

Agriculture Works for Arkansas

Randolph County

Quick Facts from the Division of Agriculture

Approximate Land Area	417,165	acres
Average Size of Farms	347	acres
Number of Farms	710	
Land in Farms	246,422	acres
Cropland Harvested ¹	105,014	acres
Timber ²	199,696	acres

1. 2005 Cropland Harvested, National Agricultural Statistics Services, USDA

2. 2005 Forest Inventory and Analysis, USDA Forest Service

All other information from 2002 Census of Agriculture

Major Crops, Livestock & Timber

Crops	Acreage	Production	Units
Rice	35,000	2,380,420	Cwt
Soybeans	39,000	1,478,000	Bu
Livestock	Inventory	No. Sold	
Cattle & Calves	33,989	16,831	
Hogs & Pigs	106	42	
Broilers/Turkeys		6,405,215	

Sources: Crop data for 2005 are from the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service;
Livestock data are from the 2002 Census of Agriculture

Timber	Total ³
Timber Removed	27,807 Tons

3. Computed from 1997 Severance Tax Data, Department of Finance and Administration

Agricultural Employment

Jobs

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production.....	1,181
Agricultural Services	51
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	60
New Farm Structures	1
Total (All Industries)	7,041

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2003 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Agricultural Value Added

In millions of dollars

Farm, Forestry & Fish Production..... \$	25.1
Agricultural Services	0.7
Processing of Agriculture, Forestry & Fish Products	1.6
New Farm Structures	0.0
Total (All Industries)	238.4

Source: Computed from the Arkansas 2003 IMPLAN Database, Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Inc.

Farm Revenue

In millions of dollars

All crops	\$ 33.4
All livestock	24.0
Other farm income	12.7
Timber⁴ (delivered value)	0.8

4. Estimates (1997-2000 average) provided by Dr. Frank Roth, from DFA and Timber-Mart South data. Other information from 2004 REIS database, Bureau of Economic Analysis

Agriculture in Arkansas

Agriculture is a vital and growing component of the state's economy. Facts include:

- Nearly 287,000 Arkansas workers, or 20 percent of the state's jobs, were employed as a result of agricultural production and processing.
- These workers received \$8.9 billion wages and salaries – about 19 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 \$15.3 billion, or roughly 20 percent of all the value added in the state.
- Arkansas ranks No. 1 in the U.S. in rice production.
- In 2005, Arkansas farmers harvested 7.5 million acres of crops.

Source: Economic Impact of the Agricultural Sector on the Arkansas Economy, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

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