



Arkansas Crop Values Report

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The following are the survey results from the 2017 crop year marketings and monthly prices. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in more detailed reports at the Internet address above. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires and interviews for these surveys.

2017 Arkansas Total Value of Production for Field Crops Up 8 Percent

The value of production for field crops in Arkansas during 2017 totaled \$3.83 billion, up 8 percent from \$3.55 billion in 2016. The top three crop commodities, soybeans, rice, and corn, accounted for 80 percent of the total value of production for field crops. All field crops in Arkansas, with the exception of cotton, oats, peanuts, and soybeans, showed a decrease in value of production from 2016. Sorghum in Arkansas showed the largest percentage decrease from 2016 at 80 percent, followed by corn at 19 percent and alfalfa hay at 17 percent. Cotton showed the largest increase at 34 percent in value of production from last year followed by soybeans at 22 percent.

At the national level, the value of production for field crops was down 1 percent, at \$141 billion, from 2016. Corn, at \$48.5 billion, was the leading field crop followed by soybeans at \$41.0 billion and all hay at \$16.2 billion.

Field Crops: Marketing Year Average Prices and Value of Production - Arkansas and United States: 2016 and 2017

Commodity	Unit	Arkansas					United States				
		Price per unit		Value of production			Price per unit		Value of production		
		2016	2017 ¹	2016	2017	Percent of previous year	2016	2017 ¹	2016	2017	Percent of previous year
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(percent)	
Corn, grain	bu	3.69	3.50	470,088	381,098	81	3.36	3.30	51,304,297	48,465,485	94
Cotton, upland ^{2,3}	lb	0.685	0.700	276,192	369,600	134	0.680	0.674	5,438,535	6,745,186	124
Cottonseed ³	ton	209.00	152.00	57,475	56,392	98	195.00	139.00	1,055,924	948,722	90
Hay, all	ton	102.00	105.00	247,320	245,690	99	129.00	140.00	15,552,186	16,155,081	104
Alfalfa	ton	180.00	190.00	2,520	2,090	83	136.00	152.00	7,449,113	7,870,454	106
Other	ton	102.00	105.00	244,800	243,600	100	118.00	119.00	8,103,073	8,284,627	102
Oats	bu	2.15	2.80	1,256	1,904	152	2.06	2.60	154,150	139,652	91
Peanuts ³	lb	0.185	0.212	20,424	31,355	154	0.197	0.230	1,088,165	1,638,095	151
Rice, all	cwt	9.39	11.50	988,898	950,406	96	10.40	12.50	2,384,690	2,246,483	94
Sorghum, grain	cwt	5.00	6.00	8,994	1,788	20	4.98	5.65	1,352,438	1,175,125	87
Soybeans	bu	9.83	9.75	1,432,231	1,740,375	122	9.47	9.30	40,690,798	41,007,464	101
Sweet potatoes	cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(X)	20.70	20.60	651,514	732,926	112
Wheat, all	bu	4.66	4.40	28,939	28,600	99	3.89	4.60	9,179,424	8,142,065	89

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

(X) Not applicable.

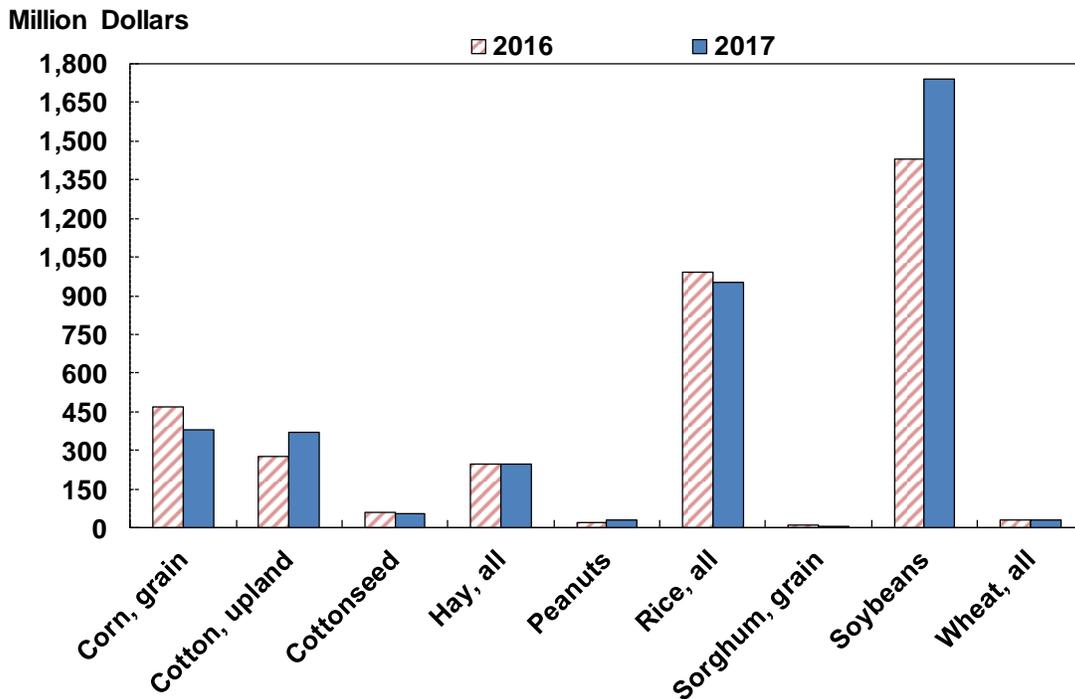
¹ 2017 marketing year average prices for field crops are preliminary and based on entire month price data through December 2017.

² Value based on a 480-pound net weight bale.

³ Based on marketings and monthly prices received from August 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

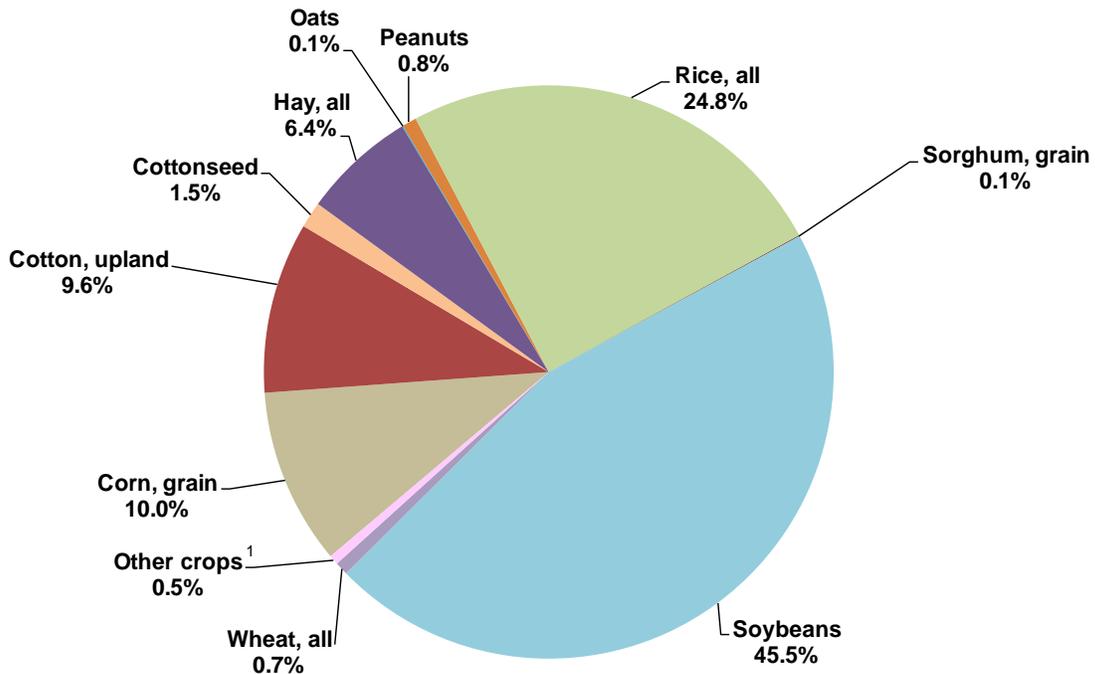


Field Crops: Value of Production - Arkansas: 2016 and 2017



Field Crops: Total Value of Production and Crop Percent - Arkansas: 2017

Total Value: \$3.83 Billion



¹ Includes the value of production for mushrooms and sweet potatoes.