

Madison County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021



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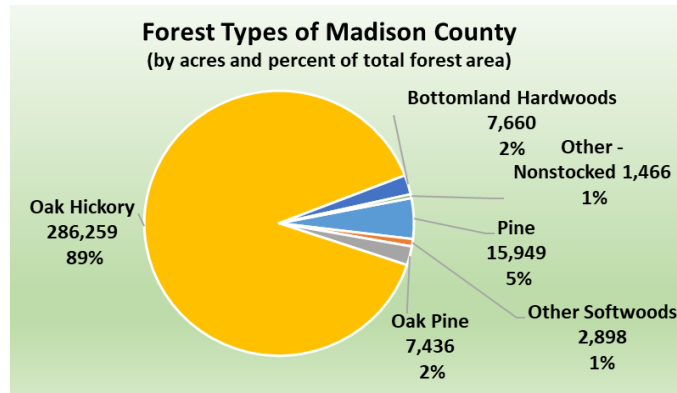
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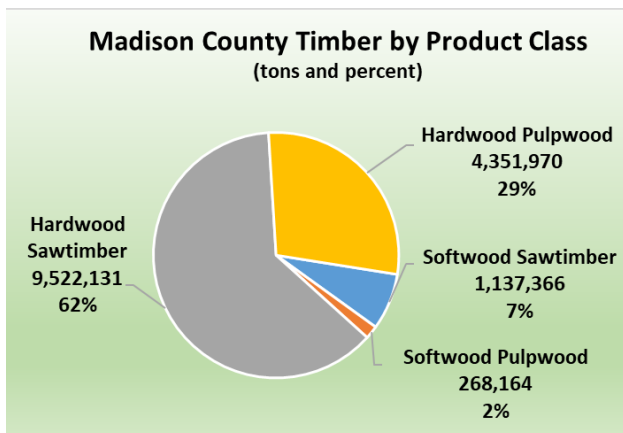


Madison County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 321,668 acres (60%) of the land area in Madison County; 85% of the forests are privately owned; the majority of public lands are part of the Ozark National Forest. The county's forests are 100% of natural origin. Forest area by covertsype is shown below.



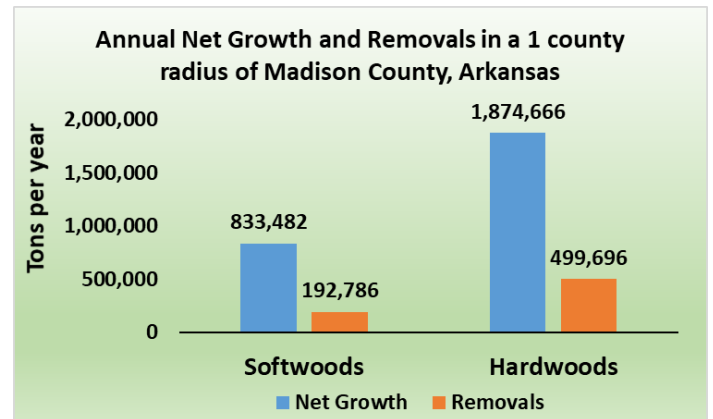
The forests of Madison County contain 1,405,530 tons of softwood timber and 13,874,101 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Madison County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Madison County (Benton, Carroll, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Newton, and Washington) there are 21 million tons of pine and 100 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8-

county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2,015,666 tons, 68% of this surplus is hardwoods, as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Madison County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$10,358,801 annually to Madison County's value added (GDP) which is 3% of the county's total economic activity, less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include J.R. Banks Lumber, Boston Mountain Dry Kiln, Richland Handle Company, Easterling Forest Products, Hargis and Son Logging, McComas Forest Products, Dwayne Villines Timber, Willhite Forest Products, HER Lumber, Wharton Creek Wood Products, and Parker Wood. Six logging firms operate out of Madison County. Income from forestry sectors is 143% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Madison County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	less than 1	\$8,346	\$8,238
Logging	35	\$3,526,657	\$3,514,879
Solid Wood Products	109	\$3,997,458	\$6,828,414
Furniture	1	\$6,944	\$7,270
Forestry Totals in Madison County	145	\$7,539,404	\$10,358,801