



Flag:

[The committee to design](#) a State Flag was appointed by legislative action February 7, 1894, and provided that the flag reported by the committee should become the official flag. The committee recommended for the flag "one with width two-thirds of its length; with the union square, in width two-thirds of the width of the flag; the ground of the union to be red and a broad blue saltier thereon, bordered with white and emblazoned with thirteen (13) mullets or five-pointed stars, corresponding with the number of the original States of the Union; the field to be divided into three bars of equal width, the upper one blue, the center one white, and the lower one extending the whole length of the flag.



Mississippi

In 1872, Mississippi was known as the Mudcat State, after a large catfish that lived in the river mud (a similar allusion may also have given it the less common nickname the *Mud-Waddler State*) . *Bayou State* dates from around 1867, and *Eagle State* is possibly a shortening of *Border-Eagle State*, which first appeared around 1846, and both may be from the eagle that appears on the state's seal. The state is also sometimes known as the *Groundhog State* or the *Hospitality State* (which appears on the licence plates) . However, the abundance of the magnolia, and its adoption as the official state flower and tree, has led to the modern nickname of the *Magnolia State*.

Economy:

Agriculture: Cotton, poultry, cattle, catfish, soybeans, dairy products, rice.

Industry: Apparel, furniture, lumber and wood products, food processing, electrical machinery, transportation equipment.