

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Prairie County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	413,395	acres
Average Size of Farms	714	acres
Number of Farms	431	
Land in Farms	307,806	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	227,766	acres
Timber ²	106,554	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	1,400	58,000	Bu
Rice	73,900	5,320,980	Cwt
Sorghum	2,900	244,000	Bu
Soybeans	118,000	4,417,000	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Cattle & Calves	5,005	2,378	

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	25,020 Tons

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,146
Agricultural Services	117
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	61
New Farm Structures	0
Total (All Industries)	3,774

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	41.3
Agricultural Services	2.5
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	2.8
New Farm Structures	0.0
Total (All Industries)	154.1

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	\$ 86.0
All livestock	7.8
Other farm income	23.1
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

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