

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Craighead County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	454,938	acres
Average Size of Farms	480	acres
Number of Farms	730	
Land in Farms	350,149	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	304,687	acres
Timber ²	55,401	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	4,600	176,000	Bu
Rice	87,300	5,591,820	Bu
Cotton	104,000	235,000	Bales
Soybeans	95,000	3,323,000	Bu

Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold
Cattle & Calves	6,862	2,495

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 11,520 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,726
Agricultural Services	433
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	1,635
New Farm Structures	11
Total (All Industries)	55,830

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	70.4
Agricultural Services	7.4
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	142.6
New Farm Structures	0.6
Total (All Industries)	2,584.6

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	172.4
All livestock	3.6
Other farm income	41.8
Timber ⁴ (delivered value)	0.2

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