



Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the *2016 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 Corn Yield Forecast for Arkansas Cotton, Rice, and Hay Production Up from Last Year Sorghum and Soybean Production Down from Last Year

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 139 million bushels, up 72 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 189 bushels per acre, up 8 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be a record yield for the state. Producers expect to harvest 735,000 acres of corn for grain, up 290,000 acres from 2015.

All cotton production is forecast at 800,000 bales, up 70 percent, or 329,000 more bales than last year. Yield is expected to average 1,052 pounds per harvested acre, down 40 pounds from 2015. Producers expect to harvest 365,000 acres of cotton, a 158,000 acre increase from 2015.

Hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.55 million tons, up 14 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.2 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.16 million acres of all hay, excluding alfalfa, up 40,000 acres from 2015.

Total **rice** production for the state is forecast at 118 million hundredweight, up 24 percent from last year's production of 94.3 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2016 is forecast at 7,500 pounds per acre, up 160 pounds from last year. Arkansas producers expect to harvest 1.58 million acres of rice, up 289,000 acres from 2015.

Sorghum for grain production in 2016 is forecast at 3.26 million bushels, down 92 percent from a year ago. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 88 bushels per acre, down 10 bushels from 2015. Area for grain harvest, at 37,000 acres, is down 403,000 acres from 2015.

Soybeans production in 2016 is forecast at 147 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 47 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last year. Area for harvest at 3.12 million acres of soybeans is down 50,000 acres from 2015.

Winter Wheat production is forecast at 7.84 million bushels, down 42 percent from a year ago. The yield is forecast at 56 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Area harvested for grain totaled 140,000 acres, down 100,000 acres from 2015.

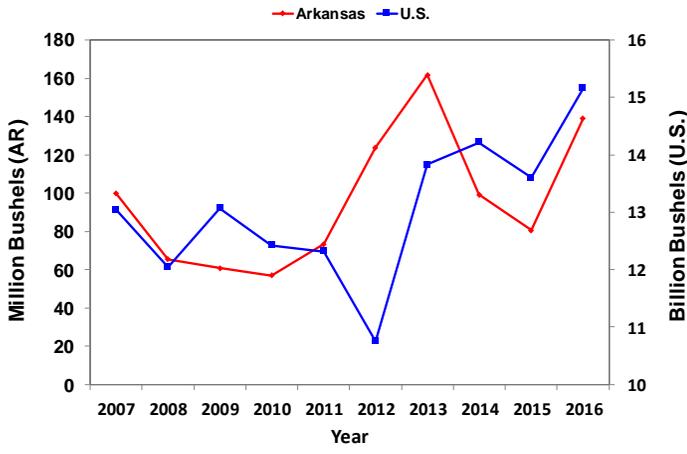
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2015 and Forecasted August 1, 2016

Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	445	735	181	189	80,545	138,915
Cotton, All	¹	207	365	1,092	1,052	471	800
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1,120	1,160	2.00	2.20	2,240	2,552
Rice, All	²	1,286	1,575	7,340	7,500	94,341	118,125
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	440	37	98	88	43,120	3,256
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,170	3,120	49	47	155,330	146,640
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	240	140	56	56	13,440	7,840
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	80,749	86,550	168.4	175.1	13,601,198	15,153,472
Cotton, All	¹	8,074.9	9,530.3	766	800	12,888	15,879.0
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	54,437	56,127	2.47	2.50	134,388	144,480
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,567	1,531	3,963	3,990	6,210,590	6,109,400
Rice, All	²	2,575	3,190	7,470	7,659	192,343	244,327
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	7,851	6,456	76.0	73.5	596,751	474,680
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	81,814	83,037	48.0	48.9	3,929,160	4,060,188
Winter Wheat	<i>Bushels</i>	32,257	30,176	42.5	54.9	1,370,188	1,657,440

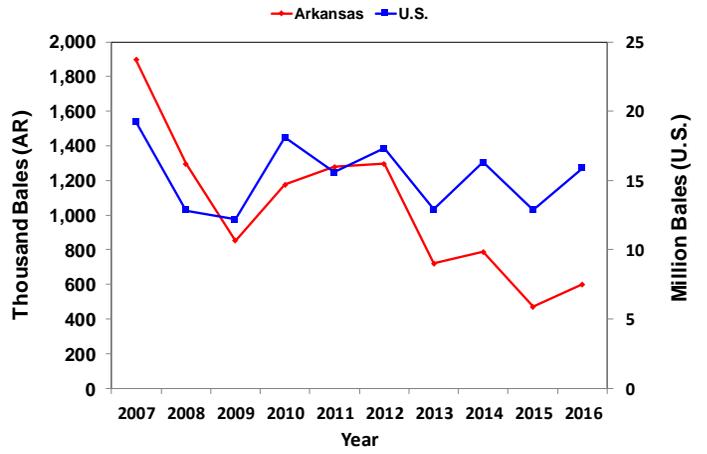
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

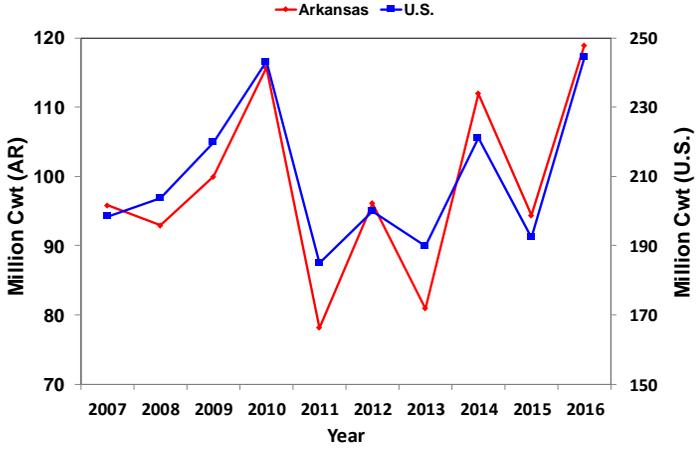
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



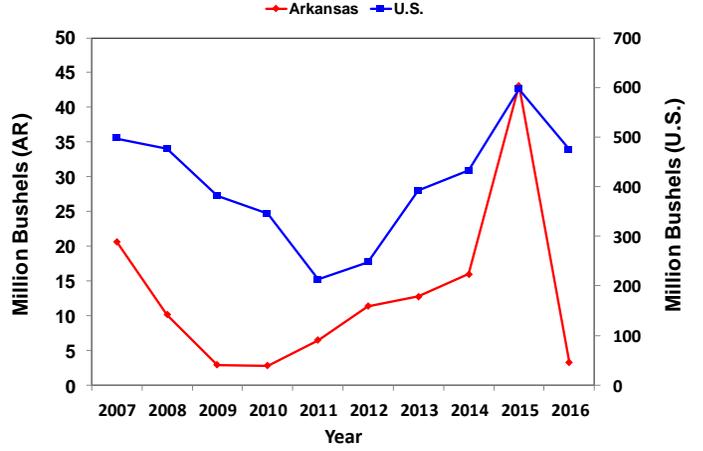
Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



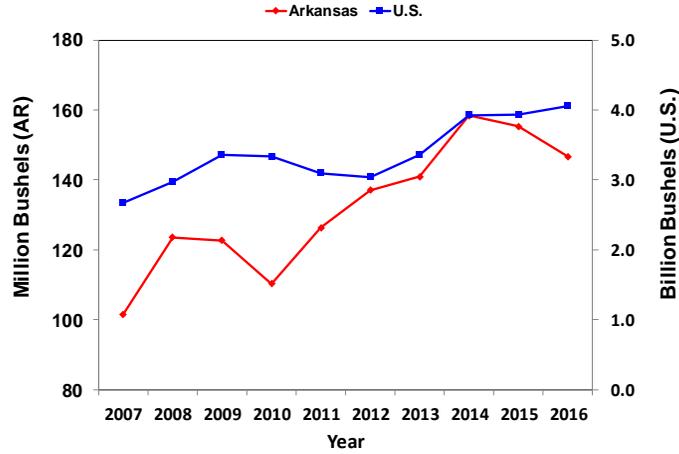
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



Sorghum: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



Soybean: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



¹ Forecasted production for 2016 as of August 1, 2016.