

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Ashley County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	592,223 acres
Average Size of Farms	297 acres
Number of Farms	376
Land in Farms	111,521 acres
Cropland Harvested	79,834 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$72.8 Million
Timber ¹	400,800 acres

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

2. 2010 Southern Forest Inventory and Analysis, Forest Service, USDA

Major Crops, livestock & Timber

Crops	Acreage	Production	Units
Cotton	17,995	39,053	Ba
Rice	5,199	357,429	Cwt
Soybeans	31,136	1,450,704	Bu
Wheat	5,747	337,015	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Calves & Cattle	4,186	1,908	
Hogs & Pigs	52	74	

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber

Total²

Timber Output 30,403,000 CF

1. U.S. Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis, 2009

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,429
Agricultural Services.....	144
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	1,730
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	3,303
All Industries (Total).....	10,993

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2012 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	43.3
Agricultural Services.....	5.1
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	475.6
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	524.0
All industries (Total).....	1,026.2

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2012 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops..... \$	116,745
All livestock.....	6,658
Other farm income.....	15,342
Total farm revenue.....	138,745

Source: Information from 2013 REIS database, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Agriculture in Arkansas

Agriculture is a vital and growing component of the state's economy. Facts include:

- Nearly 281,000 Arkansas workers, or 17 percent of the state's jobs, were employed as a result of agricultural production and processing.
- These workers received \$11.5 billion in wages and salaries -- about 17 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 \$20.1 billion, or roughly 18 percent of all the value added in the state.
- Arkansas ranks No. 1 in the U.S. in rice production and No. 2 in broilers.

Source: Economic Contribution of Arkansas Agriculture 2014, University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

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