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This report contains the results from the **2008 August Ag Yield and Objective Yield Surveys**. The data are also posted on our Web site at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

**Soybean Production Up 13 Percent from 2007**  
**Rice Production Up 2 Percent from Last Year**  
**Corn, Cotton, Hay, and Sorghum Production Down from Last Year**  
**Winter Wheat Production Up 78 Percent from 2007**

**Corn:** Corn for grain production is forecast at 74.3 million bushels, down 25 percent from 2007. If realized, this will be the second largest corn crop on record, second only to last year's record-setting production of 99.1 million bushels. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 165 bushels per acre, down 3 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 450,000 acres of corn for grain, down 24 percent from 2007.

**Cotton:** All cotton production is forecast at 1.6 million 480-pound bales, down 16 percent, or 296,000 fewer bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,113 pounds per harvested acre, up 42 pounds from a year ago, the second largest on record if realized. Producers expect to harvest 690,000 acres of cotton, a 160,000 acre reduction from 2007.

**Hay:** All hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.78 million tons, down 6 percent from 2007. Based on conditions as of August 1, 2008, yield is expected to average 2 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.39 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, down 11 percent from 2007.

**Rice:** The 2008 total rice production for the state is forecast at 96.8 million hundredweight (cwt), up 2 percent from last year's production of 94.5 million cwt. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2008 is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, up 70 pounds from last year's yield, and the largest yield on record if realized. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.35 million acres of rice, up 2 percent from 2007.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum for grain production in 2008 is forecast at 13.6 million bushels, down 33 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average a record high 97 bushels per acre, 3 bushels per acre higher than the previous record set last year. Area for grain harvest, at 140,000 acres, is down 35 percent, or 75,000 acres from 2007.

**Soybeans:** Soybean production in 2008 is forecast at 113 million bushels, up 13 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 36 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.15 million acres, is up 13 percent, or 360,000 acres from 2007.

**Winter Wheat:** Winter wheat production is forecast at 51 million bushels, up 78 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 58 bushels per acre, up 17 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 880,000 acres, up 26 percent from 2007.

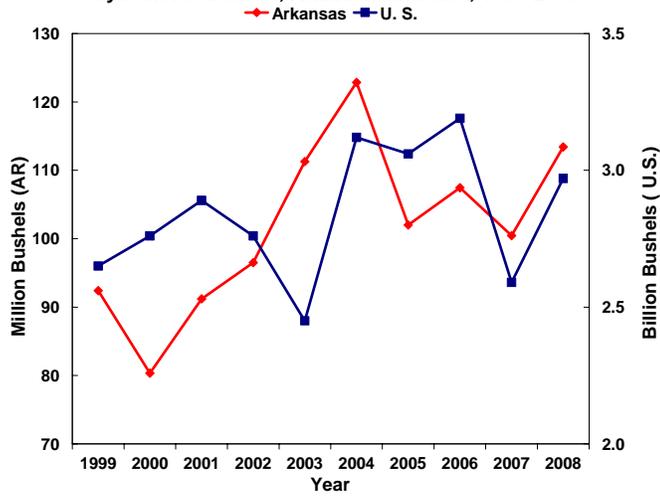
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2007 and Forecasted August 1, 2008**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
<b>Arkansas</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	590	450	168.0	165.0	99,120	74,250
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	850	690	1,071	1,113	1,896	1,600
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	1,560	1,390	1.90	2.00	2,964	2,780
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,325	1,345	7,130	7,200	94,487	96,840
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	215	140	94.0	97.0	20,210	13,580
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	2,790	3,150	36.0	36.0	100,440	113,400
Winter Wheat	Bushels	700	880	41.0	58.0	28,700	51,040
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	86,542	79,290	151.1	155.0	13,073,893	12,287,875
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	10,489.1	7,848.9	879	842	19,206.9	13,766.8
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	Tons	39,955	39,661	1.95	1.94	77,729	77,011
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	2,748	2,879	7,185	7,116	197,456	204,882
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	6,805	6,442	74.2	63.7	504,993	410,134
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.5	2,585,207	2,972,577
Winter Wheat	Bushels	35,952	40,252	42.2	46.6	1,515,989	1,874,857

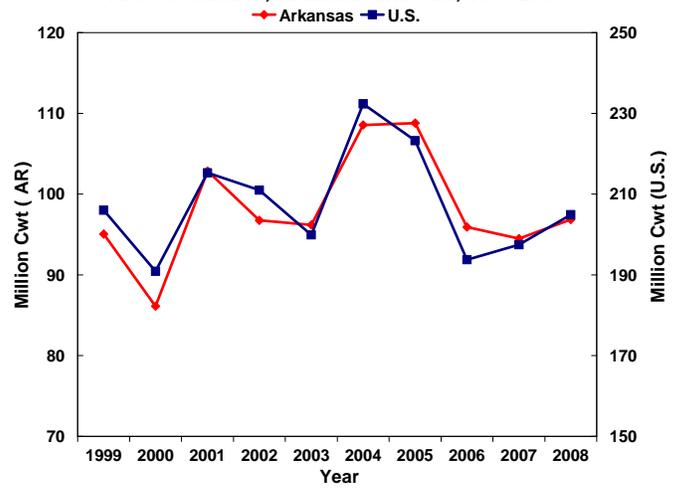
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

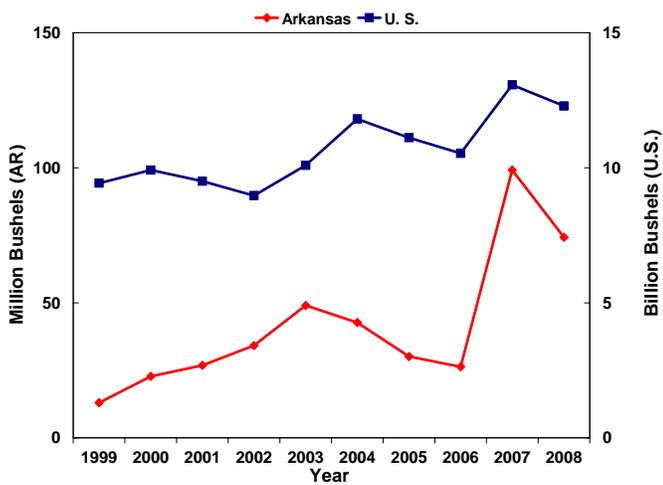
**Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>**



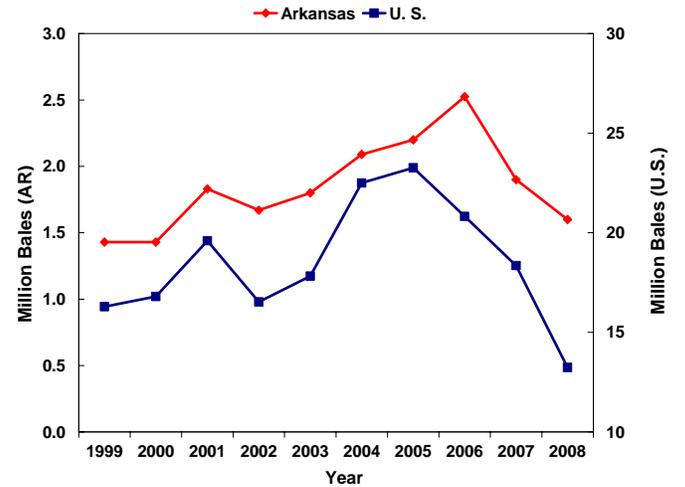
**Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>**



**Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>**



**Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1999-2008<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2008 as of August 1, 2008.