

# Agriculture Works for Arkansas

## Clay County

### Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	409,152	acres
Average Size of Farms	488	acres
Number of Farms	702	
Land in Farms	342,586	acres
Cropland Harvested <sup>1</sup>	282,610	acres
Timber <sup>2</sup>	86,674	acres

1. 2005 Cropland Harvested, National Agricultural Statistics Services, USDA

2. 2005 Forest Inventory and Analysis, USDA Forest Service

All other information from 2002 Census of Agriculture

### Major Crops, Livestock & Timber

Major Crops	Acreage	Production	Units
Wheat	6,100	248,000	Bu
Rice	85,000	5,605,280	Cwt
Sorghum	3,000	218,000	Bu
Cotton	31,800	72,000	Bales
Soybeans	125,000	4,541,000	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Cattle & Calves	9,608	5,327	

Sources: Crop data for 2005 are from the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service;  
Livestock data are from the 2002 Census of Agriculture

### Timber

### Total<sup>3</sup>

Timber Removed 15,847 Tons

3. Computed from 1997 Severance Tax Data, Department of Finance and Administration

## Agricultural Employment

## Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,606
Agricultural Services .....	177
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products .....	557
New Farm Structures .....	1
Total (All Industries) .....	8,192

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2003 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

## Agricultural Value Added

## In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	49.8
Agricultural Services .....	3.6
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products .....	17.7
New Farm Structures .....	0.0
Total (All Industries) .....	306.6

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2003 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

## Farm Revenue

## In millions of dollars

All crops .....	\$ 109.1
All livestock .....	3.8
Other farm income .....	33.6
Timber <sup>4</sup> (delivered value) .....	0.5

4. Estimates (1997-2000 average) provided by Dr. Frank Roth, from DFA and Timber-Mart South data. Other information from 2004 REIS database, Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Agriculture in Arkansas

Agriculture is a vital and growing component of the state's economy. Facts include:

- Nearly 287,000 Arkansas workers, or 20 percent of the state's jobs, were employed as a result of agricultural production and processing.
- These workers received \$8.9 billion wages and salaries – about 19 percent of the state's total employee income.
- The total value added as a result of agricultural production and processing in the state was approximately \$15.3 billion, or roughly 20 percent of all the value added in the state.
- Arkansas ranks No. 1 in the U.S. in rice production.
- In 2005, Arkansas farmers harvested 7.5 million acres of crops.

Source: Economic Impact of the Agricultural Sector on the Arkansas Economy, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service