

**Rice Graphics and Commentary**

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USDA's June 30, 2006 Acreage Report which is the first U.S. Department of Agriculture survey of actual 2006 plantings and expected harvested acreage shows the impact catastrophic weather events of the past 15 months and energy price increases which have not been experienced by our rice producers in almost two and half decades have had on 2006 U.S. rice acreage.

USDA is currently estimating that U.S. long grain rice harvested acreage will be down 17% from 2.734 million acres to 2.261 million acres. U.S. medium grain rice harvested acreage is projected to be up 1% from 575,000 acres in 2005 to 582,000 acres in 2006. Short grain rice harvested acreage is projected down 5.5% from 55,000 acres to 52,000 this year. U.S. all rice harvested acreage is estimated down 14% falling from 3.364 million acres in 2005 to 2.895 million acres in 2006.

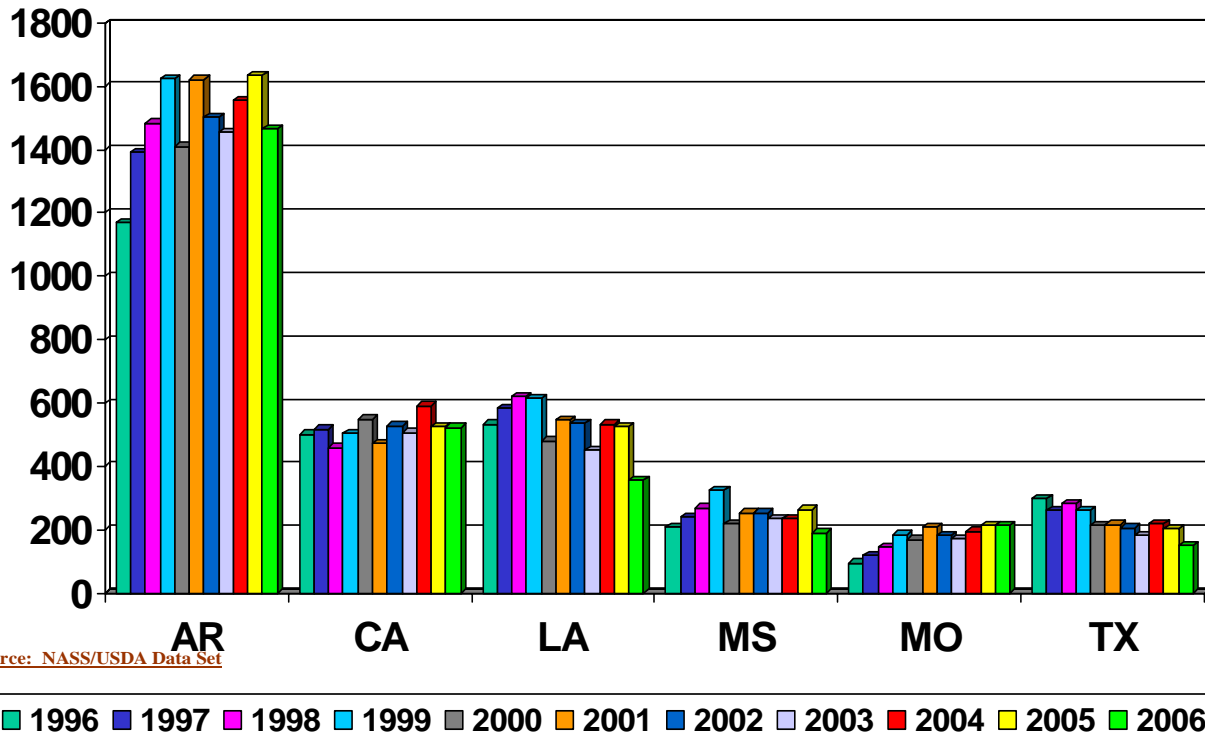
Arkansas long grain rice producers indicate harvesting expectations of 1.355 million rice acres in 2006 which is 12% or 178,000 acres below 2005's 1.533 million acres. This would be Arkansas long grain rice producer's fifth largest long grain rice acreage. The table that follows shows the United States and individual state's long grain rice harvested rice acreage for years 2000 through 2006.

U.S. & States	Long Grain Harvested Acreage						
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 acres						
<b>Arkansas</b>	1130	1472	1340	1290	1400	1533	1355
<b>California</b>	9	13	7	7	7	9	10
<b>Louisiana</b>	455	538	525	430	520	515	345
<b>Mississippi</b>	218	253	253	234	234	263	189
<b>Missouri</b>	168	206	182	170	194	213	213
<b>Texas</b>	209	215	205	179	216	201	149
<b>United States</b>	2189	2697	2512	2310	2571	2743	2261

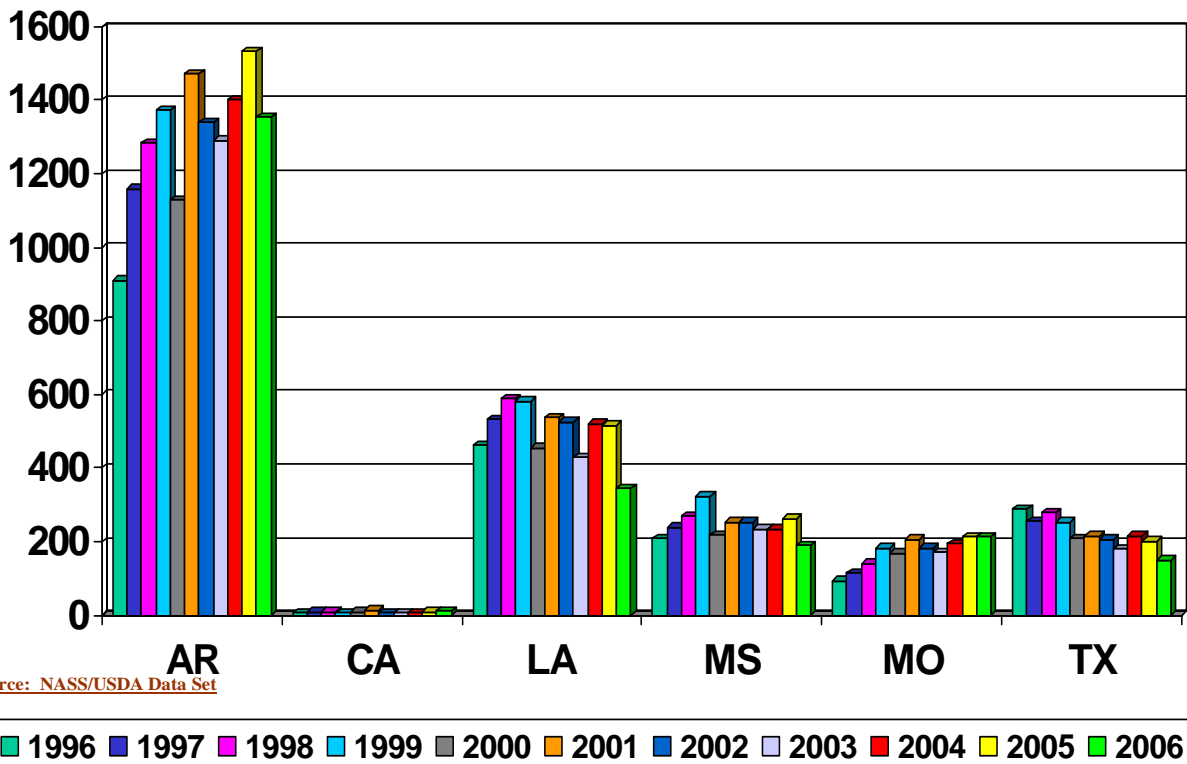
Between 2000 and 2005 Arkansas long grain rice producers harvested an average 1.360 million acres so 2006's acreage is close to the past 6 year average. To think the weather and energy events of the past 15 months have not impacted our Arkansas producers would be very wrong. Key reasons for the favorable Arkansas long grain rice acreage lies with consolidation of rice acreage, lack of production alternatives, and the off again and on again weather and pricing opportunities. That said cash flowing these rice acres is requiring extraordinary business and agronomic management skills.

Additionally, Arkansas rice producers are expected to harvest 109,000 acres of medium grain which is slightly above last year's 101,000 acres and 1,000 acres of short grain rice. This year's total Arkansas rice harvested acreage is estimated at 1.465 million acres compared to last year's record 1.635 million acres.

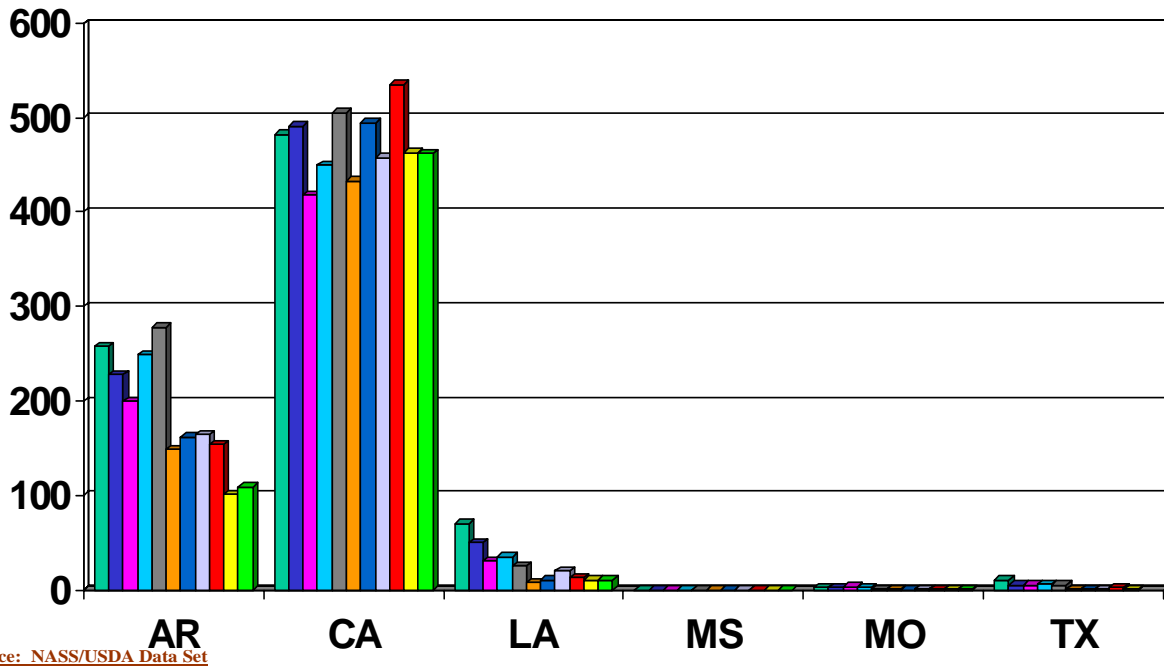
### U.S. All Rice Harvested By State 1996-2006, Thousand Acres



### U.S. Long Grain Rice Harvested By State 1996-2006, Thousand Acres



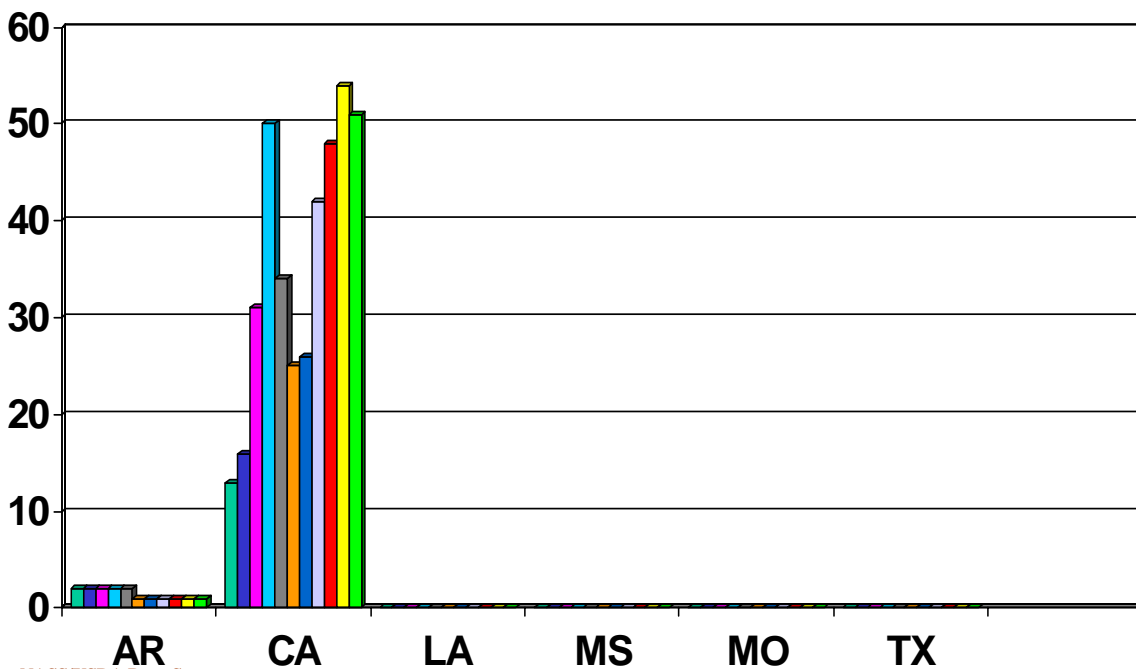
U.S. Medium Grain Rice Harvested By State 1996-2006, Thousand Acres



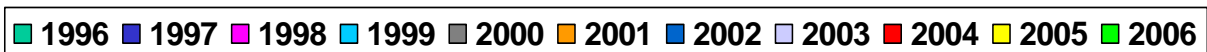
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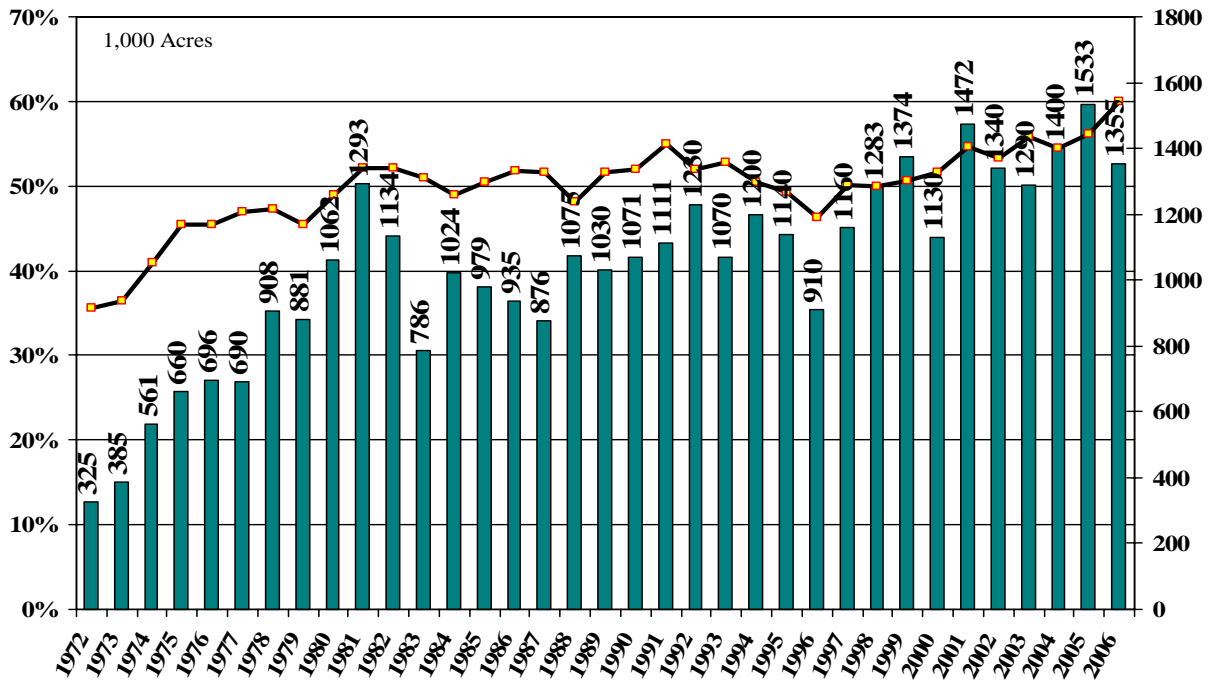
U.S. Short Grain Rice Harvested By State 1996-2006, Thousand Acres



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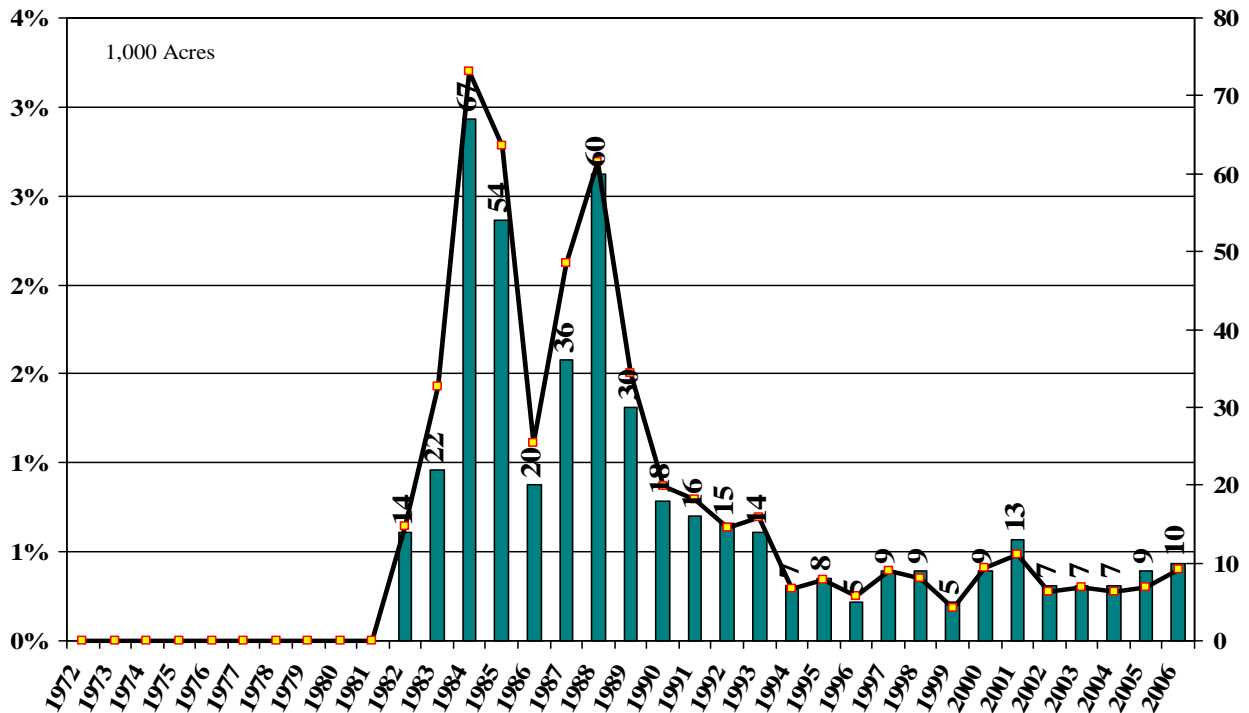
## Arkansas Long Grain Rice Harvested Acres and Percent of U.S. Long Grain Harvested Acres, 1972 - 2006



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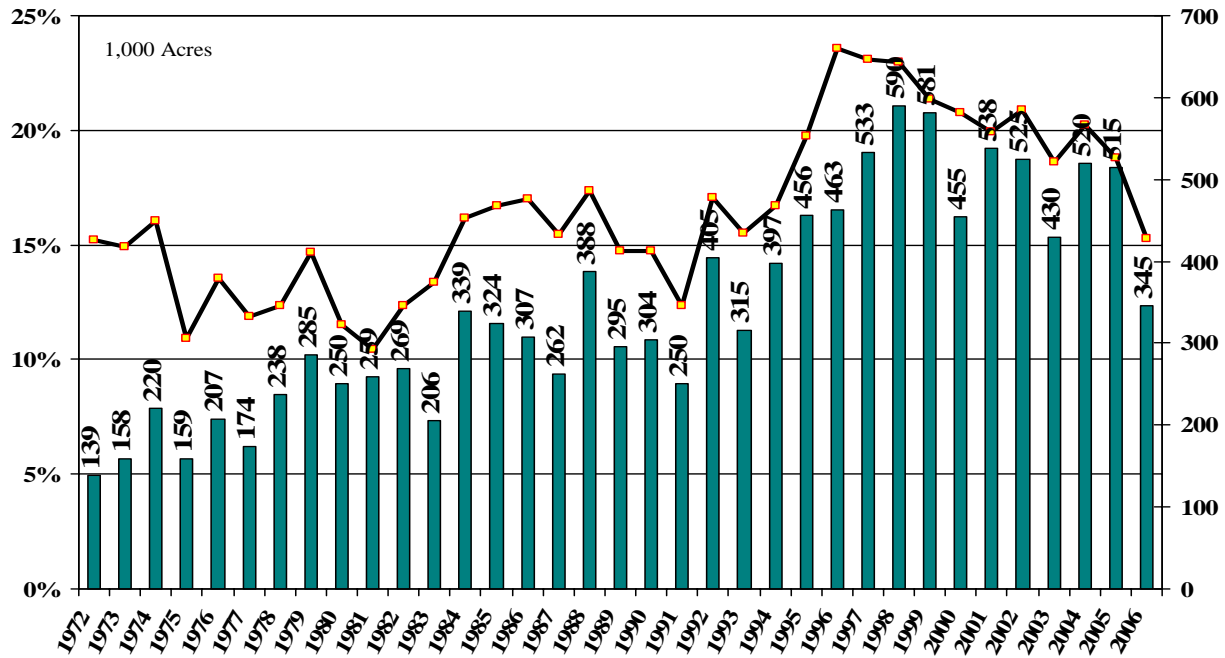
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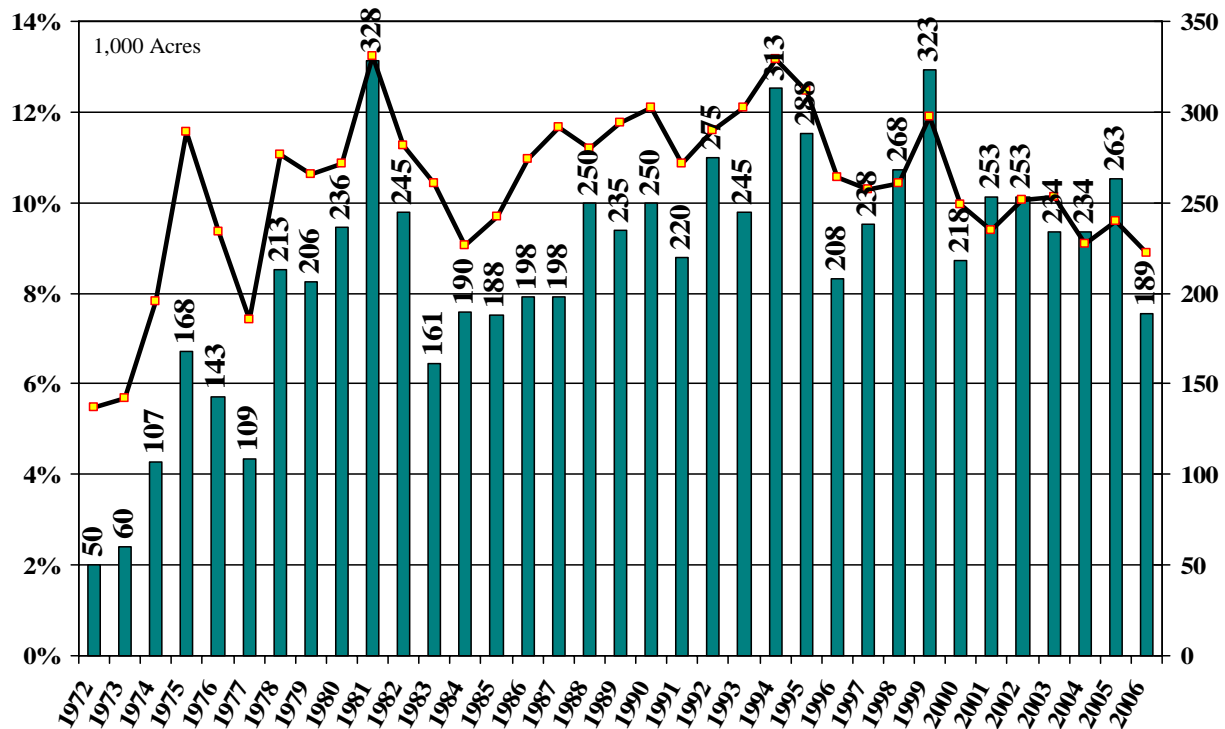
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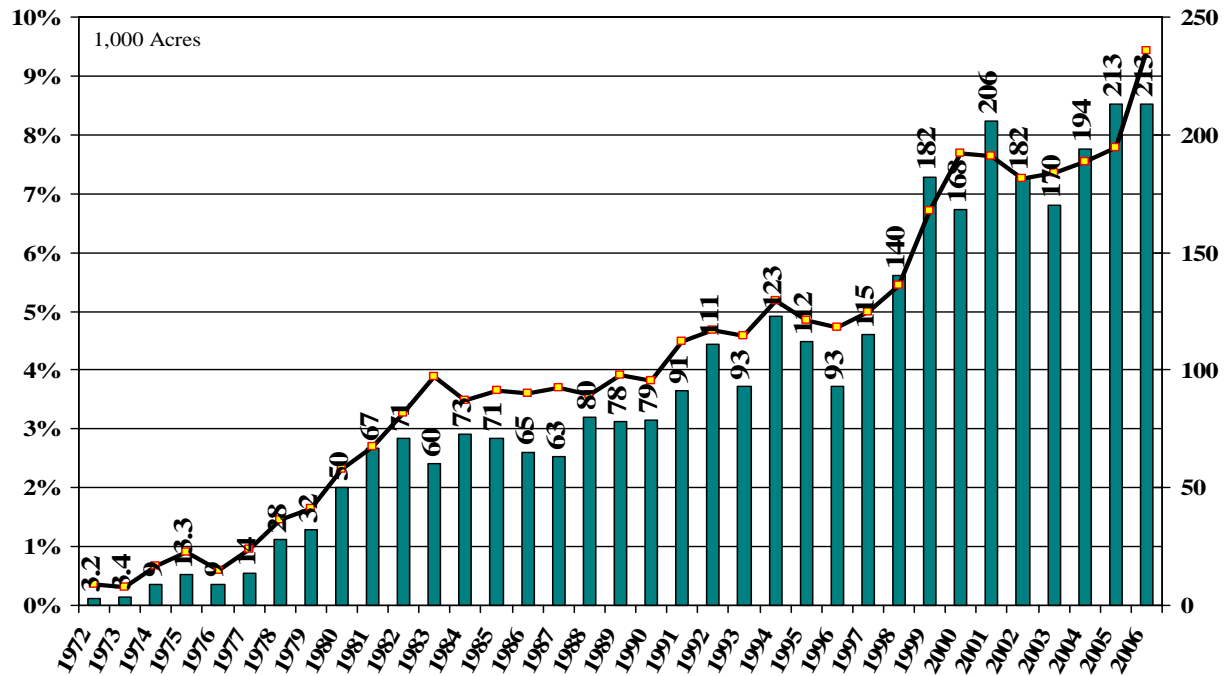
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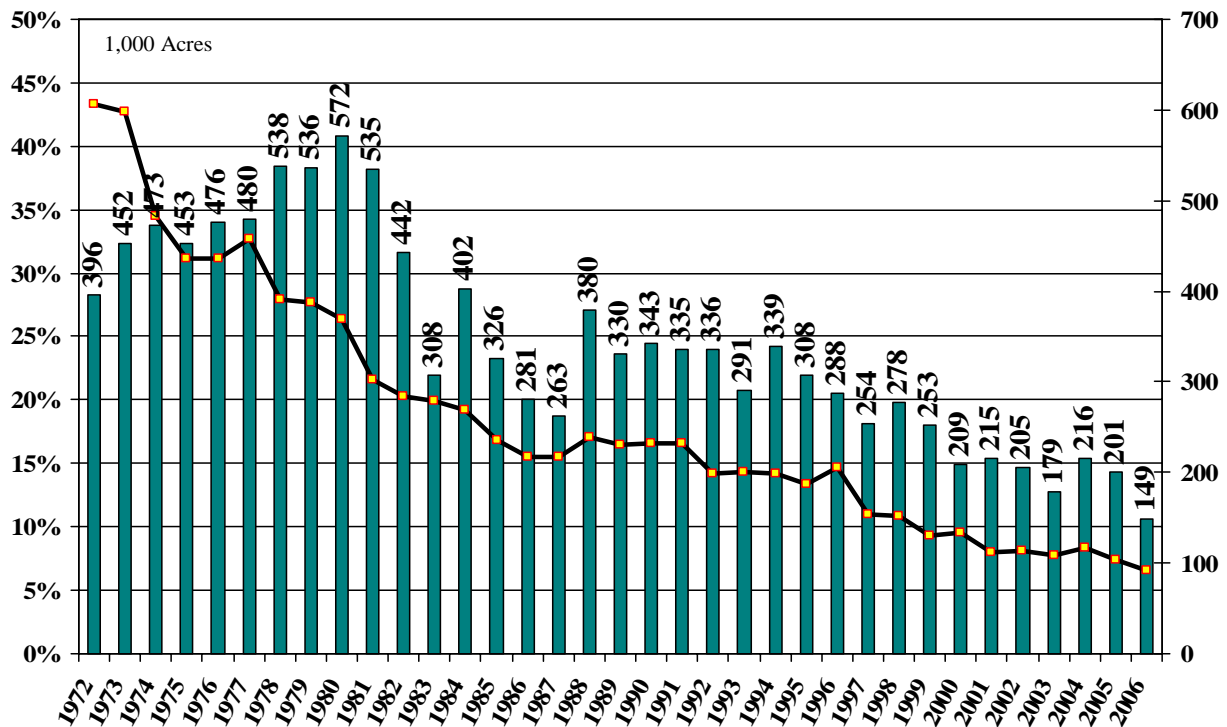
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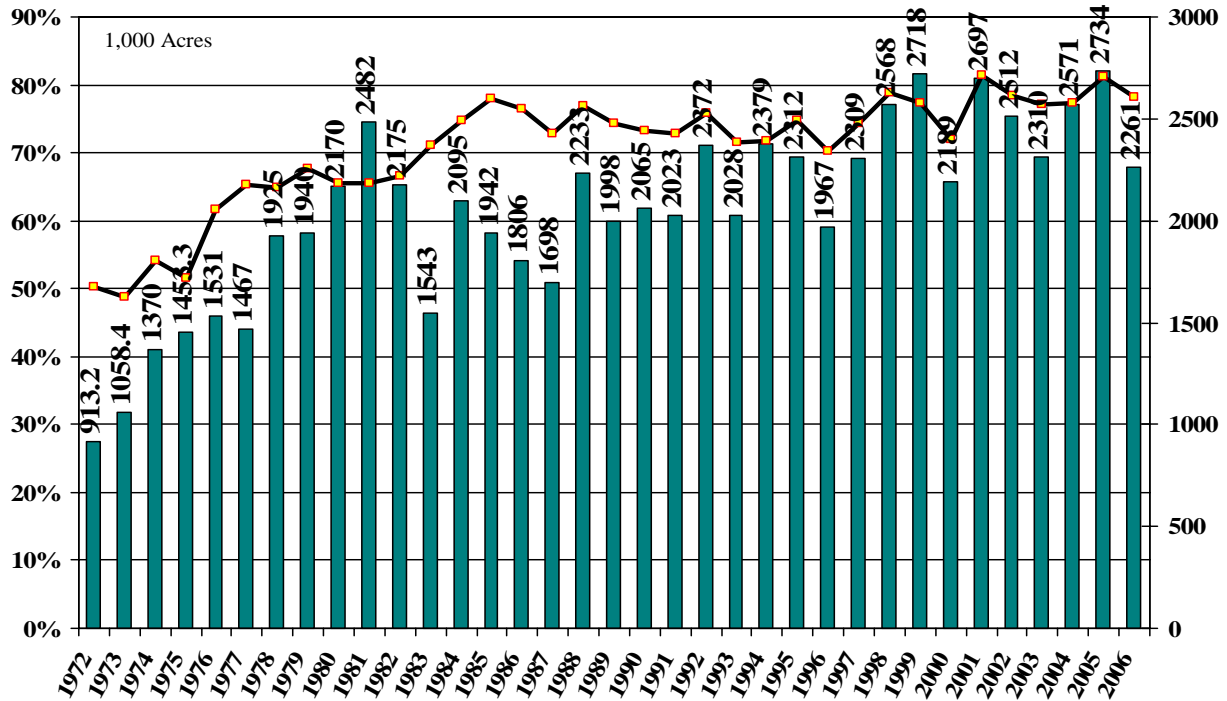
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## U.S. Long Grain Rice Harvested Acres and Percent of U.S. All Rice Harvested Acres, 1972 - 2006



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