

Cleveland County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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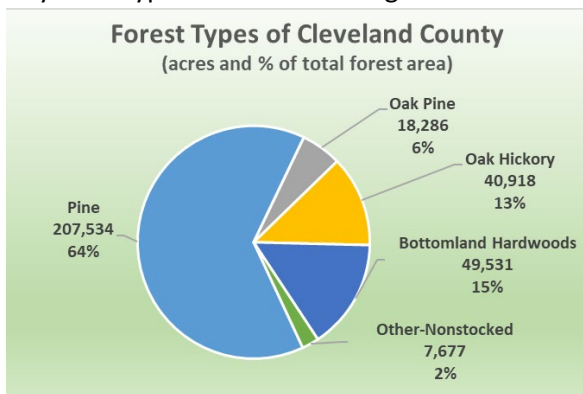
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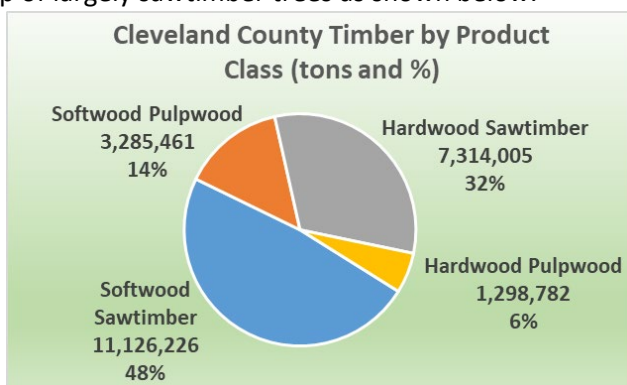


Cleveland County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 323,946 acres (85%) of the land area in Cleveland County; 97% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 62% of the pine and 11% of the non-pine forests in Cleveland County. Overall, 43% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



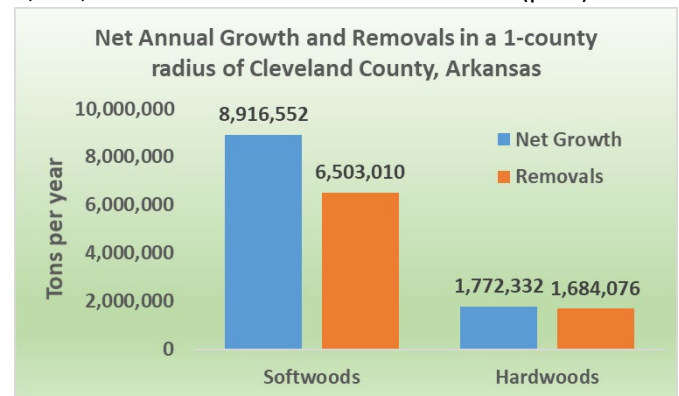
The forests of Cleveland County contain 14,411,687 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 8,612,786 tons of hardwood timber which is about equal portions of upland and bottomland hardwoods. The forest is made up of largely sawtimber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Cleveland County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Cleveland County (Bradley, Calhoun, Dallas, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, and Lincoln) there are 105 million tons

of pine and 63 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2,591,798 tons 96% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Cleveland County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$21,004,835 to Cleveland County's value added (GDP) which is 20% of the county's total economic activity. This is a much higher percentage than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries in the county include Stella Jones (pole plant), Wilson Brothers (sawmill), Doman (planer mill), and River Ridge (forestry equipment repair). There are 7 logging firms in Cleveland County. Income in Cleveland County's forestry sectors is 163% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Cleveland County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	5	\$518,103	\$505,337
Logging	81	\$6,001,768	\$5,733,901
Solid Wood Products	139	\$6,349,788	\$14,759,946
Furniture	1	\$2,778	\$3,104
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	\$1,346	\$2,547
Forestry Totals in County	226	\$12,873,782	\$21,004,835