

Biggest Deals of 2007					
Announced transactions valued or believed to be valued at \$10 million or more, ranked by value					
Buyer, City	Seller, City	Price (millions)	Description	Month Announced	
39 Taber Extrusions LLC, Russellville	Arkansas Development Finance Authority, Little Rock	\$10.0	revenue bond issue to construct new building and increase work force	March	
NR AAR, Wood Dale, IL	Reebaire Aircraft Inc., Hot Springs	NA	purchase of assets of Reebaire to expand maintenance, repair support operations	January	
NR BNSF Logistics LLC, Springdale	Pro-Am Transportation Services Inc., Jamestown, ND	NA	purchase of third-party logistics company	January	
NR Cal-Maine Foods Inc., Jackson, MS	Pier 44 Properties LLC	NA	purchase of 50 percent interest in Green Forest Foods LLC to become sole owner of the egg producer	January	
NR Crain Automotive Holdings LLC, Little Rock	United Auto Group, Bloomfield Hills, MI	NA	purchase of Ford dealerships at Benton and Jacksonville	January	
NR Crain Automotive Holdings LLC, Little Rock	Camper Capps, Little Rock	NA	purchase of recreational vehicle dealership on Interstate 30	January	
NR Industrial Realty Group, Los Angeles	Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor, MI	NA	sell of five plants, including Maytag plant at Searcy	January	
NR Magna IV, Little Rock	Peerless Engraving Co., Little Rock	NA	purchase of printing company	January	
NR Equity Broadcasting Corp., Little Rock	CBS Television Distribution, New York	NA	deal to use CBS network's vast library of old TV shows for new Retro Television Network	March	
NR Lancaster Management, Gadsden, AL	Ray Kimell family, De Queen	NA	sale of De Queen Daily Citizen and De Queen Bee newspapers	March	
NR Cal-Maine Foods Inc., Jackson, MS	George's Inc., Siloam Springs	NA	sale of Country Creek Farms, an egg marketing company at Rogers.	April	
NR Landers Brothers LLC, Little Rock	Alan George, Pine Bluff	NA	purchase of George-Motes Buick-Pontiac-GMC and George-Motes Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep dealerships in Pine Bluff.	April	
NR The Stephens Group, Little Rock	Multi-Shot LLC, Conroe, TX	NA	majority equity investment in drilling services company	April	
NR The Stephens Group LLC & Lake Capital, Little Rock and Chicago	Vestcom International Inc., Little Rock	NA	purchase of majority interest in maker of shelf pricing labels.	April	
NR NA	Baldor Electric Co., Fort Smith	NA	sale of Reliance Electric Co. power services business.	June	
NR Moore Stephens Frost PLC, Little Rock	Lynch & Howard, Raleigh, NC	NA	purchase of accounting firm	July	
NR Palm Beach Capital Corp., Palm Beach, FL	DDP Holdings Inc., Springdale	NA	purchase of service merchandising company for the home improvement industry	July	
NR The Campbell Group LLC, Portland, OR	State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, Columbus	NA	purchase of 430,000 acres of timberland in eight states, including Arkansas	July	
NR UPS, Atlanta	City of Springdale, Springdale	NA	purchase of 14-acre site to build \$12 million pick-up and drop-off facility	July	
NR Bancorp South Insurance Services Inc., Tupelo, MS	Insurance Network, Jonesboro	NA	purchase of insurance firm that becomes part of Ramsey Krug Farrell & Lensing of Little Rock	August	
NR Baptist Memorial Health Care Corp., Memphis	Community Health Systems Inc., Franklin, TN	NA	purchase of 51 percent share of 104-bed Northeast Arkansas Medical Center	August	
NR Nomac Drilling Corp., El Reno, OK		NA	subsidiary of Chesapeake Energy Corp. to buy 50 acres near Searcy to build employee training facility	August	
NR Truck Centers of Arkansas, North Little Rock	Barloworld Inc., Johannesburg, South Africa	NA	purchase of three Freightliner dealerships in Arkansas	August	
NR Career Sports & Entertainment Inc., Atlanta	JM Associates, Little Rock	NA	sale of niche sports production company	September	
NR Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Houston	Marine Terminals, Blytheville	NA	purchase of Marine Terminal assets, including two facilities at Blytheville and terminals in Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina	September	
NR RLJ Cos.	McLarty-Landers Automotive Group, Little Rock	NA	purchase of 51 percent stake in RLJ-McLarty-Landers Automotive Partnership	September	
NR Weyerhaeuser Co., Federal Way, WA	Freeman Brothers Inc., Russellville	NA	purchase of sawmill in Oklahoma	September	
NR Crain Media Group, Little Rock	Archway Broadcasting Group, East Point, GA	NA	purchase of three radio stations in Little Rock, KHTE-FM, KKSP-FM and KOLL-FM	October	
NR Gerdau Ameristeel, Florida	Enco Material Inc., Springdale	NA	purchase of concrete material supplier	October	
NR Market Strategies International, Livonia, MI	Flake-Wilkerson Market Insights, Little Rock	NA	purchase of market research firm	October	
NR Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Bentonville	ERP Financials, Walldorf, Germany	NA	purchase of global financial information system software	October	
NR Farmers & Merchant Bank, Stuttgart	Chart Bank, Perryville	NA	purchase of bank	November	
NR First Mercury Financial Corp., Southfield, MI	American Management Corp., Conway	NA	purchase of specialty insurance services firm	November	
NR Murphy Oil Corp., El Dorado	Finder Exploration Pty. Ltd., Australia	NA	purchase of 40 percent interest in exploration permit of Australian coast	November	
NR CBS Personnel Holdings Inc., Cincinnati	Staffmark Investment LLC, Little Rock	NA	sale of staffing company owned by the Stephens family	December	
NR Great Southern Wood Preserving Inc., Abbeville, AL	Curt Bean Lumber Co., Amity	NA	purchase of two wood treating plants	December	
NR Pine Bluff Poultry LLC, Pine Bluff	Tyson Foods Inc., Springdale	NA	purchase of abandoned plant at Pine Bluff and investment to upgrade it to process spent hens.	December	
Sources: Company news releases, Arkansas Business archives, various public records. NR: Deals believed to be worth \$10 million or more but for which no value was announced publicly.				Researched by John Henry	