



# Arkansas Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the *2015 March Agricultural Survey*. 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 this survey.

## Cotton Acreage Intentions at Record Low Soybean Acreage Highest in the Last 17 Years All Rice Down 3 Percent from Last Year

**Corn:** Arkansas corn growers intend to plant 530,000 acres, down 2 percent from last year's 540,000 acres.

**Cotton:** All cotton acreage intentions are at 230,000 acres, down 31 percent from last year's 335,000 acres. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acres on record. Record keeping on planted acreage began in 1909.

**Hay All:** All hay acres expected to be harvested in Arkansas are estimated at 1.20 million acres, down 25,000 acres from 2014.

**Oats:** Oat growers intend to plant 12,000 acres in 2015, unchanged from last year.

**Rice:** Intended planted acres for all rice for 2015 are 1.44 million acres, down 3 percent from the previous year's 1.48 million acres. Long grain rice acres are down 50,000 acres from last year while medium grain acres are up 5,000 acres from a year ago.

**Sorghum:** Sorghum growers intend to plant 250,000 acres, up 47 percent from last year.

**Soybeans:** Soybean growers intend to plant 3.45 million acres in 2015, up 6 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the highest since 1998 when the state planted 3.55 million acres.

**Sweet Potato:** Sweet potato growers intend to plant 3,800 acres, down 5 percent from last year.

**Winter Wheat:** Wheat acreage in Arkansas is down 16 percent from last year to an estimated 390,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2015.

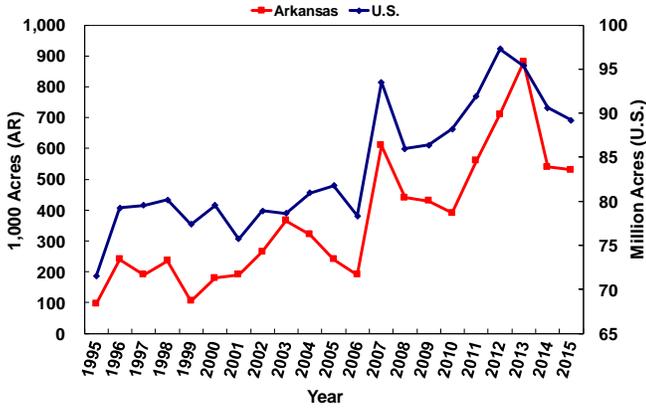
**Principal Crops: Area Planted, Arkansas and United States, 2014-2015**

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2015/2014	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2015/2014
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	540	530	98	90,597	89,199	98
Cotton, All	335	230	69	11,307	9,549	87
Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	1,225	1,200	98	57,092	57,093	100
Oats	12	12	100	2,723	2,931	108
Rice, All	1,486	1,441	97	2,939	2,915	99
Long Grain	1,270	1,220	96	2,207	2,197	100
Medium Grain	215	220	102	696	686	99
Short Grain	1	1	100	36	32	89
Sorghum	170	250	147	7,138	7,900	111
Soybeans	3,240	3,450	106	83,701	84,635	101
Sweet Potatoes	4.0	3.8	95	137.3	137.7	100
Wheat, All	465	390	84	56,822	55,367	97

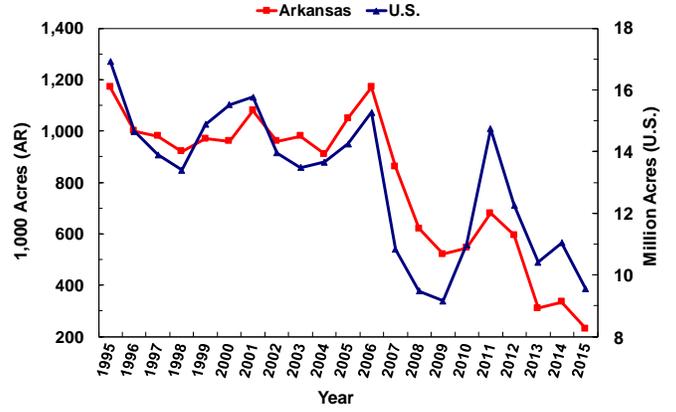
<sup>1</sup> Intended plantings in 2015 as indicated by reports from producers.

<sup>2</sup> Intended area for harvest in 2015 as indicated by reports from producers.

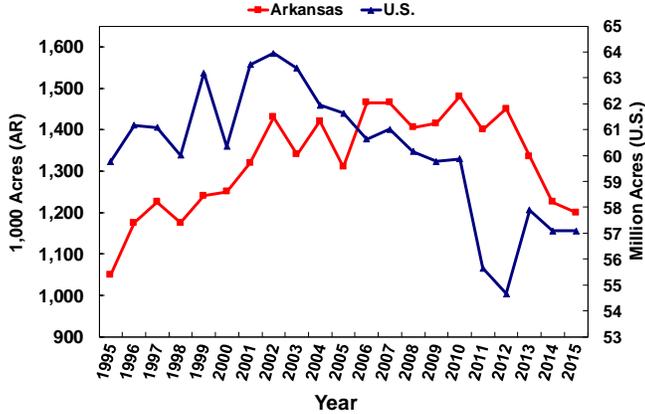
**Corn: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2015**



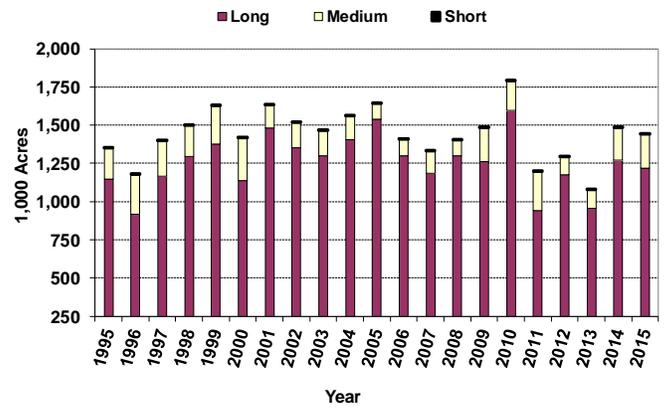
**All Cotton: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2015**



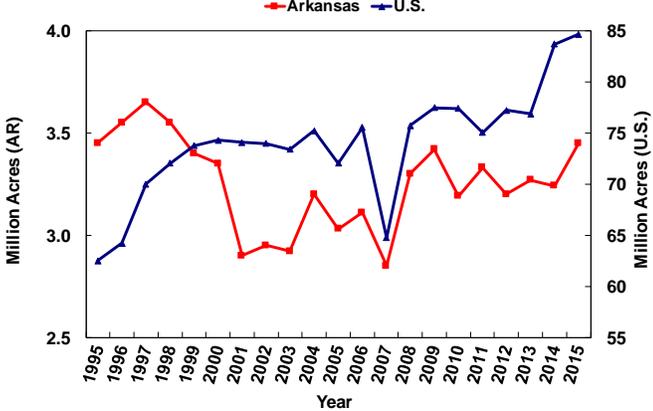
**All Hay: Area Harvested, Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2015**



**Rice: Area Planted, Arkansas, 1995-2015**



**Soybeans: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2015**



**All Wheat: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1995-2015**

