

# Lafayette County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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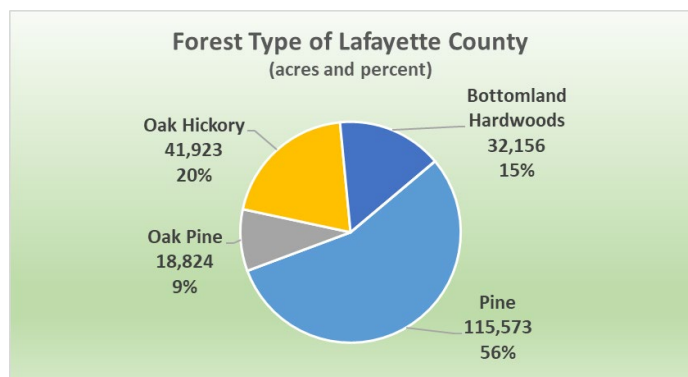
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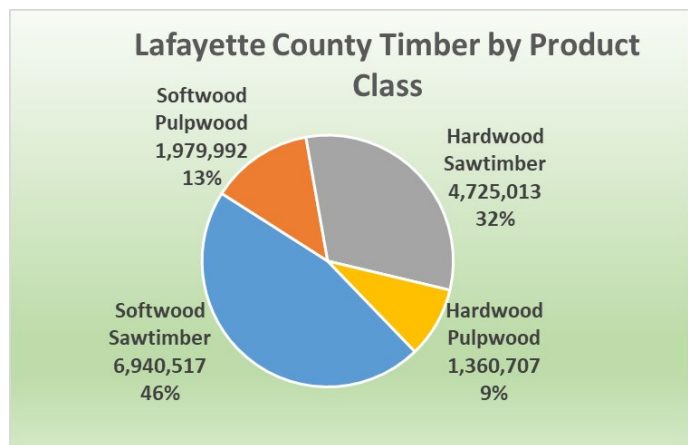


### Lafayette County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 208,476 acres (62%) of the land area in Lafayette County, and 97% of the forests are privately owned. Natural forests account for 59% of the pine and 98% of hardwood forests in the county. Overall, 77% of all the forests in Lafayette County are natural. Forest area by covertime is shown in the figure below.



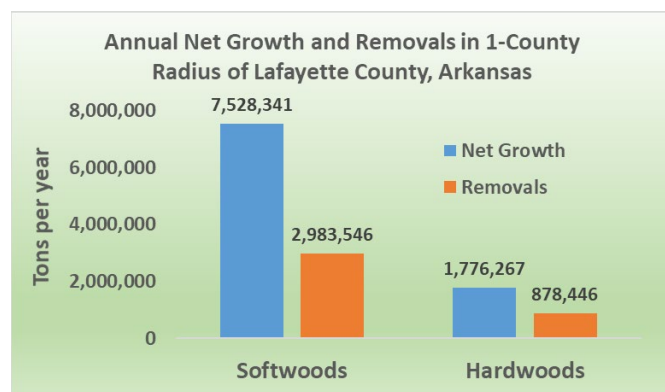
The forests of Lafayette County contain 8,920,509 tons of softwood timber and 6,085,720 tons of hardwood timber. The total forest volumes are largely sawtimber sized trees as shown in the figure below.



### Timber Supply around Lafayette County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Lafayette County (Bossier, Caddo, Columbia, Hempstead, Miller,

Nevada and Webster) there are 116 million tons of pine and 65 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 5.4 million tons. 83% of this surplus is softwoods, which is almost entirely pine species.



### Economic Contributions of Lafayette County Forests

Forest industries contribute 3.5 million dollars to Lafayette County's GDP which is 3% of the county's total economic activity. Lewisville Wood Products operates a resaw mill in the county. Furniture employment in the county are workers for Mayo Furniture and Evolution Upholstery & Designs in Texarkana, Texas. There are 3 logging firms in Lafayette County. Lafayette County's per capita labor income in the forestry sector is 104% of the county's average. The direct economic contribution of Lafayette County's forest industry is shown in the table below by forestry sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	Less than 1	\$8,258	\$8,317
Logging	21	\$1,061,561	\$1,052,906
Solid Wood Products	25	\$993,242	\$1,642,675
Furniture	19	\$675,536	\$824,959
<b>Forestry Totals in Lafayette County</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>\$2,738,597</b>	<b>\$3,528,858</b>