

# Arkansas

## Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *November 2007 Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys* which were conducted to obtain acreage, yield, and production estimates for corn, cotton, rice, sorghum, and soybeans. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and in a more detailed U.S. report at [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/). Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for these surveys.

### November Cotton and Sorghum Yields Up from October Forecast in Arkansas Soybean Yield Forecast Down a Bushel from Last Month

**Corn:** Corn for grain production for the state is forecast at 94.4 million bushels, up 259 percent from 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yield is expected to average 160 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast and up 14 bushels from last year. If realized, both production and yield would be record highs. Producers expect to harvest 590,000 acres of corn for grain, up 228 percent from 2006.

**Cotton:** All cotton production is forecast at 1.87 million 480-pound bales, up 20,000 bales from the October 1 forecast but down 26 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,056 pounds per harvested acre, the second highest yield on record, up 11 pounds from the October 1 forecast and from last year's yield. Harvested area is estimated at 850,000 acres, down 27 percent from 2006.

**Rice:** The 2007 total rice production for the state is forecast at 95.4 million hundredweight (cwt), unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 1 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of November 1, the all rice yield for 2007 is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast and up 350 pounds from last year's yield. If realized, this would be the record high yield for the state and would surpass the previous record set in 2004 by 220 pounds per acre. Producers expect to harvest 1.33 million acres of rice, down 75,000 acres from 2006.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum for grain production in 2007 is forecast at 20.6 million bushels, up 3 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 305 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average a new record high of 96 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from the October 1 forecast and up 11 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the 2007 yield would surpass the previous record high of 86 bushels per acre set in 2001. Area for grain harvest, at 215,000 acres, is up 258 percent from 2006.

**Soybeans:** Soybean production in 2007 for Arkansas is forecast at 103 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 37 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month's forecast but up 2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 2.78 million acres, is down 9 percent from 2006.

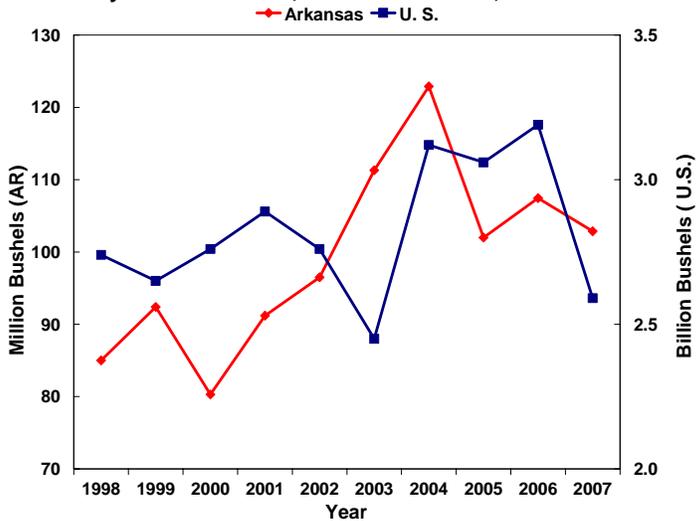
### Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006 and Forecasted November 1, 2007

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
<b>Arkansas</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	180	590	146.0	160.0	26,280	94,400
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	1,160	850	1,045	1,056	2,525	1,870
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,400	1,325	6,850	7,200	95,917	95,400
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	60	215	85.0	96.0	5,100	20,640
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,070	2,780	35.0	37.0	107,450	102,860
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	70,648	86,071	149.1	153.0	10,534,868	13,167,741
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	12,731.5	10,543.0	814	859	21,587.8	18,861.5
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	2,821	2,731	6,868	7,247	193,736	197,911
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	4,937	6,702	56.2	76.8	277,538	514,681
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	74,602	62,818	42.7	41.3	3,188,247	2,594,275

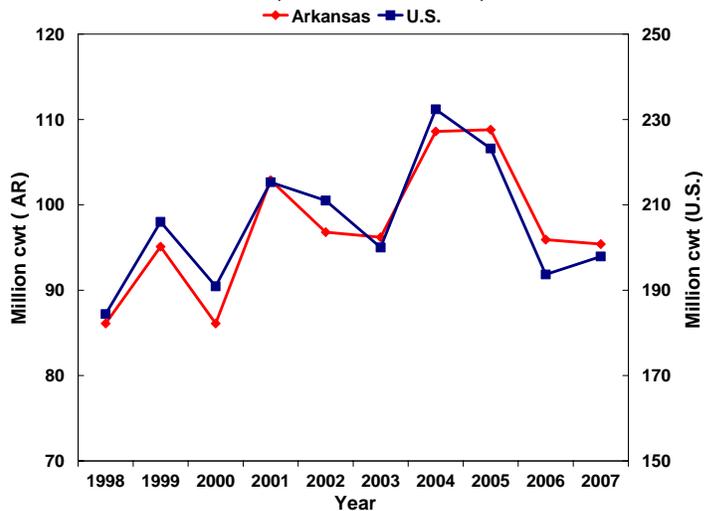
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yields in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

<sup>2</sup> Rice yield in pounds, production in hundredweight (cwt).

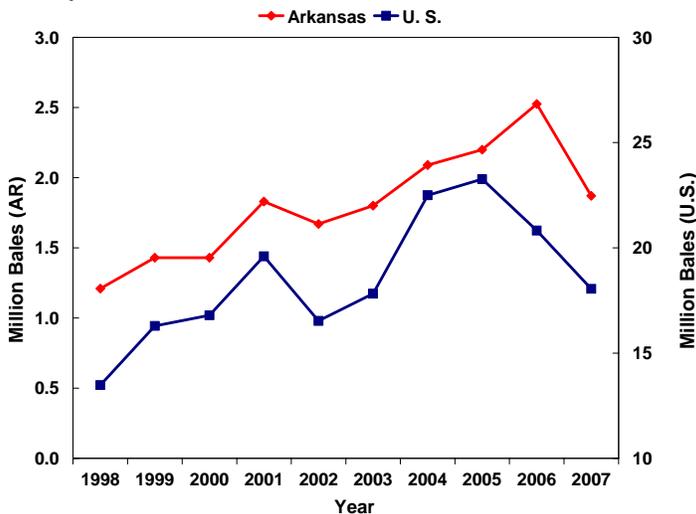
Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007<sup>1</sup>



Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007<sup>1</sup>



Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Forecasted Production for 2007 as of November 1, 2007.