

Lawrence County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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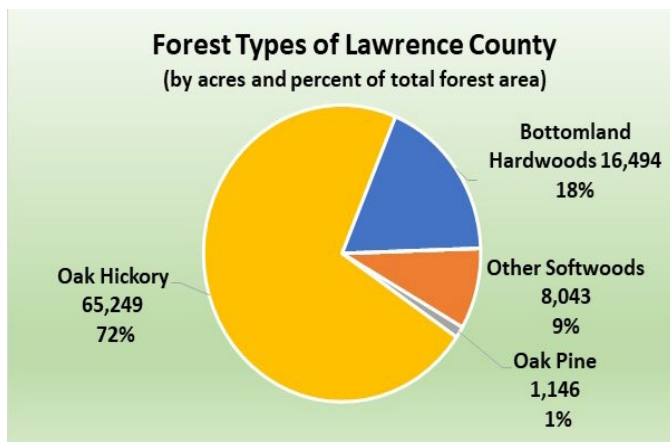
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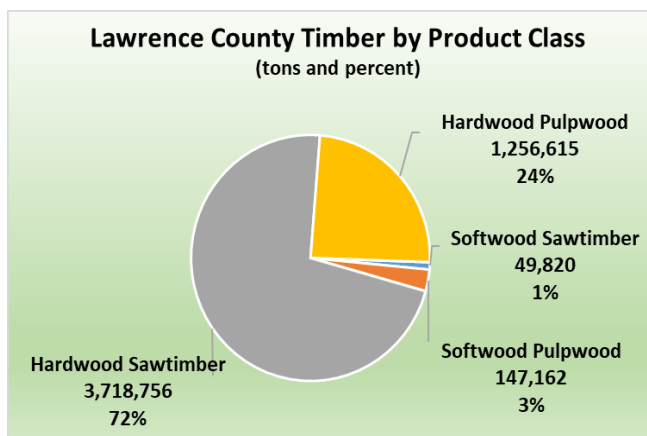


Lawrence County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 90,932 acres (24%) of the land area in Lawrence County; 87% of the forests are privately owned. The county's forests are 100% of natural origin. Forest area by coertype is shown in the figure below.



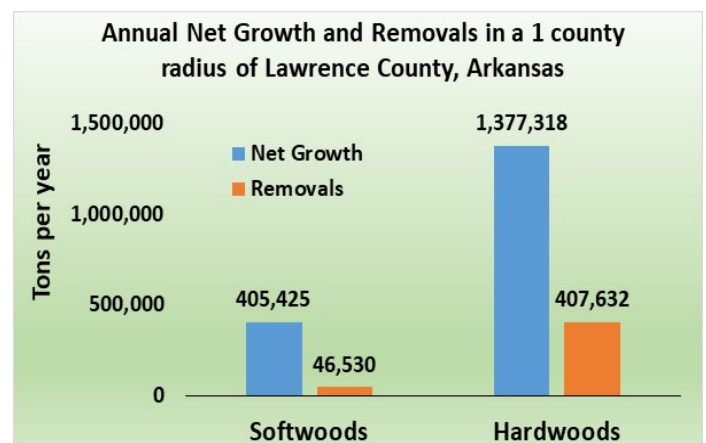
The forests of Lawrence County contain 196,982 tons of softwood timber and 4,975,371 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Lawrence County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Lawrence County (Craighead, Greene, Independence, Jackson, Randolph and Sharp) there are 7.9 million tons of pine

and 41.8 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,328,581 tons, 63% of which is hardwoods, as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Lawrence County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$5,884,171 annually to Lawrence County's value added (GDP) which is 1.6% of the county's total economic activity, much less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include V&B Manufacturing, a maker of wood OEM and replacement handles. One logging firm operates out of Lawrence County. Income from forestry sectors is 104% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Lawrence County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	Less than 1	\$14,662	\$14,768
Logging	7	\$904,753	\$938,815
Solid Wood Products	88	\$3,008,236	\$4,926,326
Furniture	1	\$1,389	\$1,715
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	\$1,346	\$2,547
Forestry Totals in Lawrence County	96	\$3,930,386	\$5,884,171