

# Arkansas

## Prospective Plantings



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This report contains the results from the *March Agricultural Survey*, conducted during the first two weeks of March to obtain information on crop acreage planned for the 2006 crop year. 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 questionnaire and interviews for the survey.

### Arkansas Planting Intentions, 2006 Crop Year

Arkansas producers intend to plant less acres in corn, sorghum, and rice, while they plan to increase acreage in wheat, cotton, and soybeans during the 2006 growing season. Intended plantings for **corn** at 160,000 acres, are down 33 percent from 2005, and for **cotton** at 1.1 million acres, are up 5 percent. **All rice** plantings for 2006 are 1.41 million acres, down 14 percent. All rice includes 1.3 million acres of long grain, down 16 percent; 110,000 acres of medium grain, up 8 percent; and 1,000 acres of short grain, unchanged from last year. Expected **soybean** acreage is 3.2 million acres, up 6 percent, and expected **sorghum** acreage is 60,000 acres, down 9 percent. **Wheat** planted acreage is expected to total 370,000, up 68 percent from the previous year.

**All hay** acreage intended for harvest in 2006 totaled 1.42 million acres. The intended acreage for harvest is up 8 percent from the 1.31 million acres harvested in 2005.

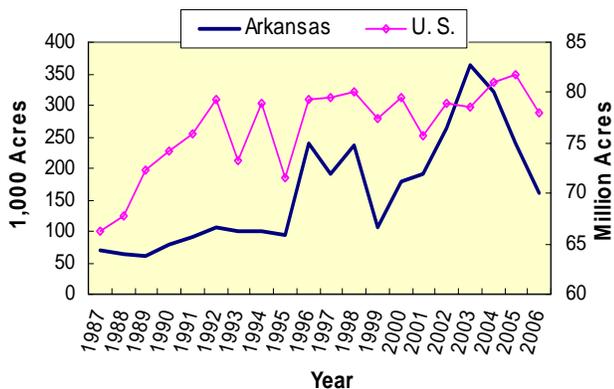
### Area Planted, Arkansas and United States, 2005-2006

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>	% Change	2005	2006 <sup>1</sup>	% Change
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Corn	240	160	-33	81,759	78,019	-5
Cotton, All	1,050	1,100	+5	14,195.4	14,634.0	+3
Hay, All, (Harvested)	1,310	1,420 <sup>2</sup>	+8	61,649	61,478 <sup>2</sup>	0
Rice, All	1,643	1,411	-14	3,384	2,972	-12
Long Grain	1,540	1,300	-16	2,751	2,310	-16
Medium Grain	102	110	+8	578	606	+5
Short Grain	1	1	0	55	56	+2
Sorghum	66	60	-9	6,454	6,483	0
Soybeans	3,030	3,200	+6	72,142	76,895	+7
Wheat, All	220	370	+68	57,229	57,128	0

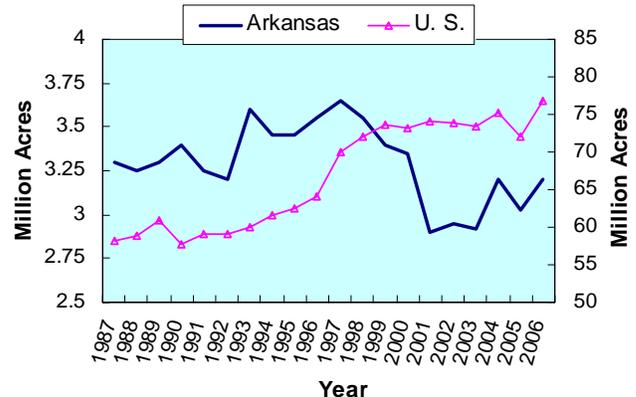
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2006 as indicated by reports from producers as of March 1, 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area for harvest in 2006 as indicated by reports from producers as of March 1, 2006.

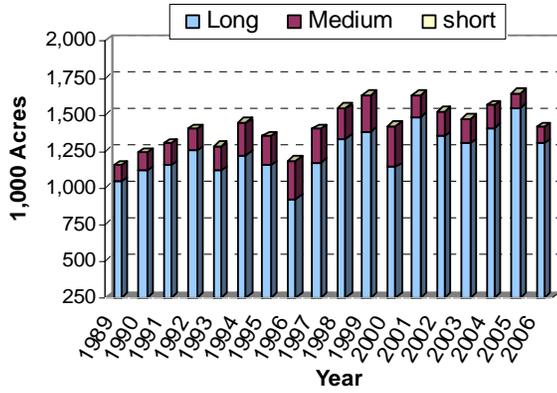
**Corn Planted Acreage**  
Arkansas and U. S., 1987-2006



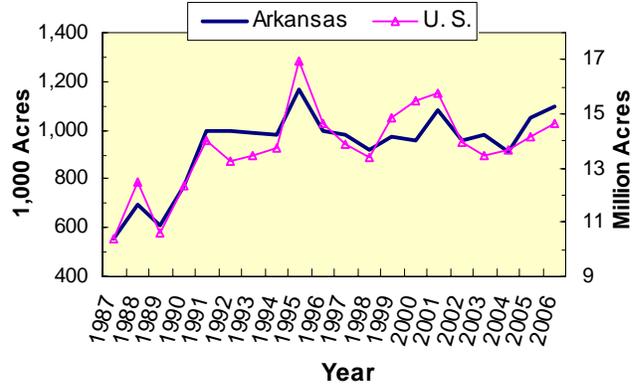
**Soybean Planted Acreage**  
Arkansas and U. S., 1987-2006



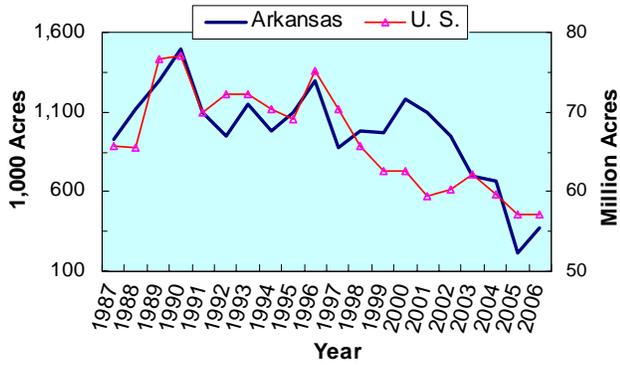
**Rice Planted Acreage  
Arkansas, 1989-2006**



**Cotton Planted Acreage  
Arkansas and U. S., 1987-2006**



**Wheat Planted Acreage  
Arkansas and U. S., 1987-2006**



**Hay (All) Harvested Acreage  
Arkansas and U. S., 1987-2006**

