

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Monroe County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	388,256	acres
Average Size of Farms	928	acres
Number of Farms	250	
Land in Farms	232,077	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	199,079	acres
Timber ²	169,604	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	3,000	124,000	Bu
Rice	58,800	3,850,720	Cwt
Cotton	21,700	44,200	Bales
Soybeans	96,000	3,191,000	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Cattle & Calves	1,197	246	
Hogs & Pigs	1,648	2,620	

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 34,026 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	947
Agricultural Services	118
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	196
New Farm Structures	0
Total (All Industries)	4,491

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	38.2
Agricultural Services	2.5
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	9.2
New Farm Structures	0.0
Total (All Industries)	175.0

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	68.6
All livestock	2.7
Other farm income	25.9
Timber ⁴ (delivered value)	0.8

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