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The loss of an extra \$600 dollars a week in Unemployment Insurance assistance will have a devastating impact on jobless workers in the state. That's according to University of Arkansas economist Mervin Jebaraj (JEH'-bar-rog). The Pandemic Relief package expired over the weekend and, speaking on Arkansas PBS, he said the situation isn't getting better.

NEWS24 0:36 "...GONNA START ANEW."

Jebaraj appeared on "Arkansas Week" and said the U-S botched the way it shut down the economy by only haphazardly increasing coronavirus testing and contact tracing. He said other countries like Germany were more systematic in their approach and got a better handle on the virus.

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A record collapse in Gross Domestic Product characterized second-quarter numbers released last week. But Dr. John Anderson with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture sees a silver lining...

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Appearing on the Arkansas P-B-S program "Arkansas Week," Dr. Anderson said agriculture has been largely insulated from the devastation that has hit other industries. But that will change, he said, IF the slowdown lingers. Anderson said the state economy will need to improve for agricultural exporters to be able to meet the demand for their products from other nations.