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Rice Production Down 10 Percent from 2005
Soybean Production Up 6 Percent
Cotton Production Up 11 Percent
Winter Wheat Production Up 120 Percent
Corn Production Down 30 Percent

Rice: The 2006 total rice production for the state is forecast at 98.2 million hundredweight (cwt), down 10 percent from last year's production of 108.8 million cwt. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2006 is forecast at 6,700 pounds per acre, up 50 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1,465,000 acres of rice, down 10 percent from 2005.

Soybeans: Soybean production in 2006 is forecast at 108.5 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 35.0 bushels per acre, 1 bushel more per acre than last year. Area for harvest, at 3,100,000 acres, is up 3 percent, or 100,000 acres from 2005.

Cotton: All cotton production is forecast at 2.5 million 480-pound bales, up 11 percent, or 248,000 more bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,032 pounds per harvested acre, up 16 pounds from a year ago. Producers expect to harvest 1,140,000 acres of all cotton, an increase of 100,000 acres from 2005.

Winter Wheat: The winter wheat production is forecast at 18.3 million bushels, up 120 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 61.0 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 300,000 acres, up 88 percent from 2005.

Corn: Corn for grain production is forecast at 21.1 million bushels, down 30 percent from 2005. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 128 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 165,000 acres of corn for grain, down 28 percent from 2005.

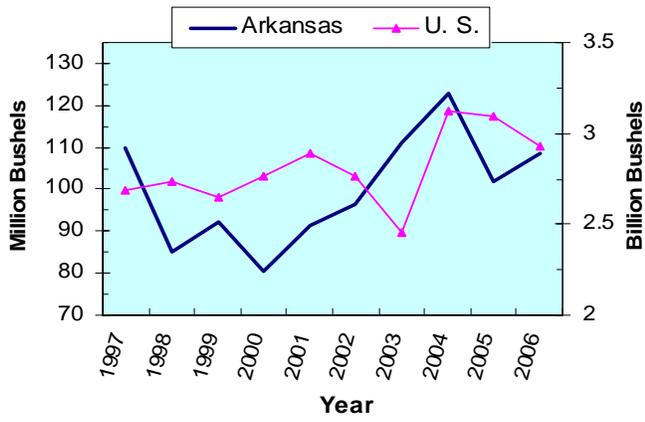
Area Harvested, Yield and Production, Arkansas and U. S., 2005 and 2006 as of August 1 Forecast

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Rice, All	²	1,635	1,465	6,650	6,700	108,792	98,155
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,000	3,100	34.0	35.0	102,000	108,500
Cotton, All	¹	1,040.0	1,140.0	1,016	1,032	2,202.0	2,450.0
Winter Wheat	Bushels	160	300	52.0	61.0	8,320	18,300
Corn for Grain	Bushels	230	165	131.0	128.0	30,130	21,120
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	62	56	80.0	82.0	4,960	4,592
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,290	1,400	1.70	1.90	2,193	2,660
United States							
Rice, All	²	3,364	2,895	6,636	6,813	223,235	197,242
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	71,361	73,935	43.3	39.6	3,086,432	2,927,634
Cotton, All	¹	13,802.6	12,815.0	831	765	23,890.2	20,431.0
Winter Wheat	Bushels	33,794	31,108	44.4	41.2	1,499,129	1,283,134
Corn for Grain	Bushels	75,107	72,091	147.9	152.2	11,112,072	10,975,740
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	5,736	5,317	68.7	55.8	393,893	296,453
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,260	40,290	1.91	1.77	74,819	71,121

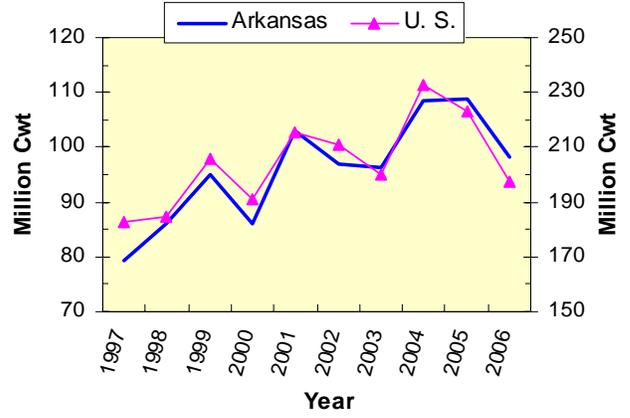
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds, production in hundredweight (cwt).

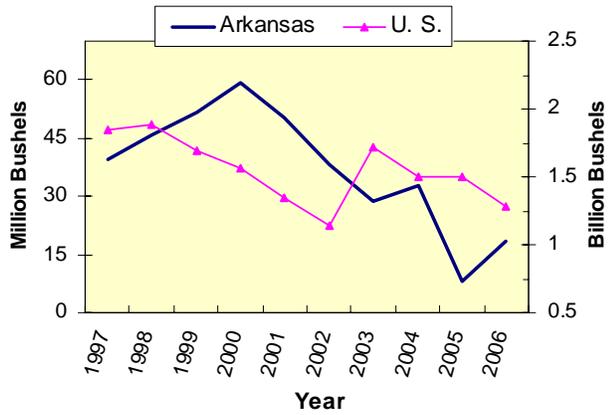
**Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S.
1997-2006**



**Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S.
1997-2006**



**Winter Wheat Production, Arkansas
1997-2006**



**Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S.
1997-2006**

