

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Independence County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	488,930 acres
Average Size of Farms	247 acres
Number of Farms	1,003
Land in Farms	247,879 acres
Cropland Harvested	75,808 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$131.9 Million
Timber ¹	222,200 acres

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

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

Major Crops, livestock & Timber

Crops	Acreage	Production	Units
Rice	9,358	704,028	Cwt
Sorghum	1,855	96,167	Bu
Soybeans	25,412	849,641	Bu
Wheat	2,825	157,391	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Calves & Cattle	36,053	22,585	
Layers	75,179	95,075	
Broilers	2,711,377	14,846,599	

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber

Total²

Timber Output 3,783,000 CF

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,680
Agricultural Services.....	65
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	1,800
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	3,544
All Industries (Total).....	20,530

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	\$ 34.8
Agricultural Services.....	-0.7
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	117.8
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	151.8
All industries (Total).....	1,329.9

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops.....	\$ 35,589
All livestock.....	129,952
Other farm income.....	6,360
Total farm revenue.....	171,901

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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