



Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 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 <http://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to these surveys, and to those cotton and soybean producers who allowed objective measurements to be taken in their fields.

Record Soybean Production Forecast for the State Sorghum Yield Forecast at Record High Corn, Cotton, Rice, and Winter Wheat Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 91.7 million bushels, down 8 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 195 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the state. Producers expect to harvest 470,000 acres of corn for grain, down 60,000 acres from 2014.

All cotton production is forecast at 600 thousand bales, down 24 percent, or 187,000 less bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,226 pounds per harvested acre, up 81 pounds from 2014. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Producers expect to harvest 235,000 acres of cotton, a 95,000 acre decrease from 2014. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acres on record in the state.

Hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.42 million tons, down 1 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.3 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.05 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, down 170,000 acres from 2014.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 105 million hundredweight, down 7 percent from last year's production of 112 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 7,550 pounds per acre, down 10 pounds from last year's record yield. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.39 million acres of rice, down 95,000 acres from 2014.

Sorghum for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 50.4 million bushels, up 215 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 105 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from 2014. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Area for grain harvest, at 480,000 acres, is up 315,000 acres from 2014, and the highest harvested acres on record.

Soybeans production in 2015 is forecast at 167 million bushels, up 4 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 53 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Based on survey re-contact after the June Agricultural Surveys, planted acres were revised from 3.3 million acres to 3.2 million acres. Therefore, harvested acres were revised from 3.26 million acres to 3.16 million acres. Area for harvest is down 50,000 acres from 2014.

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 14.3 million bushels, down 42 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 53 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels per acre from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 270,000 acres, down 125,000 acres from 2014.

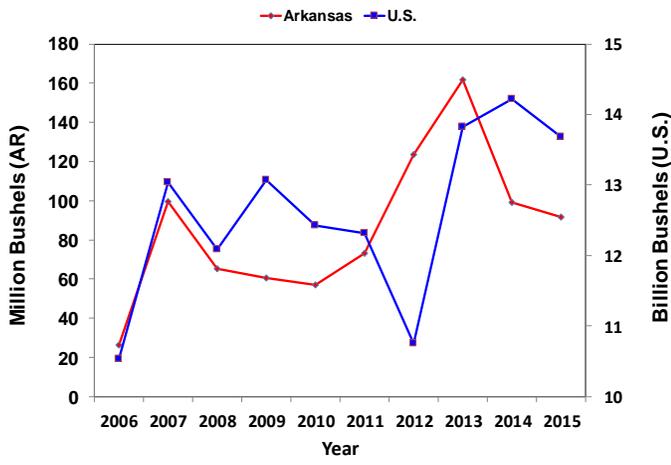
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted August 1, 2015

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	530	470	187	195	99,110	91,650
Cotton, All	¹	330	235	1,145	1,226	787	600
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1,220	1,050	2.00	2.30	2,440	2,415
Rice, All	²	1,480	1,385	7,560	7,550	111,957	104,568
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	165	480	97	105	16,005	50,400
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,210	3,160	50.0	53.0	160,500	167,480
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	395	270	63	53	24,885	14,310
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	83,136	81,101	171.0	168.8	14,215,532	13,686,063
Cotton, All	¹	9,346.8	7,894.9	838	795	16,319.4	13,082.0
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	57,092	56,539	2.45	2.51	139,798	142,100
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,325	1,565	3,932	3,950	5,210,100	6,181,000
Rice, All	²	2,919	2,744	7,572	7,472	221,035	205,000
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	6,401	7,673	67.6	74.6	432,575	572,658
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	83,061	83,549	47.8	46.9	3,968,823	3,916,448
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	870.3	894.7	35.0	35.9	30,424	32,146
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	32,304	33,329	42.6	43.2	1,377,526	1,438,278

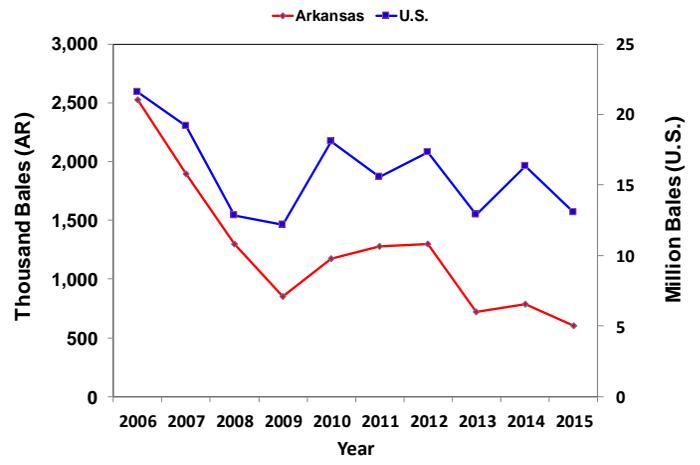
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

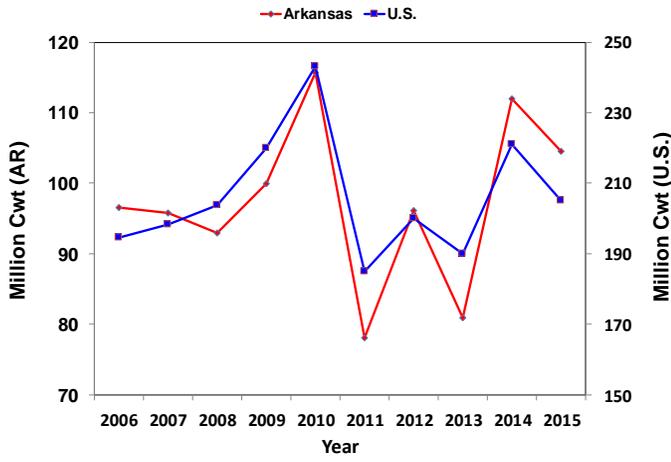
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



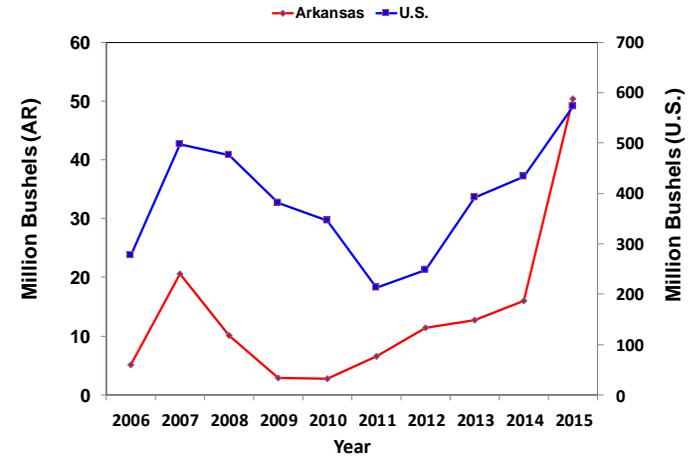
Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



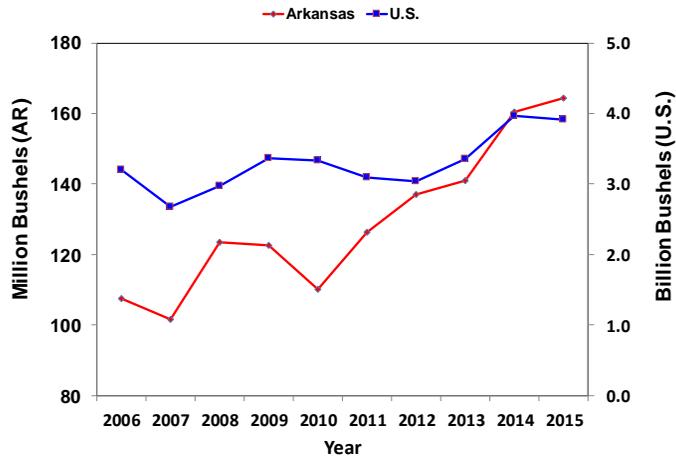
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Sorghum: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2015 as of August 1, 2015.