

# County Highlight

## Chicot County

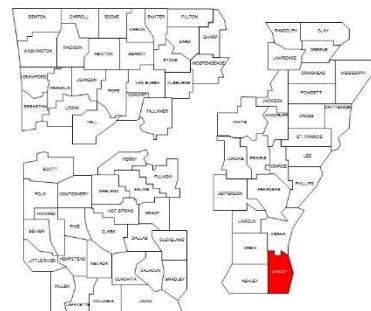
### Delta District

Chicot County is located in the southeast corner of Arkansas, bordering Mississippi and Louisiana. The county was formed in October 1823 by the Territorial Legislature from part of Arkansas County. Its name was thought to have come from the French word "chicot" (stumpy) for the many cypress knees along the river. Major cities in the county are Lake Village, Eudora, and Dermott. Lake Village is the county seat.

Lake Chicot offers many recreational opportunities. At 22 miles long, Lake Chicot is the largest oxbow lake in the nation. The county park offers cabins, swimming, fishing, boating, camping, tours, picnicking, and many other recreational opportunities. Many plantation homes are also located in the county.

Chicot County is known for its rich, fertile soil with 313 farms utilizing 289,534 acres. Agriculture is strong; cotton, rice, soybeans, and catfish farming rank at the top. The most common industries in Chicot County are related to healthcare and social assistance; retail trade, manufacturing, public administration, and agriculture round out the top five.

Businesses in Chicot County could benefit from the services that APAC can provide to local businesses. If you would like to know more about how **APAC** can help your county, call your local county agent.



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### **County Statistics**

Population (2014 estimate):	11,027
Land area (square miles):	644.30
% of high school graduates:	78.9%
% with bachelor's degree or higher:	11.1%
Median travel time to work (minutes):	20.4
Median household income:	\$28,913
Persons below poverty level:	31.4%
Total number of firms:	722
Manufacturer's shipments (1000s):	/
Retail sales per capita:	\$6,638

Source: United States Census Quickfacts

### **Business Resources for Chicot County**

- **Lake Village Chamber of Commerce**—  
<http://lakevillagechamberofcommerce.org/>
- **Dermott Area Chamber of Commerce** -  
<http://dermottchamber.edelta.net/>