



Arkansas Prospective Plantings Report

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This report contains the results from the **2012 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.

Arkansas Intended Corn Plantings Up 18 Percent from 2011

Arkansas **corn** growers intend to plant 660,000 acres, up 18 percent from last year's 560,000 acres. All **cotton** acreage intentions are at 590,000 acres, down 13 percent from last year. **All hay** acres expected to be harvested in Arkansas are estimated at 1.45 million acres, up 50,000 acres harvested from 2011. **Oat** growers intend to plant 10,000 acres in 2012, down 33 percent from last year. Intended planted acres for **all rice** for 2012 are 1.16 million, down 3 percent from the previous year's 1.2 million acres. **Sorghum** growers intend to plant 160,000 acres, up 60 percent from last year. **Soybean** growers intend to plant 3.3 million acres in 2012, down 1 percent from last year. **Sweet potato** growers intend to plant 3,000 acres, down 600 acres from last year. **Wheat** acreage in Arkansas is down 13 percent from last year to an estimated 540,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2012.

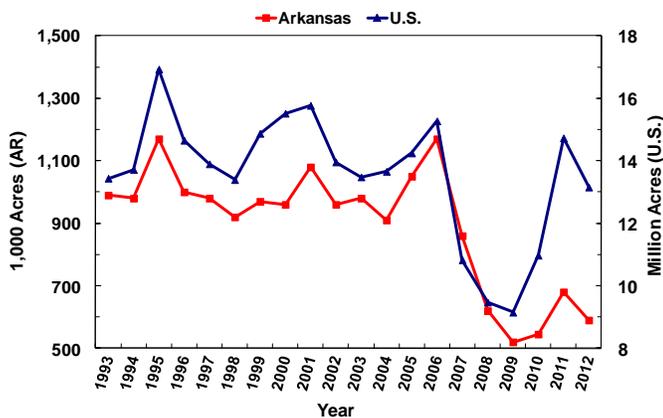
Principal Crops: Area Planted, Arkansas and United States, 2011-2012

Crop	Arkansas			United States		
	2011	2012 ¹	2012/2011	2011	2012 ¹	2012/2011
	1,000 Acres		Percent	1,000 Acres		Percent
Corn	560	660	118	91,921	95,864	104
Cotton, All	680	590	87	14,732.4	13,155.0	89
Hay, All ²	1,400	1,450	104	55,633	57,348	103
Oats	15	10	67	2,496	2,863	115
Rice, All	1,196	1,161	97	2,689	2,561	95
Long Grain	940	1,060	113	1,794	1,864	104
Medium Grain	255	100	39	851	646	76
Short Grain	1	1	100	44	51	116
Sorghum	100	160	160	5,481	5,950	109
Soybeans	3,330	3,300	99	74,976	73,902	99
Sweet Potatoes	3.6	3.0	83	134.2	133.4	99
Wheat, All	620	540	87	54,409	55,908	103

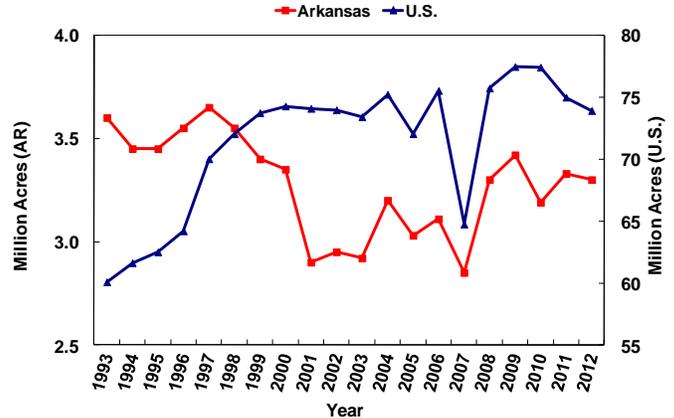
¹ Intended plantings in 2012 as indicated by reports from producers.

² Intended area for harvest in 2012 as indicated by reports from producers.

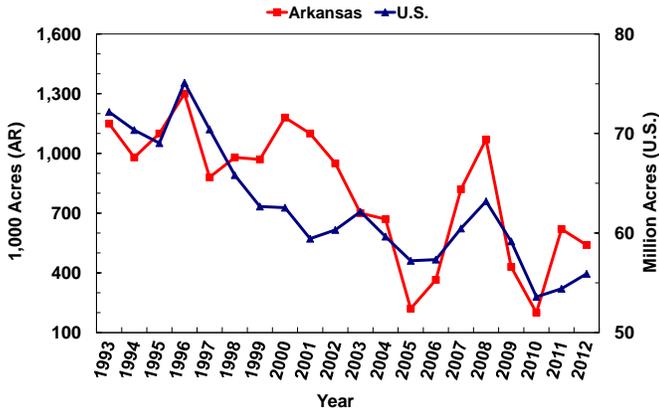
All Cotton: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1993-2012



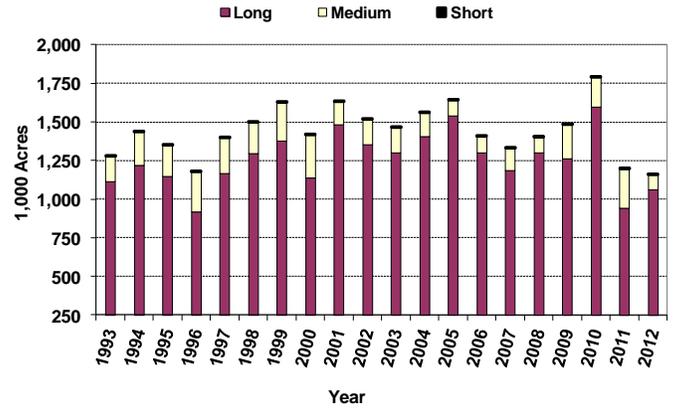
Soybeans: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1993-2012



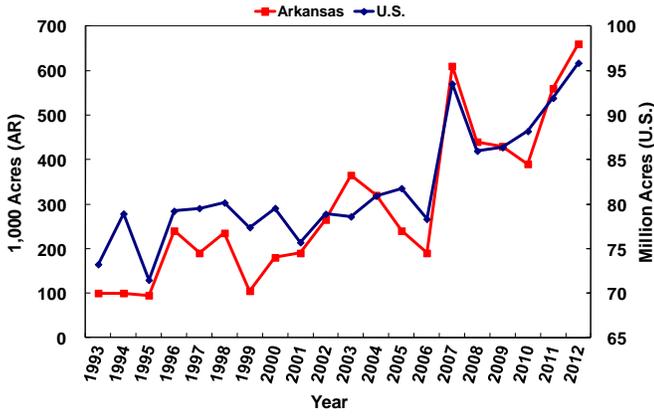
All Wheat: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1993-2012



Rice: Area Planted, Arkansas, 1993-2012



Corn: Area Planted, Arkansas and U.S., 1993-2012



All Hay: Area Harvested, Arkansas and U.S., 1993-2012

