

Calhoun County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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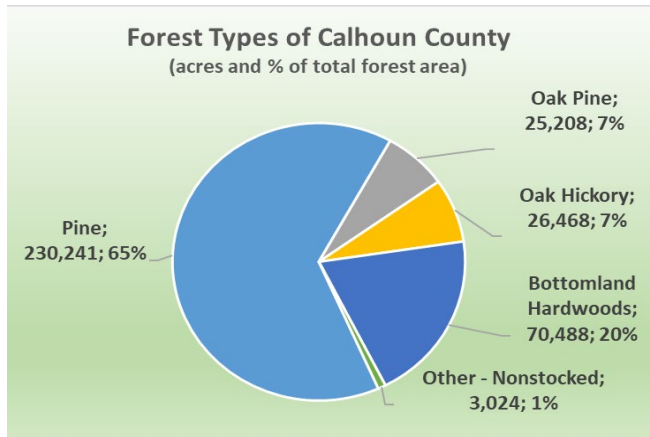
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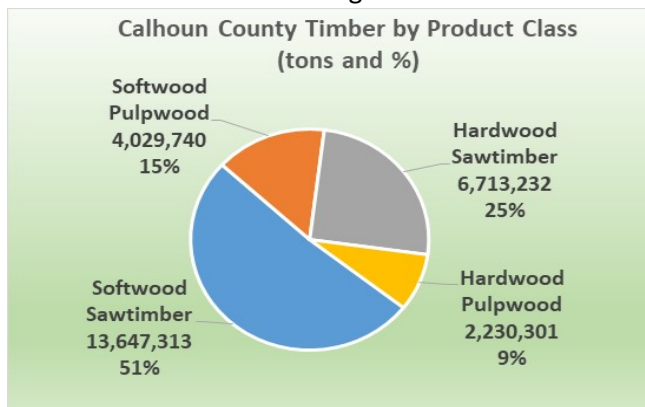


Calhoun County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 355,429 acres (88%) of the land area in Calhoun County, and 98% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 67% of the pine and 5% of non-pine forests in the county. Overall, 55% of all the forests in Calhoun County are natural. Forest area by coverytype is shown in the figure below.



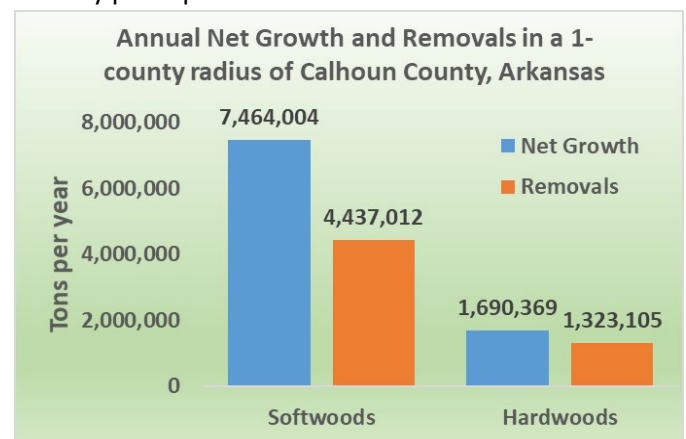
The forests of Calhoun County contain 17,677,053 tons of softwood timber and 8,943,533 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely sawtimber sized trees as shown in the figure below.



Timber Supply around Calhoun County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Calhoun County (Bradley, Cleveland, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union) there are 108 million tons of pine and 59 million

tons of hardwood timber. In this 6 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 3.4 million tons. 90% of this surplus is softwoods, which is almost entirely pine species.



Economic Contributions of Calhoun County Forests

Calhoun County has a very small forest industry sector. However, the forests of Calhoun County provide wood fiber to numerous mills in surrounding counties. Forest industries contribute \$2,001,090 to Calhoun County's GDP which is less than 1% of the county's total economic activity. This is a much lower percentage than the state-wide average of 4.95%. In Calhoun County, Martin Shavings operates a wood shavings mill. There are 4 logging firms in Calhoun County. Income in Calhoun County's forestry sectors is 61% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Calhoun County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	7	\$319,608	\$324,593
Logging	16	\$668,225	\$665,046
Solid Wood Products	16	\$563,298	\$1,011,451
Forestry Totals in Calhoun County	38	\$1,551,131	\$2,001,090