



A Look at *Arkansas* Agriculture

Capital: Little Rock

Population: 2,889,450

Founded: June 15, 1836 (27th)

State Bird: Mockingbird

State Tree: Pine Tree

State Flower: Apple blossom

Number of Counties: 75

Largest City: Little Rock - 191,930

Nickname: The Natural State

Number of Farms: 49,300

Average Farm Size: 281 acres

Total Farmland: 13.8 million acres



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Climate & Soil

- Average monthly temperatures range from a high of 93° to a low of 26°.
- Average rainfall is between 44 and 54 inches annually.
- Arkansas has six regional land types: Ozark Mountains, Arkansas River Valley, Ouachita Mountains, West Gulf Coastal Plain, Mississippi Alluvial Plain and Crowley's Ridge.
- Stuttgart Soil is the state soil of Arkansas.
- Arkansas' growing season ranges from 180 days in the northwest to 240 days in the southeast.

Crops & Livestock

- Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry, accounting for nearly \$16 Billion of Arkansas' economy.
- The poultry industry accounts for just over 35% of the total value of Arkansas agriculture.
- Arkansas is the largest producer of rice in the U.S.
- Soybeans account for 25% of the total value of Arkansas crops.
- Two-thirds of the corn grown in Arkansas is fed to the poultry industry.
- There are 1.9 million head of beef cattle in Arkansas.
- Arkansas farmers produce around 1.2 billion broiler chickens annually.
- Arkansas has 10 commodities that rank in the top 10 nationally:
 - #1 in Rice
 - #2 in Broilers
 - #3 in Cotton
 - #3 in Cottonseed
 - #3 in Catfish
 - #4 in Turkeys
 - #8 in Grain Sorghum
 - #8 in Eggs
 - #10 in Soybeans
 - #10 in Pecans

General

- Arkansas has 52,075 square miles of land, or 33.3 million acres.
- Forests cover more than 56% of Arkansas' landscape.
- Arkansas is home to the world's only diamond producing site open to the public.
- Arkansas is also home to:
 - Wal-Mart, the largest food retailer in the world
 - Tyson Foods, one of the largest poultry producers in the U.S.
 - Riceland Foods, the largest rice miller and marketer in the world
 - Anderson Fish Farms, the largest producer of baitfish in the world