

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Van Buren County - 2015

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	453,212 acres
Average Size of Farms	209 acres
Number of Farms	587
Land in Farms	122,875 acres
Cropland Harvested	20,714 acres
Market Value Ag Products	\$20.0 Million
Timber ¹	361,100 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	489,312	2,400,021
Calves & Cattle	18,736	12,782
Layers	1,031	221

Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture

Timber

Timber Output **Total²** 7,501,000 CF

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

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	293
Agricultural Services.....	16
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....	18
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....	327
All Industries (Total).....	6,340

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

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	\$	5.3
Agricultural Services.....		0.3
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products.....		0.7
Agriculture – Direct (Total).....		6.3
All industries (Total).....		374.3

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

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops.....	\$	2,459
All livestock.....		18,592
Other farm income.....		5,631
Total farm revenue.....		26,682

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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