Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Union County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	664,896	acres
Average Size of Farms	118	acres
Number of Farms	342	
Land in Farms	40,477	acres
Cropland Harvested[1]	6,111	acres
Timber[2]	574,418	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	9,722	3,097
Hogs & Pigs	107	62
Broilers/Turkeys		24,792,893

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	1,726,924	Tons

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

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Agricultural Employment	Jobs
Farm, Forestry & Fish Production…….	518
Agricultural Services ……	204
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products …….	2,769
New Farm Structures ……	7
Total (All Industries) …….....	25,653

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

Agricultural Value Added	In millions of dollars
Farm, Forestry & Fish Production……. .$	56.0
Agricultural Services ……	3.3
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products …….	159.1
New Farm Structures ……	0.6
Total (All Industries) …….....	1,531.0

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

Farm Revenue	In millions of dollars
All crops …….....$	0.5
All livestock ……	66.7
Other farm income …….	4.2
Timber[4] (delivered value) …….	66.9

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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