

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Hempstead County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	466,413	acres
Average Size of Farms	260	acres
Number of Farms	783	
Land in Farms	203,678	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	43,685	acres
Timber ²	296,979	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	61,211	29,620
Hogs & Pigs	3,469	93,255
Layers 20 Wks & Older	591,272	
Broilers & Turkeys		63,176,609

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

Timber

	Total ³
Timber Removed	442,047 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	591
Agricultural Services	53
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	2,137
New Farm Structures	1
Total (All Industries)	11,530

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	70.4
Agricultural Services	1.0
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	115.3
New Farm Structures	0.0
Total (All Industries)	561.8

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	2.4
All livestock	187.3
Other farm income	10.9
Timber ⁴ (delivered value)	20.9

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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