

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Little River County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Approximate Land Area | 340,307 | acres |
| Average Size of Farms | 347 | acres |
| Number of Farms | 424 | |
| Land in Farms | 147,173 | acres |
| Cropland Harvested ¹ | 49,918 | acres |
| Timber ² | 199,780 | 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

| Crops | Acreage | Production | Units |
|------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| Wheat | 9,000 | 114,000 | Bu |
| Soybeans | 12,000 | 283,000 | Bu |
| Livestock | Inventory | No. Sold | |
| Cattle & Calves | 31,277 | 17,611 | |
| Hogs & Pigs | | 32,412 | |
| Broilers/Turkeys | | 13,948,051 | |

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 591,620 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... | 502 |
| Agricultural Services | 21 |
| Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products | 1,238 |
| New Farm Structures | 1 |
| Total (All Industries) | 5,742 |

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$ | 26.3 |
| Agricultural Services | 0.4 |
| Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products | 184.4 |
| New Farm Structures | 0.1 |
| Total (All Industries) | 406.8 |

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

| | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| All crops | \$ 8.1 |
| All livestock | 42.5 |
| Other farm income | 13.7 |
| Timber ⁴ (delivered value) | 20.2 |

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