



Arkansas Crop Production Report

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This report contains the results from the **2016 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.

Corn, Cotton and Rice Forecasted Production Up from Last Year Soybean Forecasted Production Down 4 Percent from Last Year Sorghum Forecasted Production Lowest Since 2010

Arkansas **corn** for grain production is forecast at 133 million bushels, down 2 percent from September 1 forecast but up 65 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 178 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last month and down 3 bushels from last year. Planted acreage is revised to 760,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from June 2016. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 735,000 acres to 745,000 acres.

All cotton production is forecast at 850,000 bales, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but 379,000 bales above last year. Yield is expected to average 1,088 pounds per harvested acre, unchanged from last month but down 4 pounds from 2015. Harvested acreage is estimated at 375,000 acres, up 168,000 acres from 2015.

Hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 2.55 million tons, up 14 percent from 2015. Based on conditions as of October 1, yield is expected to average 2.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 0.2 ton 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 110 million hundredweight, down 3 percent from the September 1 forecast but up 16 percent from last year's production of 94.3 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of October 1, the all rice yield for 2016 is forecast at 7,200 pounds per acre, down 200 pounds from last month and down 140 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.52 million acres of rice, up 235,000 acres from 2015.

Sorghum for grain production in 2016 is forecast at 3.08 million bushels, up 7 percent from the September 1 forecast but down 93 percent from a year ago. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 70 bushels per acre, down 8 bushels from last month and down 28 bushels from 2015. Planted acreage is revised to 47,000 acres, up 7,000 acres from June 2016. Harvested acreage for grain is revised from 37,000 acres to 44,000 acres.

Soybean production in 2016 is forecast at 150 million bushels, down 2 percent from last month's forecast and down 4 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 48 bushels per acre, down 1 bushel from last month and down 1 bushel from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.12 million acres, is down 50,000 acres from 2015.

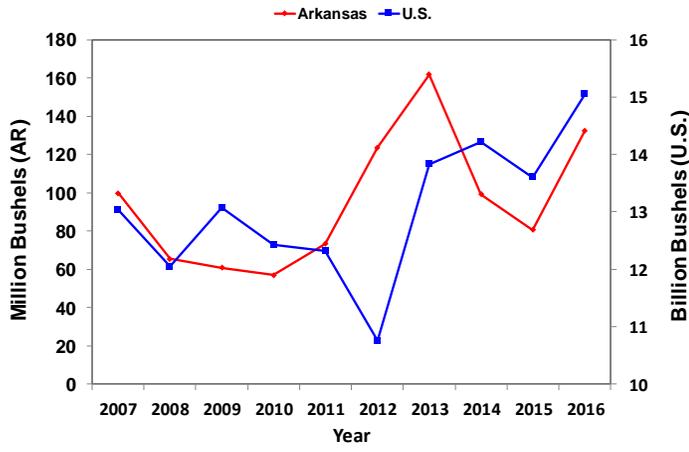
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2015 and Forecasted October 1, 2016

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	745	181	178	80,545	132,610
Cotton, All	¹	207	375	1,092	1,088	471	850
Hay, excluding Alfalfa	<i>Tons</i>	1,120	1,160	2.00	2.20	2,240	2,552
Rice, All	²	1,286	1,521	7,340	7,200	94,341	109,512
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	440	44	98	70	43,120	3,080
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	3,170	3,120	49	48	155,330	149,760
United States							
Corn for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	80,749	86,836	168.4	173.4	13,601,198	15,057,404
Cotton, All	¹	8,074.9	9,655.4	766	797	12,888	16,034
Hay, All	<i>Tons</i>	54,437	56,127	2.47	2.52	134,388	141,573
Peanuts	<i>Pounds</i>	1,560.9	1,587.0	3,845	3,976	6,001,357	6,310,200
Rice, All	²	2,575	3,133	7,470	7,532	192,343	235,989
Sorghum for Grain	<i>Bushels</i>	7,851	6,045	76.0	77.2	596,751	466,614
Soybeans for Beans	<i>Bushels</i>	81,732	83,047	48.0	51.4	3,926,339	4,268,884
Sugarcane (sugar/seed)	<i>Net Tons</i>	887.3	914.6	36.4	36.9	32,275	33,774

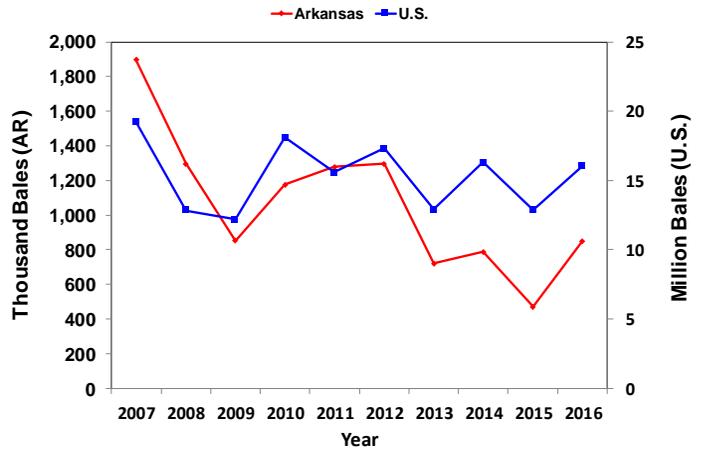
¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

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

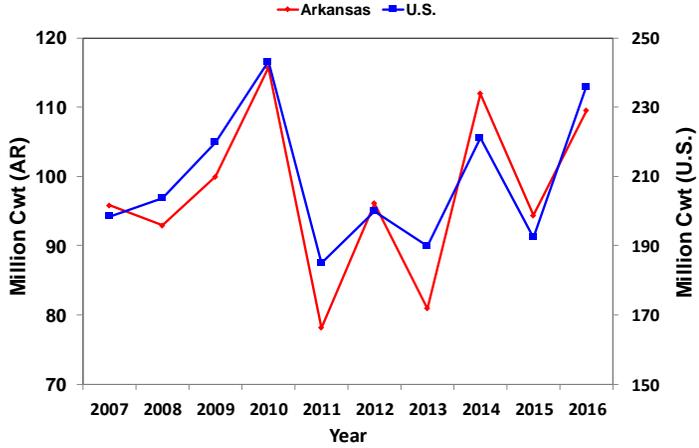
Corn: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



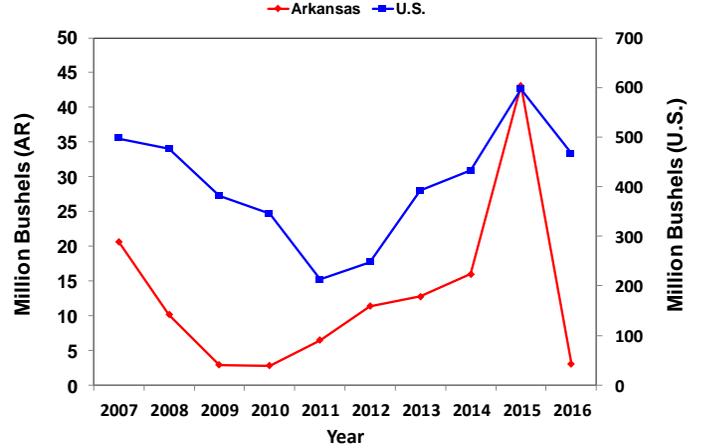
Cotton: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



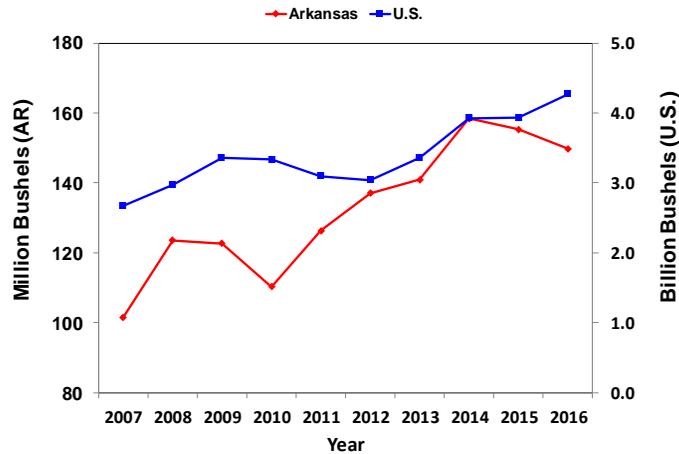
Rice: Production, Arkansas and U.S. 2007-2016¹



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



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



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