A Look at Arkansas Agriculture

Climate & Soil

- Average monthly temperatures range from a high of 93°F to a low of 26°F.
- 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

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