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## Twelve Days of Arkansas Agriculture: Arkansas Agriculture Department

LITTLE ROCK, AR – Agriculture continues to be our state’s largest industry contributing over \$20 billion to our economy every year. We are blessed with a tremendous amount of agricultural diversity and continue to be successful in the production of numerous commodities, ranking in the top 25 in the nation each year in the production of 21 different agricultural commodities. While our industry has seen many successes we have also faced our share of very difficult challenges. Despite the challenges, we are confident that our industry will continue to be successful and prosperous into the future due to the hard work and dedication of many and women across the state.

The Arkansas Agriculture Department exists to serve our state’s agriculture industry and it is an honor for us to administer the programs and services that assist and benefit Arkansas producers. Our producers work tirelessly to feed, clothe, and shelter those here at home and across the globe and we take our obligations to them and our industry very seriously. Find releases from the #12DaysofARagriculture campaign below. See all other archived AAD releases [here](#).

- [Poison Springs State Forest](#)
- [Pest Experts Protect Arkansas’s Crops from Invasive Insects and Diseases](#)
- [Poultry and Egg Inspectors Keep Markets Competitive](#)
- [Arkansas Specialty Crop Producers Reach International Audience](#)
- [Phytosanitary Certificates Keep Arkansas Exports Moving](#)
- [Firewise Program Mitigates Wildfire Danger](#)
- [Veterinary Diagnostic Lab Offers Wide Variety of Services](#)
- [Bureau of Standards Protects Arkansas Buyers and Sellers](#)
- [Apiary Division Assists Arkansas Honey Bee Population](#)
- [Forest Stewardship Program Helps Landowners Manage Forests](#)
- [Animal Health Activities Help Keep Arkansas Livestock Disease Free](#)

Over the past twelve days we have highlighted only some of the programs and services that are provided by the Arkansas Agriculture Department. There are many more stories just like these that demonstrate the hard work and dedication of our employees in service to our state’s largest industry. We are proud of our state’s agriculture industry, proud of the individual farmers and ranchers and their families, and we are proud of our employees and the work that they every day to help keep our agriculture industry successful and prosperous into the future.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Arkansas Agriculture Department Team!

This release is the twelfth and final edition to the Twelve Days of Arkansas Agriculture campaign, which highlights some of the programs and services provided by the AAD that support our state’s agriculture industry. Follow each of the 12 stories by searching the #12DaysofARagriculture hashtag, or visit [aad.arkansas.gov](http://aad.arkansas.gov). The AAD is dedicated to the development and implementation of policies and programs for Arkansas agriculture and forestry to keep its farmers and ranchers competitive in national and international markets while ensuring safe food, fiber, and forest products for the citizens of the state and nation.

