Mississippi MarketMaker Newsletter



Mississippi Sweet Potatoes

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Sweet Potatoes Have A Lot To Offer!



- 1. Young sweet potato leaves and shoots are sometimes eaten as greens.
- 2. Sweet potatoes and yams are NOT the same thing! Sweet potatoes aren't actually potatoes (tubers), they are roots!
- 3. The most common type of sweet potato planted in Mississippi is the Beauregard variety.
- 4. High in Beta-Carotene, sweet potatoes are very healthy for your skin. They also have high vitamins A, E and C-antioxidants that can help prevent heart disease and cancer!
- 5. Sweet potatoes are fat-free and cholesterol-free!
- 6. Vardaman, MS is the SWEET POTATO CAPITOL OF THE WORLD!

Who Sells Sweet Potatoes on MS MarketMaker?

N&W Farms 176 Hwy 341 South Vardaman, MS 38878 Phone: 662-682-7961 Website: <u>www.nandwfarms.com</u> MS MarketMaker Profile: <u>http://ms.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/business/2912</u>





Missiana Produce Inc. 124 Jimmy Beckley Drive Bruce, MS 38915 Phone: 662-983-3550 MS MarketMaker Profile: http://ms.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/business/2917

Sweet potato packer/shipper/grower

Bailey Farms 561 Veterans Blvd Calhoun City, MS 38916 Phone: 662-983-5726 MS MarketMaker Profile:<u>http://ms.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/business/501786</u>



A Taste of Mississippi: Sweet Potato Sweets "We make pies, bread, candies, sausage balls, cookies, log rolls, quiche and many more items which contain sweet potatoes. Our town is called "The Sweet Potato Capital of the World. We say that we are second in quantity, but first in quality. Our potatoes here are said to taste better than those grown anywhere else because of the soil here." <u>http://ms.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/main/taste#t_1519-sweet-potato-sweets</u>

*To find a local business who is selling these items, do a Business Search at the MS MarketMaker website using this link! <u>http://webapps.marketmaker.uiuc.edu/marketmaker/#MS/food/productsearch/2226;2425/28</u>

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