

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Desha County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	491,617 acres
Average Size of Farms	1,095 acres
Number of Farms	244
Land in Farms	267,088 acres
Cropland Harvested	235,956 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$213.0 Million
Timber ¹	151,800 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	30,261	72,150	Ba
Rice	19,624	1,520,626	Cwt
Sorghum	3,003	251,631	Bu
Soybeans	126,818	6,652,452	Bu
Wheat	8,529	500,774	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Calves & Cattle	199	60	

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber

Total²

Timber Output 2,036,000 CF

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,366
Agricultural Services.....	226
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	532
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	2,124
All Industries (Total).....	7,505

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	66.5
Agricultural Services.....	7.2
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	132.3
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	206.0
All industries (Total).....	521.3

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops..... \$	220,973
All livestock.....	2,612
Other farm income.....	22,901
Total farm revenue.....	246,486

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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