

Crawford County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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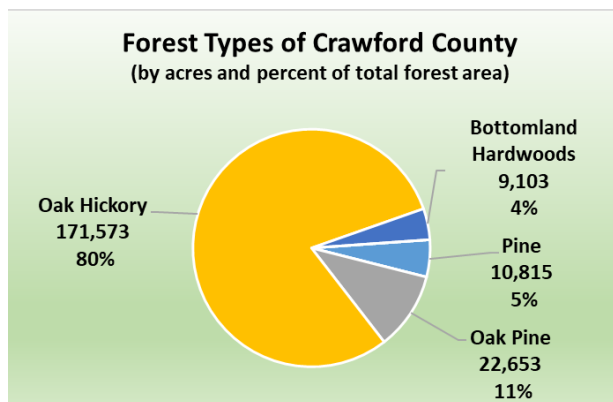
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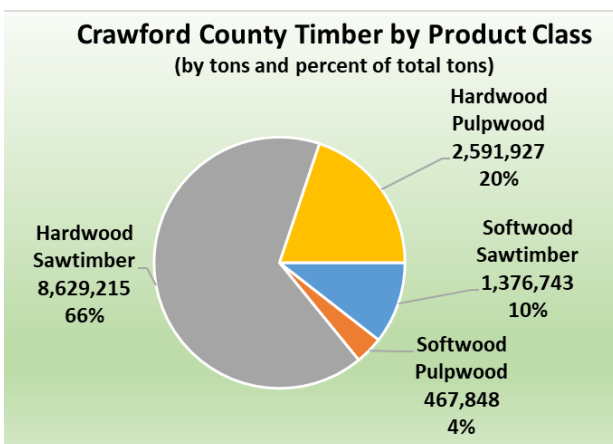


Crawford County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 214,144 acres (56%) of the land area in Crawford County; 60% of the forests are privately owned. The majority of public forest is in the Ozark National Forest. 98% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by cover type is shown in the figure below.



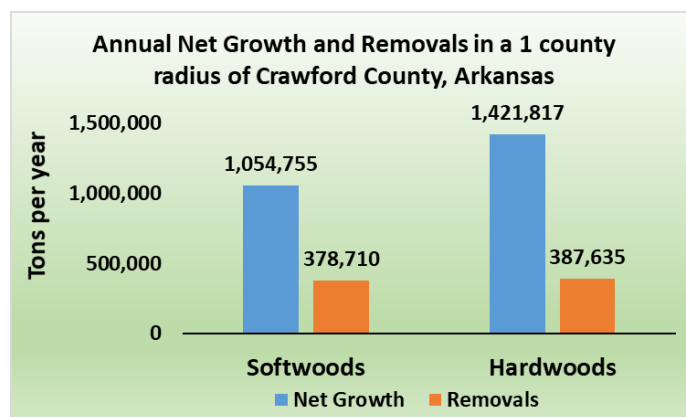
The forests of Crawford County contain 1,844,591 tons of softwood timber and 11,221,142 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Crawford County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Crawford County (Adair, Franklin, Le Flore, Madison, Sebastian, Sequoyah, and Washington) there are 29 million tons of softwood and 75 million tons of hardwood timber. In this

8-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,710,227 tons, 60% of this surplus is in hardwood growth as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Crawford County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$5,227,992 annually to Crawford County's value added (GDP) which is 0.3% of the county's total economic activity. This is well below the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Barksdale Lumber, Paltech Enterprises, White Valley Lumber, Woodco Turning, Cousins Product, Provence Sawmill, and Workman Sawmill. One independent logging firm operates from Crawford County, several of the mills operate their own logging crews. Income in Crawford County's forestry sectors is 75% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Crawford County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$40,732	\$39,767
Logging	39	\$894,624	\$1,085,377
Solid Wood Products	32	\$946,422	\$1,637,784
Furniture	52	\$1,770,951	\$2,465,064
Forestry Totals in Crawford County	124	\$3,652,729	\$5,227,992