

Baxter County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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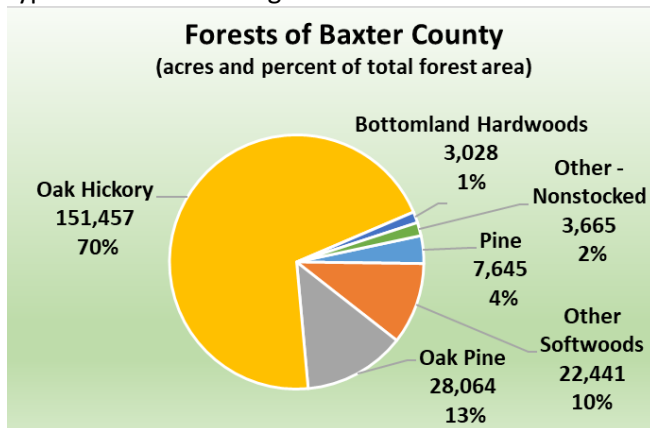
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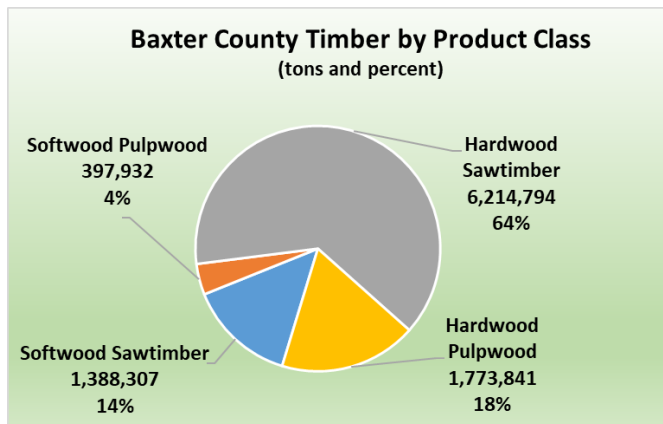


Baxter County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 216,300 acres (61%) of the land area in Baxter County; 57% of the forests are privately owned. The major public ownership in the Ozark National Forest. Planted forests account for 24% of the pine and 0% of the non-pine forests in Baxter County. Overall, 99% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by cover type is shown in the figure below.



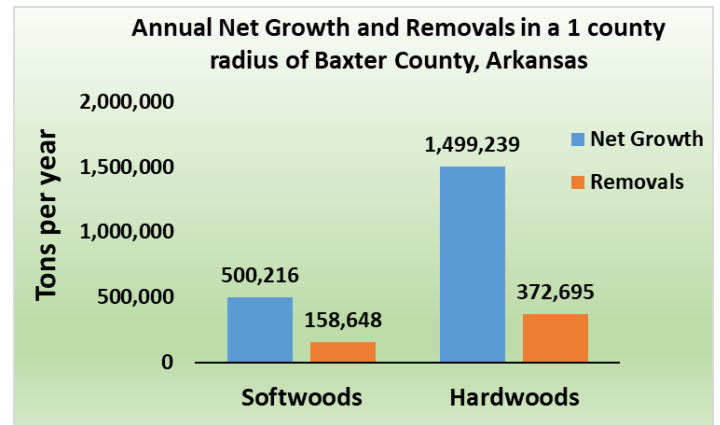
The forests of Baxter County contain 1,786,238 tons of softwood timber and 7,988,636 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Baxter County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Baxter County (Fulton, IZard, Marion, Ozark, Searcy and Stone) there are 15 million tons of pine and 64 million tons of

hardwood timber. In this 7-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,468,112 tons, 75% of this surplus is in hardwood growth as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Baxter County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$8,235,612 annually to Baxter County's value added (GDP) which is 0.6% of the county's total economic activity. This is well below the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Epoxyn Products, Everett's Sawmill, Lone Rock Logging, Contractor's Truss Systems, and Sentinel Industries. One logging firm operates from Baxter County. Though the forest industry is small percent of Baxter County's economy, it provides good quality jobs. Income in Baxter County's forestry sectors is 117% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Baxter County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$35,960	\$35,318
Logging	5	\$278,734	\$284,782
Solid Wood Products	25	\$710,777	\$1,251,850
Furniture	68	\$3,380,003	\$6,663,505
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	-\$1,045	\$156
Forestry Totals in Baxter County	99	\$4,404,429	\$8,235,612