

Hot Spring County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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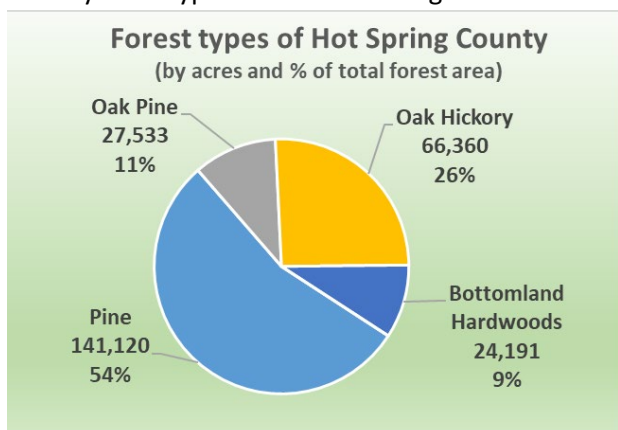
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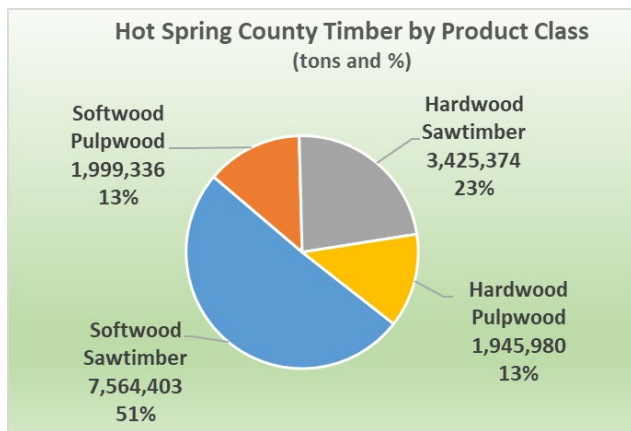
Hot Spring County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 259,204 acres (66%) of the land area in Hot Spring County; 98% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 62% of the pine and 5% of the non-pine forests in Hot Spring County.

Overall, 36% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



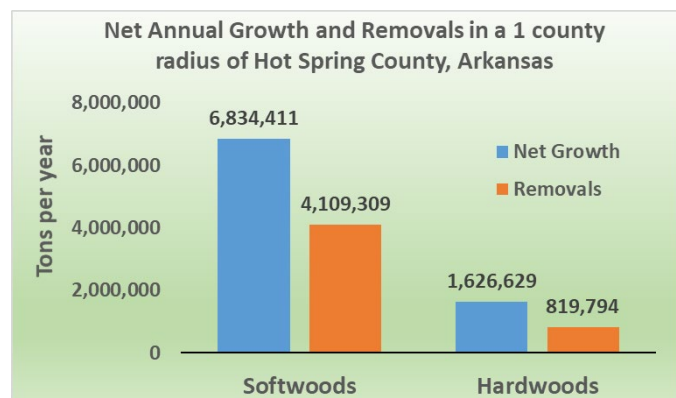
The forests of Hot Spring County contain 9,563,739 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 5,371,354 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely softwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Hot Spring County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Hot Spring County (Clark, Dallas, Garland, Grant, Montgomery and Saline) there are 102 million tons of

pine and 63 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 3,531,983 tons, 77% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Hot Spring County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$79,031,673 annually to Hot Spring County's value added (GDP) which is 9% of the county's total economic activity. This is much greater than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Anthony Timberlands, Flakeboard America, Rybard Lumber and Hot Spring County Tie and Lumber. Four logging firms operate from Hot Spring County. Income in Hot Spring County's forestry sectors is 148% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Hot Spring County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	11	\$627,078	\$637,789
Logging	61	\$2,705,047	\$2,732,499
Solid Wood Products	627	\$35,912,399	\$74,733,103
Furniture	11	\$505,618	\$924,390
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	\$2,692	\$3,893
Forestry Totals in Hot Spring County	711	\$39,752,833	\$79,031,673