

Drew County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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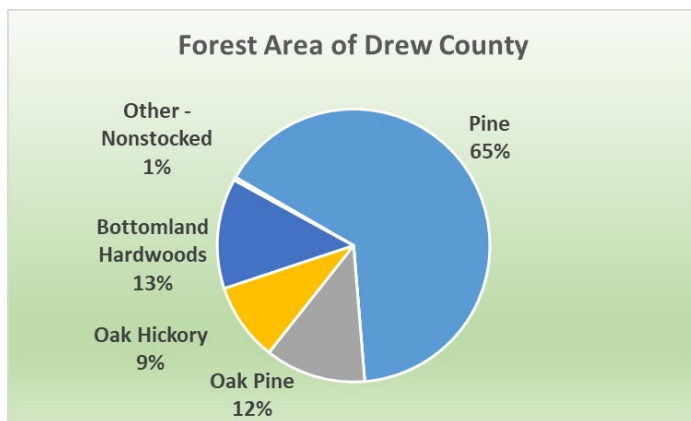
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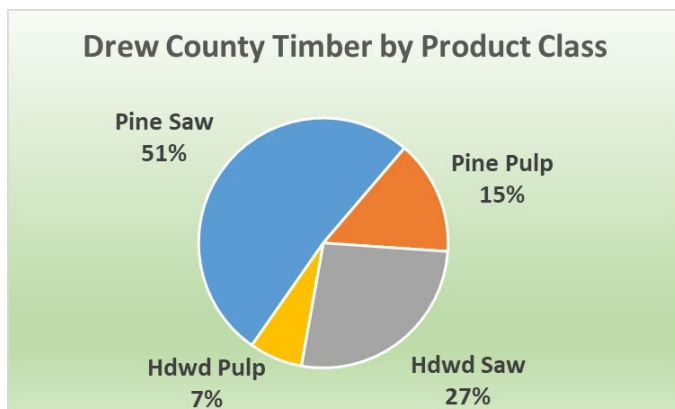


Drew County Forest Facts

The forests of Drew County contain 17.3 million tons of pine and 8.8 million tons of hardwoods. Forests cover 420,390 acres, or 79% of the total county land area, and 94% of this forestland is privately owned. The figure below displays forest area by cover type.



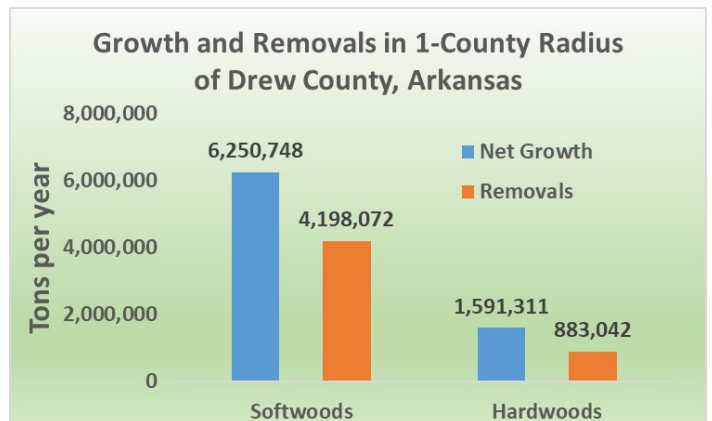
Drew County's forests are predominantly pine and hardwood sawtimber that support the lumber mills in Drew and surrounding counties. Markets for pulpwood include Clearwater Paper, Floyd's Chipmill, and Evergreen Packaging.



Timber Supply around Drew County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Drew County (Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, and Lincoln) there are 71 million tons of pine and 43 million

tons of hardwood timber. The figure below shows the average annual net growth and removals of softwoods and hardwoods in this seven county region.



Within a one county radius of Drew County, net annual growth exceeds harvest by 2,052,676 tons in softwoods and 708,269 tons in hardwoods. Because the surplus of wood fiber in the region is so great, timber prices paid to landowners likely will not see sustained increases this year.

Economic Contributions of Drew County Forests

Major forest product manufacturing companies in Drew County include Interfor and LTY sawmills, Hood Packaging, and Maxwell Hardwood Flooring. Twelve logging firms operate from Drew County. The county's total GDP is \$623 million, of which the forest industry represents \$67 million (11%). Employment, labor income and value-added in the forest industry of Drew County are shown below.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	3	\$413,914	\$406,855
Logging	179	\$18,937,933	\$18,181,809
Solid Wood Products	412	\$20,108,623	\$35,731,210
Furniture	44	\$1,542,232	\$3,039,970
Pulp and Paper	68	\$4,528,526	\$9,413,051
Forestry Totals in Drew County	705	\$45,531,229	\$66,772,895