

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Conway County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	355,936	acres
Average Size of Farms	223	acres
Number of Farms	779	
Land in Farms	173,497	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	70,541	acres
Timber ²	196,018	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	3,900	88,000	Bu
Sorghum	2,100	181,000	Bu
Soybeans	20,000	569,000	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Cattle & Calves	34,726	14,774	
Hogs & Pigs	17,053	134,977	
Broilers/Turkeys		38,793,820	

Sources: Crop data for 2005 are from the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service;

Livestock data are from the 2002 Census of Agriculture

Timber Total³

Timber Removed 225,166 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	713
Agricultural Services	34
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	664
New Farm Structures	4
Total (All Industries)	9,557

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	45.0
Agricultural Services	0.6
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	62.3
New Farm Structures	0.2
Total (All Industries)	419.7

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops\$	8.2
All livestock	93.8
Other farm income	6.8
Timber ⁴ (delivered value)	7.7

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

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