

Franklin County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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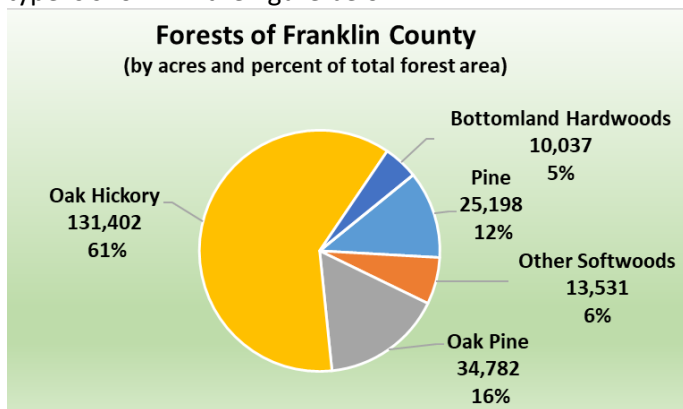
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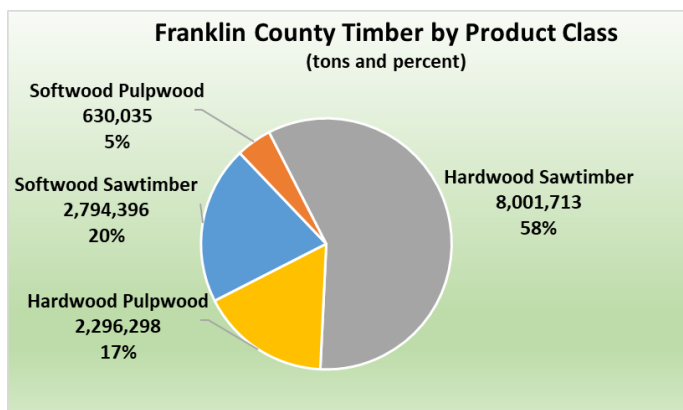


Franklin County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 214,950 acres (55%) of the land area in Franklin County; 60% of the forests are privately owned, the major public landowner is the Ozark National Forest. Planted forests account for 27% of the pine and 0% of the non-pine forests in Franklin County. Overall, 97% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by cover type is shown in the figure below.



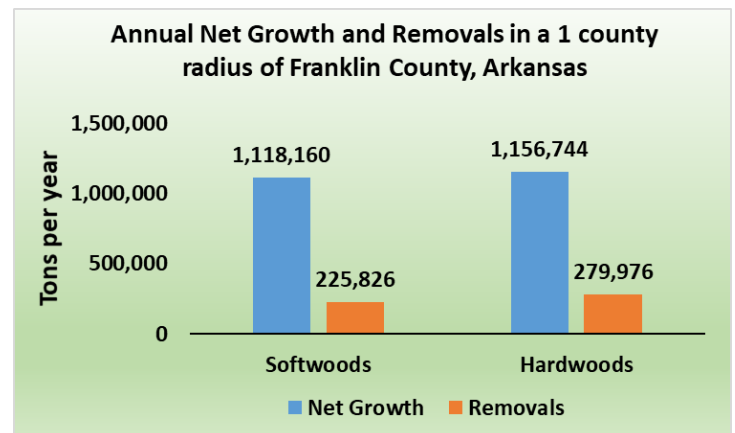
The forests of Franklin County contain 3,424,431 tons of softwood timber and 10,298,011 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Franklin County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Franklin County (Crawford, Johnson, Logan, Madison and Washington) there are 26 million tons of pine and 59 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6-county region,

annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,769,102 tons, relatively evenly split between softwoods and hardwoods as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Franklin County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$2,760,226 annually to Franklin County's value added (GDP) which is 0.6% of the county's total economic activity. This is much less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. However, this does not include the contributions of recreational activities such as tourism, hiking, camping, hunting, and fishing that occur in the forests of Franklin County. Notable forest industries include White Valley Lumber, D&D Cabinet Doors, and Delaware Wood Yard. Two logging firms operate from Franklin County. Income in Franklin County's forestry sectors is 91% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Franklin County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$22,898	\$22,661
Logging	18	\$614,756	\$625,510
Solid Wood Products	20	\$681,806	\$1,119,179
Furniture	15	\$541,600	\$990,329
Pulp and Paper	less than 1	\$1,346	\$2,547
Forestry Totals in Franklin County	53	\$1,862,406	\$2,760,226