

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Benton County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	542,274 acres
Average Size of Farms	141 acres
Number of Farms	2,157
Land in Farms	304,845 acres
Cropland Harvested	73,554 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$529.1 Million
Timber ¹	223,900 acres

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

1. 2010 Southern Forest Inventory and Analysis, Forest Service, USDA

Major Crops, livestock & Timber

Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold
Calves & Cattle	115,546	69,786
Layers	1,672,147	1,241,385
Broilers	17,760,938	121,900,380
Turkeys	518,672	1,688,493

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber	Total ²
Timber Output	840,000 CF

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production	2,057
Agricultural Services	108
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	5,402
Agriculture – Direct (Total)	7,566
All Industries (Total).....	136,093

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2013 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production \$	190.6
Agricultural Services	28.1
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	397.3
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	616.0
All industries (Total)	11,766.7

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2013 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	\$	12.4
All livestock		507.3
Other farm income.....		11.6
Total farm revenue		531.3

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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