

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Poinsett County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	484,954	acres
Average Size of Farms	852	acres
Number of Farms	448	
Land in Farms	381,532	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	346,899	acres
Timber ²	62,922	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	8,300	345,000	Bu
Rice	133,700	8,877,770	Cwt
Cotton	55,300	116,300	Bales
Soybeans	168,000	6,148,000	Bu

Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold
Cattle & Calves	2,830	1,109

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	8,960 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	2,185
Agricultural Services	572
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	249
New Farm Structures	1
Total (All Industries)	9,911

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	67.6
Agricultural Services	10.6
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	10.0
New Farm Structures	0.0
Total (All Industries)	382.9

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	164.8
All livestock	3.2
Other farm income	54.3
Timber ⁴ (delivered value)	0.5

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