wholesaling, restaurant and retailing.