

# Agriculture Works for Arkansas

## Desha County

### Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	489,594	acres
Average Size of Farms	1,078	acres
Number of Farms	264	
Land in Farms	284,647	acres
Cropland Harvested <sup>1</sup>	233,466	acres
Timber <sup>2</sup>	159,655	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	2,000	90,000	Bu
Rice	50,800	3,223,220	Cwt
Cotton	82,300	182,100	Bales
Soybeans	89,000	3,496,000	Bu

Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold
Cattle & Calves	2,691	985

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 204,029 Tons

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

## Agricultural Employment

## Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,371
Agricultural Services .....	419
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products .....	700
New Farm Structures .....	1
Total (All Industries) .....	8,078

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

## Agricultural Value Added

## In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	58.0
Agricultural Services .....	7.4
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products .....	61.6
New Farm Structures .....	0.1
Total (All Industries) .....	370.8

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

## Farm Revenue

## In millions of dollars

All crops .....	121.6
All livestock .....	9.9
Other farm income .....	29.2
Timber <sup>4</sup> (delivered value) .....	2.4

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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