

# Jefferson County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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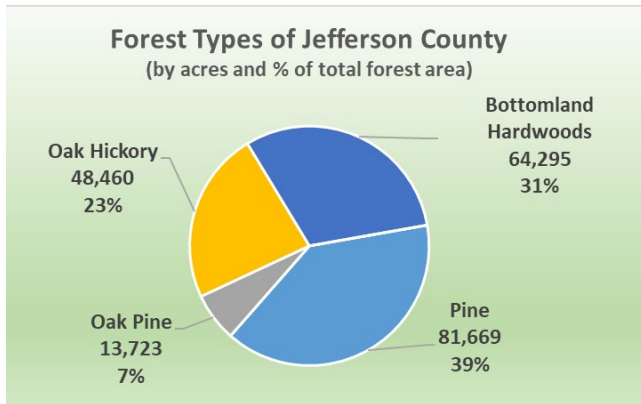
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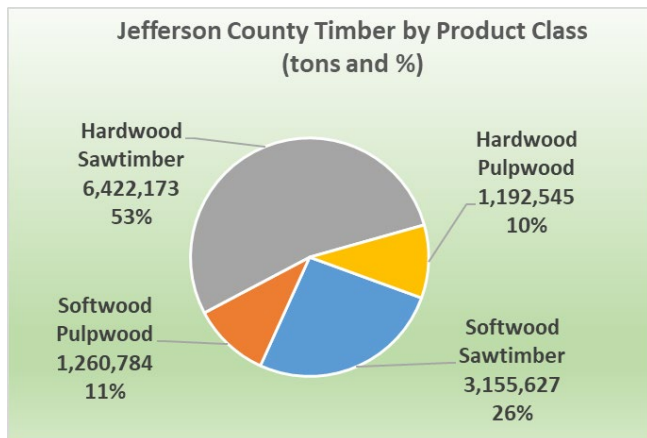


### Jefferson County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 208,147 acres (37%) of the land area in Jefferson County; 82% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 70% of the pine and 6% of the non-pine forests in Jefferson County. Overall, 31% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



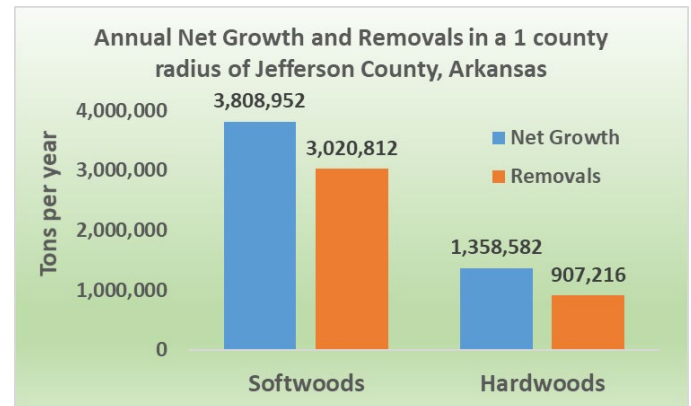
The forests of Jefferson County contain 4,416,411 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 7,614,718 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



### Timber Supply around Jefferson County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Jefferson County (Arkansas, Cleveland, Grant, Lonoke, and Pulaski) there are 48 million tons of pine and 63 million

tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,239,506 tons, 64% of which is softwoods (pine).



### Economic Contributions of Jefferson County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$446,616,922 to Jefferson County's value added (GDP) which is 15% of the county's total economic activity. This is three times the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Evergreen Packaging and Twin Rivers Paper, Highland Pellets, Fiber Resources, Doman, Pine Bluff Crating and Pallet, Hoover Treated Wood Products, Paper Tigers, and Sonoco. Three logging firms operate from Jefferson County. Income in Jefferson County's forestry sectors is 185% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Jefferson County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	31	\$5,224,988	\$5,160,557
Logging	31	\$3,690,265	\$3,552,756
Solid Wood Products	270	\$16,926,570	\$35,043,980
Furniture	15	\$678,505	\$1,240,764
Pulp and Paper	1,710	\$163,227,303	\$421,618,865
<b>Forestry Totals in Jefferson County</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>\$189,747,631</b>	<b>\$466,616,922</b>