



# Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 October 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 Cotton and Soybean Yield Forecast for the State Sorghum and Soybean Production Up from Last Year Corn, Cotton, and Rice Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 80 million bushels, down 9 percent from September 1 forecast and down 19 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 184 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last month and down 3 bushels from last year. Planted acreage is revised to 460,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from June 2015. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 470,000 acres to 435,000 acres.

**All cotton** production is forecast at 520,000 bales, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but 267,000 bales below last year. Yield is expected to average 1,218 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but up 73 pounds from 2014. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Harvested acreage is estimated at 205,000 acres, down 125,000 acres from 2014. If realized, this will be the lowest harvested acres on record in the state.

**Hay** production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.31 million tons, down 5 percent from 2014. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 2.2 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from the August 1 forecast but up 0.2 ton 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 95.9 million hundredweight, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down 14 percent from last year's production of 112 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2015 is forecast at 7,400 pounds per acre, unchanged from last month but down 160 pounds from last year's record yield. Producers expect to harvest 1.3 million acres of rice, down 184,000 acres from 2014.

**Sorghum** for grain production in 2015 is forecast at 43 million bushels, down 10 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 169 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 100 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month but up 3 bushels from 2014. Planted acreage is revised to 450,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from June 2015. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 480,000 acres to 430,000 acres.

**Soybeans** production in 2015 is forecast at 164 million bushels, down 2 percent from last month's forecast but up 4 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 52 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month but up 2.5 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a new record yield for the state. Area for harvest, at 3.16 million acres, is down 40,000 acres from 2014.

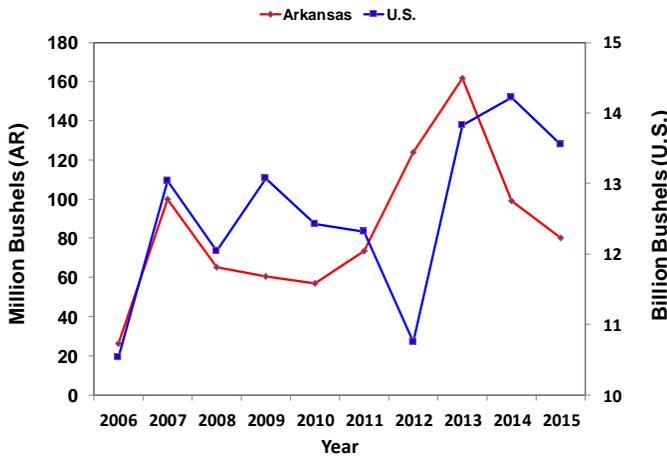
**Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2014 and Forecasted October 1, 2015**

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
<b>Arkansas</b>							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	530	435	187	184	99,110	80,040
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	330	205	1,145	1,218	787	520
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1,220	1,050	2.00	2.20	2,440	2,310
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	1,480	1,296	7,560	7,400	111,957	95,904
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	165	430	97	100	16,005	43,000
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,200	3,160	49.5	52.0	158,400	164,320
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	83,136	80,664	171.0	168.0	14,215,532	13,554,923
Cotton, All	<sup>1</sup>	9,346.8	8,166.3	838	784	16,319.4	13,338.0
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	57,092	56,539	2.45	2.52	139,798	142,401
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,322.5	1,582.0	3,923	3,997	5,188,665	6,322,500
Rice, All	<sup>2</sup>	2,919	2,570	7,572	7,307	221,035	187,792
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	6,401	7,645	67.6	75.0	432,575	573,553
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	82,591	82,429	47.5	47.2	3,927,090	3,887,721
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	870.3	881.7	35.0	35.5	30,424	31,319

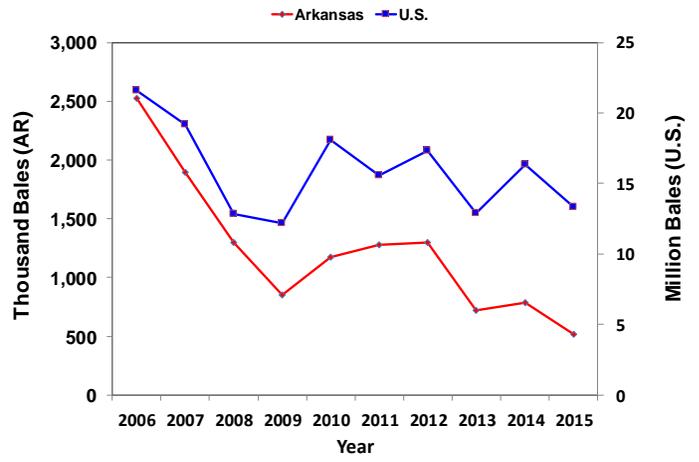
<sup>1</sup> Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

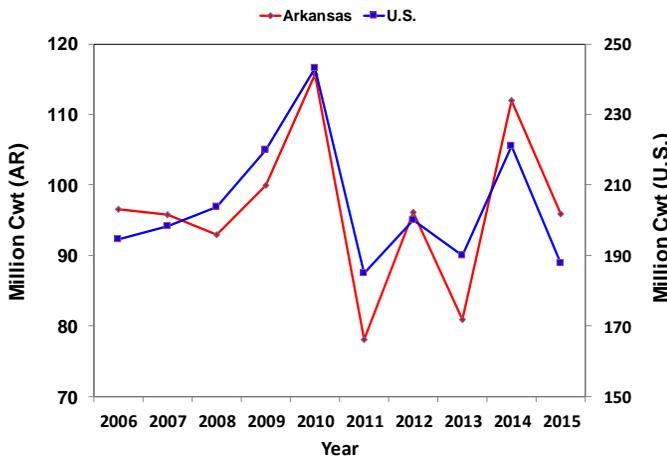
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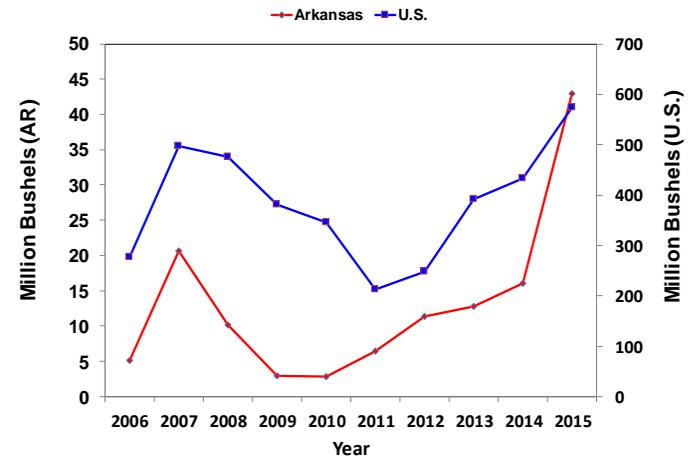
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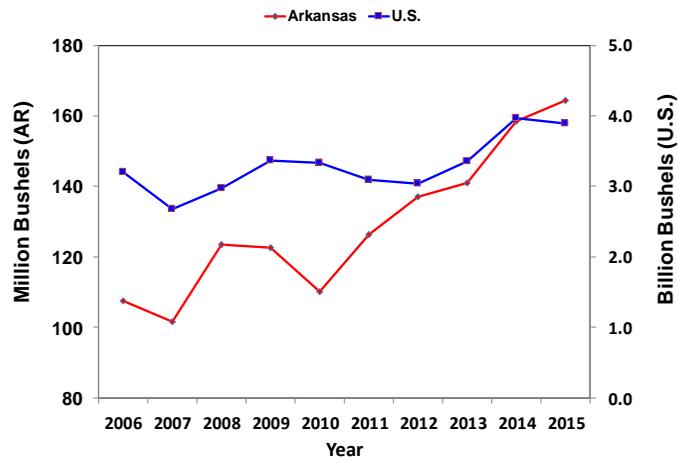
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**Sorghum: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>**



**Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2006-2015<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Forecasted production for 2015 as of October 1, 2015.