

\$14.5 billion - Wheat
ARS - \$62.9 million (74 SY)



\$6.4 billion - Cotton
ARS - \$49.7 million (78 SY)



\$3.1 billion - Rice
ARS - \$14.1 million (21 SY)



\$12.9 billion - Alfalfa
ARS - \$12.4 million (18 SY)



\$91.7 billion - Corn
ARS - \$50.3 million (80 SY)



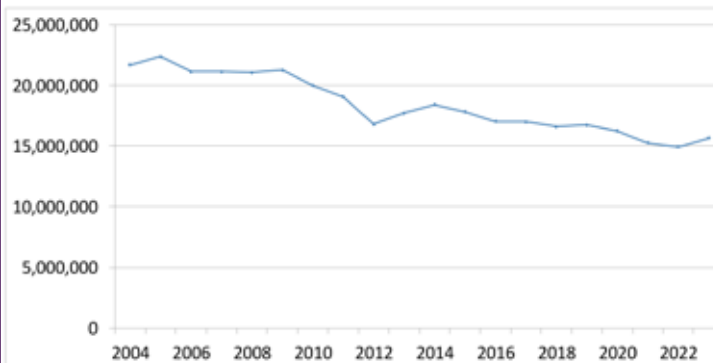
\$61.1 billion - Soybean
ARS - \$38.5 million (64 SY)

U.S. Alfalfa Acreage & ARS Research Expenditures

Alfalfa is key to sustainable agricultural systems and is an economic engine in rural communities - its value for soil conservation, nitrogen fixation, energy savings, crop rotation, and wildlife habitat is unsurpassed.

Alfalfa must offer a competitive value for farmers in order to provide these benefits and maintain or expand its acreage base. Being recognized in policy and research funding decisions is critical in keeping pace with other cropping choices.

U.S. Acreage 2004-2023 (-27.8%)



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

FY '23 USDA-ARS Research Expenditures

Crop	\$million	Scientist Years	# of Projects
Wheat	62.9	74	61
Corn	50.3	80	74
Cotton	49.7	78	18
Soybean	38.5	64	65
Sorghum	17.3	23	25
Greens/leafy veg	13.8	20	25
Alfalfa	12.4	18	16
Apple	12.3	17	20
Tomato	10.8	17	31
Sunflower	7.0	7	6
Carrot	2.2	3	5
Canola	1.0	2	5

Source: Agricultural Research Information System

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