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Delays in international shipping, which began with the onset of the pandemic, are expected to continue through the holidays, which will likely disrupt business. This week on Talk Business and Politics, Rudy Ortiz, chairman of the Arkansas District Export Council, said he doesn't expect the supply chain issues to get better until late next year.

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“...are right now.”

Arkansas-based retail giant Walmart recently announced it will hire an additional 20-thousand permanent supply chain positions to help speed the delivery of goods. International delivery provider Amazon says it plans to fill 500 positions when its new fulfillment center opens in North Little Rock.

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Supply chain issues, which have slowed the delivery of everything from meat to microchips, are expected to continue into next year. On this week's Talk Business and Politics, Rudy Ortiz with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission said global delivery delays, originally triggered by a worker shortage caused by the pandemic, are now being caused by other shortages.

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“...things like containers.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, two of Arkansas' top three exports, aircraft parts and wood pulp, saw drops last year. Exports of rice, the state's second leading export commodity, remained steady. Earlier this year, the state began exporting rice to China for the first time.