Capital: Little Rock

Population: 2,889,450

Founded: June 15, 1836 (27th)

State Bird: Mockingbird

State Tree: Pine Tree

State Flower: Apple blossom

Number of Counties: 75

Largest City: Little Rock - 191,930

Nickname: The Natural State

Number of Farms: 49,300

Average Farm Size: 281 acres

Total Farmland: 13.8 million acres



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Climate & Soil

- Average monthly temperatures range from a high of 93° to a low of 26°.
- Average rainfall is between 44 and 54 inches annually.
- Arkansas has six regional land types: Ozark Mountains, Arkansas River Valley, Ouachita Mountains, West Gulf Coastal Plain, Mississippi Alluvial Plain and Crowley's Ridge.
- · Stuttgart Soil is the state soil of Arkansas.
- Arkansas' growing season ranges from 180 days in the northwest to 240 days in the southeast.

Crops & Livestock

- Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry, accounting for nearly \$16 Billion of Arkansas' economy.
- The poultry industry accounts for just over 35% of the total value of Arkansas agriculture.
- Arkansas is the largest producer of rice in the U.S.
- Soybeans account for 25% of the total value of Arkansas crops.
- Two-thirds of the corn grown in Arkansas is fed to the poultry industry.
- There are 1.9 million head of beef cattle in Arkansas.
- · Arkansas farmers produce around 1.2 billion broiler chickens annually.
- Arkansas has 10 commodities that rank in the top 10 nationally:

#1 in Rice

#2 in Broilers

#3 in Cotton

#3 in Cottonseed

#3 in Catfish

#4 in Turkeys

#8 in Grain Sorghum

#8 in Eggs

#10 in Soybeans

#10 in Pecans

General

- Arkansas has 52,075 square miles of land, or 33.3 million acres.
- Forests cover more than 56% of Arkansas' landscape.
- Arkansas is home to the world's only diamond producing site open to the public.
- · Arkansas is also home to:

Wal-Mart, the largest food retailer in the world

Tyson Foods, one of the largest poultry producers in the U.S.

Riceland Foods, the largest rice miller and marketer in the world

Anderson Fish Farms, the largest producer of baitfish in the world