

# Tennessee

Sounds Good To Me



## Flag:

[The three stars](#) on the flag represent the three different land forms in Tennessee. Mountains in the east, highlands in the middle and lowlands in the west. On the flag these regions are bound together in an unbroken circle. The field is crimson with a blue background for the stars. The final blue strip relieves the sameness of the crimson field and prevents the flag from showing too much crimson when it is limp.



Tennessee is known officially (by some accounts) and on its licence plates as the **Volunteer State**, a name which goes back (depending on which reference you use) either to 1812, when the volunteer soldiers showed particular courage in the Battle of New Orleans, or to 1847 when the Governor called for three regiments to serve in the Mexican War, and 30,000 men volunteered. The state was also known as the **Lion's Den**, back in 1843, possibly because border ruffians were then known as "lions of the West". Tennessee is named after the Indian name for the state, which means "The River with the Big Bend", and which led to **The Big Bend State**, and the diet of fatback pig and cornmeal (both abundant produce in the state) gave it the **Hog and Hominy State** (it is also sometimes known as the **Hog State**, and the **Hominy State**). Tennessee remembers the fact that it was the home of three US Presidents, in the nickname **Mother of Southwestern Statesmen**. The tan colour of Tennessee soldiers' uniforms in the War Between the States gave them the nickname of "butternuts" (after the squash), and the state is sometimes known as the **Butternut State** as a result.

## Economy:

**Agriculture:** Soybeans, cotton, tobacco, livestock and livestock products, dairy products, cattle, hogs.

**Industry:** Chemicals, transportation equipment, rubber, plastics.