

# Agriculture Works for Arkansas

## Garland County

### Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

|                                 |         |       |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Approximate Land Area           | 433,421 | acres |
| Average Size of Farms           | 120     | acres |
| Number of Farms                 | 386     |       |
| Land in Farms                   | 46,454  | acres |
| Cropland Harvested <sup>1</sup> | 6,240   | acres |
| Timber <sup>2</sup>             | 329,139 | 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

| Livestock                | Inventory | No. Sold |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Cattle & Calves          | 7,448     | 2,915    |
| Layers 20 Wks<br>& Older | 129,765   |          |
| Broilers & Turkeys       |           | 280      |

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

### Timber

Timber Removed

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

369,883 Tons

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

## Agricultural Employment

## Jobs

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....                     | 347    |
| Agricultural Services .....                               | 333    |
| Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products ..... | 795    |
| New Farm Structures .....                                 | 12     |
| Total (All Industries) .....                              | 47,294 |

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

## Agricultural Value Added

## In millions of dollars

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$                  | 12.6    |
| Agricultural Services .....                               | 4.1     |
| Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products ..... | 44.8    |
| New Farm Structures .....                                 | 0.6     |
| Total (All Industries) .....                              | 2,004.6 |

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

## Farm Revenue

## In millions of dollars

|   |      |
|---|------|
| All crops .....                             | 3.0  |
| All livestock .....                         | 31.3 |
| Other farm income .....                     | 1.2  |
| Timber <sup>4</sup> (delivered value) ..... | 20.4 |

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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