

# Arkansas Prospective Plantings Report



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This report contains the results from the *2008 March Agricultural Survey*. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and for more detailed U.S. statistics, visit <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and/or interview for this survey.

## Arkansas Planting Intentions, 2008 Crop Year

For 2008, Arkansas farmers intend to shift acreage from corn, cotton, and sorghum to soybeans and wheat.

**Corn:** Arkansas corn growers intend to plant 490,000 acres, down 120,000 from last year's 610,000 acres.

**Cotton:** All cotton acreage intentions are at 650,000 acres, down 24 percent from last year's 860,000 acres planted. If realized, this would be the smallest area planted to cotton since 1989.

**Hay:** All hay acres expected to be harvested in Arkansas are estimated at 1.45 million acres, down 8 percent from the record high of 1.58 million acres harvested in 2007.

**Rice:** Intended planted acres for all rice for 2008 are 1.37 million, up 3 percent from the previous year's 1.33 million acres.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum growers intend to plant 160,000 acres, down 29 percent from the 225,000 acres planted last year.

**Soybeans:** Soybean growers intend to plant 3.25 million acres in 2008, up 15 percent from the previous year. If realized, this would be the largest area planted to soybeans since 2000.

**Wheat:** Wheat acreage in Arkansas is up 18 percent from last year to an estimated 970,000 acres planted for 2008. This is the largest area planted to wheat since the 2001 crop year.

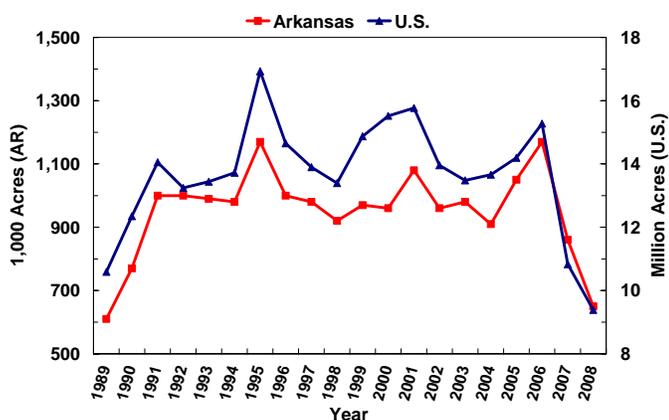
### Area Planted, Arkansas and United States, 2007-2008

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	% Change from '07	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	% Change from '07
	1,000 Acres			1,000 Acres		
Corn	610	490	- 20	93,600	86,014	- 8
Cotton, All	860	650	- 24	10,830.3	9389.6	- 13
Hay, All, (Harvested)	1,580	1,450 <sup>2</sup>	- 8	61,625	60,583 <sup>2</sup>	- 2
Rice, All	1,331	1,371	+ 3	2,761	2,770	+ <0.5
Long Grain	1,185	1,240	+ 5	2,063	2,070	+ <0.5
Medium Grain	145	130	- 10	632	634	+ <0.5
Short Grain	1	1	-	66	66	-
Sorghum	225	160	- 29	7,718	7,415	- 4
Soybeans	2,830	3,250	+ 15	63,631	74,793	+ 18
Wheat, All	820	970	+ 18	60,433	63,803	+ 6

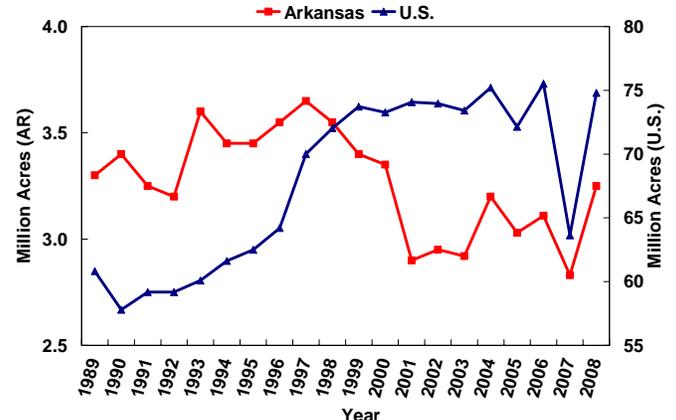
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2008 as indicated by reports from producers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area for harvest in 2008 as indicated by reports from producers.

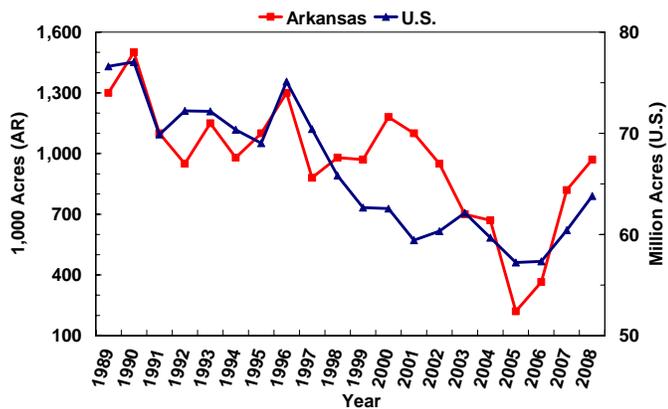
Cotton Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U.S., 1989-2008



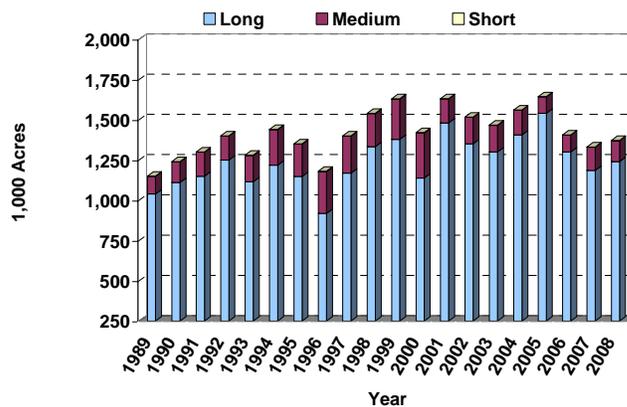
Soybean Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U.S., 1989-2008



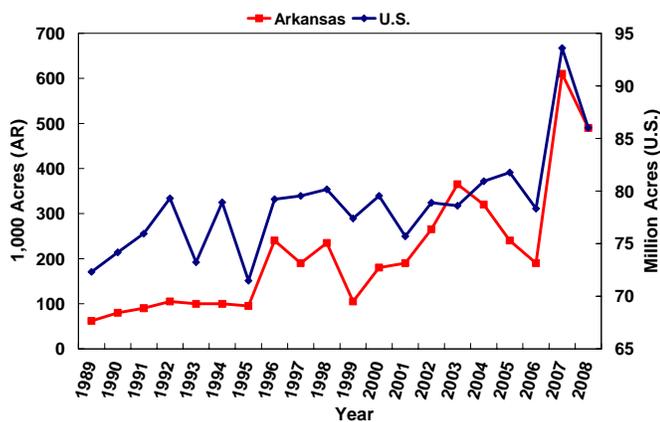
Wheat Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U.S., 1989-2008



Rice Planted Acreage, Arkansas, 1989-2008



Corn Planted Acreage, Arkansas and U.S., 1989-2008



All Hay Harvested Acreage, Arkansas and U.S., 1989-2008

