Arkansas Business Headlines for August 2026

- The Price Companies will install a new wood handling line at its facility in Pine Bluff to increase chipping capacity and secure a reliable supply of high-quality wood chips for pulp and paperboard operations. The new line is scheduled to start up in November 2028. The equipment will be supplied by Valmet.

- The U.S. Department of Defense will build a $37.6 million facility at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith. The move is part of the military's plan to turn Ebbing into an international training hub for the world's most advanced fighter jet, the F-35.

- Three central Arkansas sites, another near Camden, and the Arkansas Nuclear One power plant in Russellville are potential sites for new nuclear power facilities, according to a study commissioned recently by lawmakers.

- The Arkansas Travelers and their ownership group, Diamond Baseball Holdings, announced a new 20-year lease agreement with the city of North Little Rock that will keep the Travelers at Dickey-Stephens Park through the 2046 season.

- Swarm Aero**,** a drone company with manufacturing operations in Fayetteville, received $10 million in federal contracts to advance its high-rate manufacturing technology and produce aircraft components for the U.S. Air Force.

- InnovAsian Cuisine Enterprises Inc., a subsidiary of Nichirei Foods Inc., broke ground on its new state-of-the-art frozen food manufacturing facility in Jonesboro. This more than $150 million development will create approximately 200 new jobs.

- Daimler Truck North America LLC plans to build a huge new factory in the United States this year, and Arkansas experts say a West Memphis site designed for a "super project" would be a good fit.

- Five Rivers Manufacturing officially opened its new headquarters in Corning. For 92 years, Five Rivers has been the maker of G&H

Decoys, part of its umbrella of outdoor companies. G&H will now be manufactured in Corning alongside Five Rivers' other brands acquired in 2005 — Deception Decoys and Dogg Company, both founded in Kansas, and Hebert's Custom Decoy Rigs, founded in Louisiana.

- SANY Nutrition Group has built a new food manufacturing facility in Jonesboro. The company is investing more than $30 million with plans to create over 150 new jobs in three years.

- North Little Rock-based Powers announced the sale of its territorial divisions in Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Alabama to New Jersey-based Albireo Energy, an independent building controls and energy services provider and a Huron Capital portfolio company.