



Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2010 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.

Record Rice Production Forecast for 2010 Corn, Cotton, and Production Up from 2009 Hay, Sorghum, and Soybean Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 64.4 million bushels, up 6 percent from 2009. If realized, this will be the third largest corn crop on record, third to the 2007 and 2008 crops of 99.7 and 66.7 million bushels respectively. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 157 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 410,000 acres of corn for grain, unchanged from 2009. **All cotton** production is forecast at 1.15 million 480-pound bales, up 35 percent, or 298,000 more bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,062 pounds per harvested acre, up 244 pounds from 2009, the third highest yield on record if realized. Producers expect to harvest 520,000 acres of cotton, a 20,000 acre increase from 2009. **All hay** production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.88 million tons, down 6 percent from 2009. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.0 tons per acre, down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.44 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 3 percent from 2009. The 2010 total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 116 million hundredweight (cwt), up 16 percent from last year's production of 99.9 million cwt. If realized, this will be the largest rice crop on record, ahead of the 2005 crop of 108.8 million cwt. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2010 is forecast at 6,930 pounds per acre, up 130 pounds from last year's yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.68 million acres of rice, up 14 percent from 2009. If realized, it will be the highest area harvested on record. **Sorghum** for grain production in 2010 is forecast at 1.74 million bushels, down 40 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 87 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2009. Area for grain harvest, at 20,000 acres, is down 46 percent from 2009. If realized, it will be the lowest area harvested since 1964. **Soybean** production in 2010 is forecast at 121 million bushels, down 2 percent from a last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 39 bushels per acre, up 1.5 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.09 million acres, is down 6 percent, or 180,000 acres from 2009. **Winter wheat** production is forecast at 8.84 million bushels, down 48 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 52 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 170,000 acres, down 56 percent, or 220,000 acres from 2009.

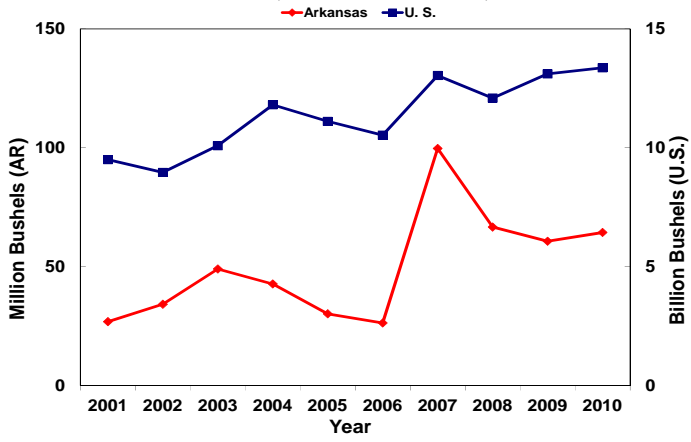
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	410	410	148	157	60,680	64,370
Cotton, All	¹	500	520	818	1,062	852	1,150
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1,400	1,440	2.20	2.00	3,080	2,880
Rice, All	²	1,470	1,675	6,800	6,930	99,924	116,078
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	37	20	79.0	87.0	2,923	1,740
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,270	3,090	37.5	39.0	122,625	120,510
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	390	170	44.0	52.0	17,160	8,840
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	79,590	81,005	164.7	165.0	13,110,062	13,365,225
Cotton, All	¹	7,528.7	10,631.0	777	837	12,187.5	18,533.8
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	38,528	38,924	1.98	2.09	76,412	81,439
Rice, All	²	3,103	3,493	7,085	7,039	219,850	245,882
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	5,520	5,176	69.4	74.1	382,983	383,435
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	76,372	77,986	44.0	44.0	3,359,011	3,433,370
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	34,485	32,085	44.2	47.5	1,522,718	1,522,902

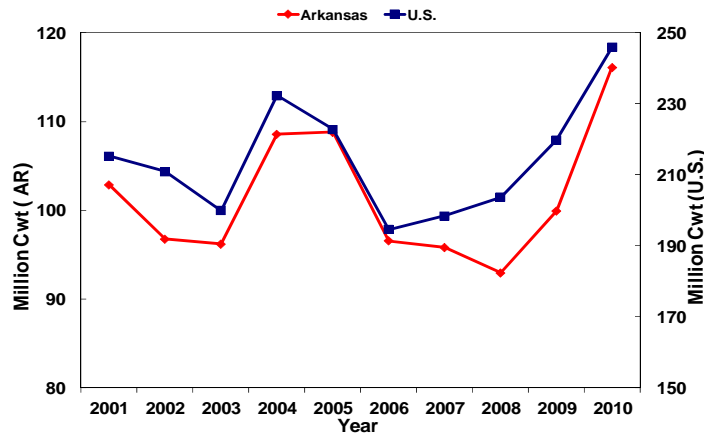
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

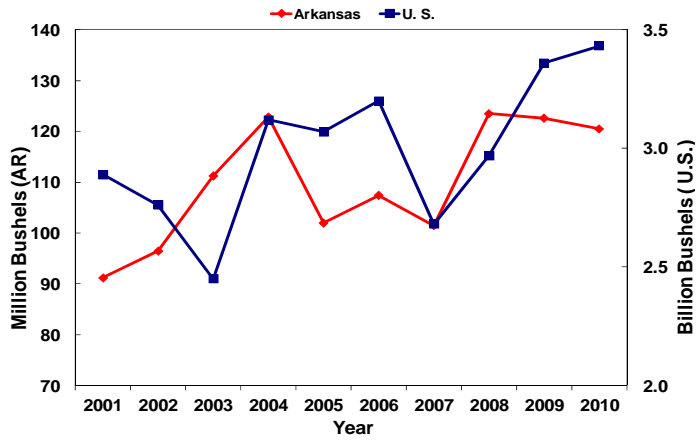
Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010¹



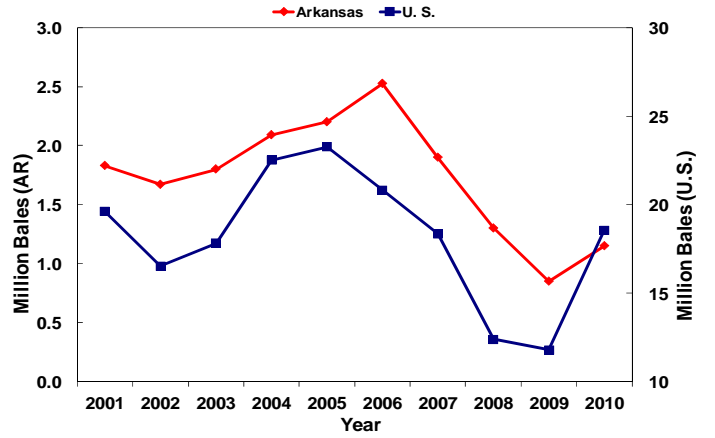
Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010¹



Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010¹



Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2001-2010¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2010 as of August 1, 2010.