

Dallas County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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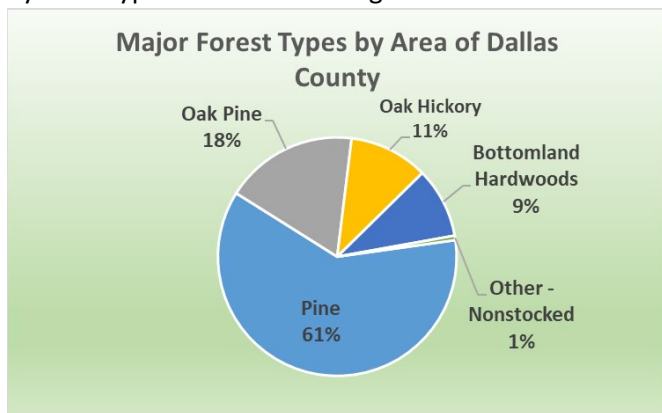
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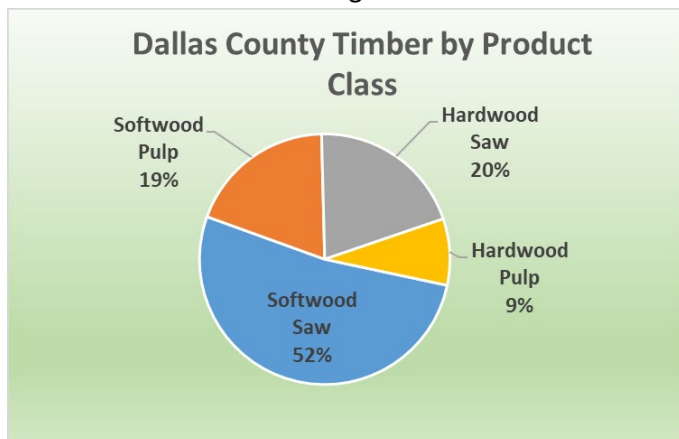


Dallas County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 410,781 acres (96%) of the land area in Dallas County, and 100% of the forests are privately owned. Natural forests account for 42% of the pine and 89% of hardwood forests in the county. Overall, 60% of all the forests in Dallas County are natural. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



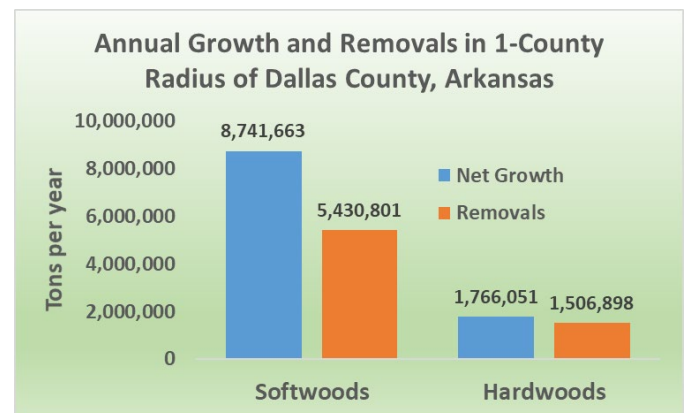
The forests of Dallas County contain 19,064,963 tons of softwood timber and 7,686,830 tons of hardwood timber. The total forest volumes are largely sawtimber sized trees as shown in the figure below.



Timber Supply around Dallas County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Dallas County (Calhoun, Clark, Cleveland, Grant, Hot Spring, and Ouachita) there are 112 million tons of pine and 64

million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 3.6 million tons. 92% of this surplus is softwoods, which is almost entirely pine species.



Economic Contributions of Dallas County Forests

Forest industries contribute 64 million dollars to Dallas County's GDP which is 29% of the county's total economic activity. Garland Gaston, Gene Brazeale, Georgia-Pacific, Idaho and Ray White are the backbone of the solid wood products sector. Shippers Products operates a paper converter in Fordyce. There are 14 logging firms in Dallas County. Dallas County's per capita labor income in the forestry sector is 150% of the county's average. The direct economic contribution of Dallas County's forest industry is shown in the table below by forestry sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	2	\$187,322	\$184,218
Logging	109	\$7,439,736	\$7,158,314
Solid Wood Products	437	\$25,130,524	\$49,757,765
Pulp and Paper	89	\$3,362,663	\$7,105,066
Forestry Totals in County	637	\$36,120,246	\$64,205,362