

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Howard County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	376,675 acres
Average Size of Farms	266 acres
Number of Farms	552
Land in Farms	146,846 acres
Cropland Harvested	20,813 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$179.1 Million
Timber ¹	277,800 acres

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

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

Major Crops, livestock & Timber

Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold
Broilers	6,665,939	37,161,741
Calves & Cattle	41,882	20,121
Hogs & Pigs	21,240	329,164
Layers	367,690	358,554

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber

Timber Output **Total²**
13,773,000 CF

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	416
Agricultural Services.....	114
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	1,807
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	2,336
All Industries (Total).....	8,585

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	41.1
Agricultural Services.....	2.8
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	101.1
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	145.0
All industries (Total).....	554.5

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops..... \$	2,888
All livestock.....	233,015
Other farm income.....	7,059
Total farm revenue.....	242,962

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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