

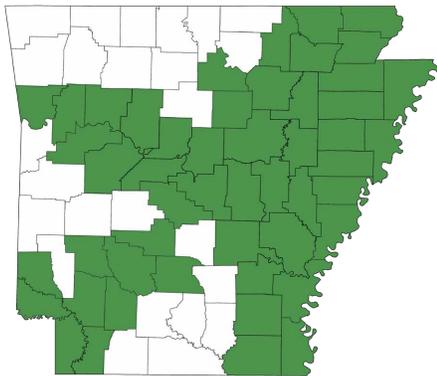
# ARKANSAS RICE AT A GLANCE



Arkansas ranks **first** among the six major rice-producing states, **accounting for over 50 percent of U.S. rice production in 2014.**



In 2014, the state's rice industry **donated 120,000 pounds of rice** to fight food insecurity in Arkansas.



## Rice is grown in over 40 counties in Arkansas.

*Arkansas, Ashley, Chicot, Clark, Clay, Cleburne, Conway, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Drew, Faulkner, Franklin, Greene, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Independence, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Little River, Logan, Lonoke, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Nevada, Perry, Phillips, Pike, Poinsett, Pope, Prairie, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Sevier, Sharp, St. Francis, Stone, White, Woodruff, and Yell*

Arkansas is home to **2,500 rice farms**, 96% of which are family owned and operated.



Arkansas grows rice on approximately **1.2 million acres** each year.

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Arkansas rice contributes **over \$4 billion annually to the state's economy** and employs more than 25,000 Arkansans.



Over the past 20 years, rice farmers have **decreased land use by 35%, energy use by 38% and water use by 53%.**



By 2050, the world's population will exceed 9 billion. **The average farmer produces food to feed 154 people.**