

Miller County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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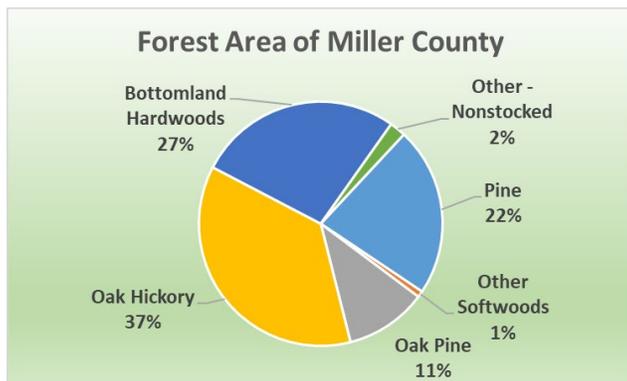
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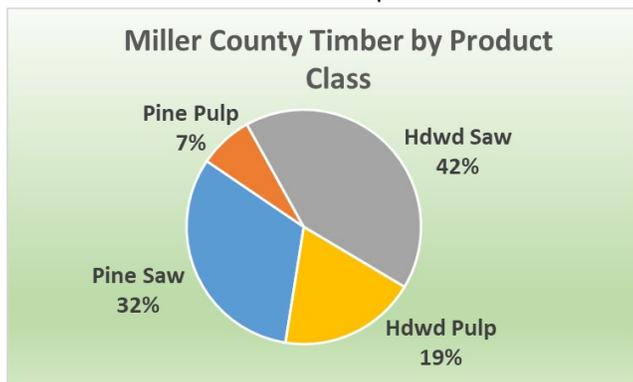


Miller County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 200,789 acres in Miller County which is 50% of the total land area. While only 19% of all forests in Miller County are planted, pine plantations make up 51% of the pine covertype in the county. Private ownership accounts for 91% of the forest area in the county. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



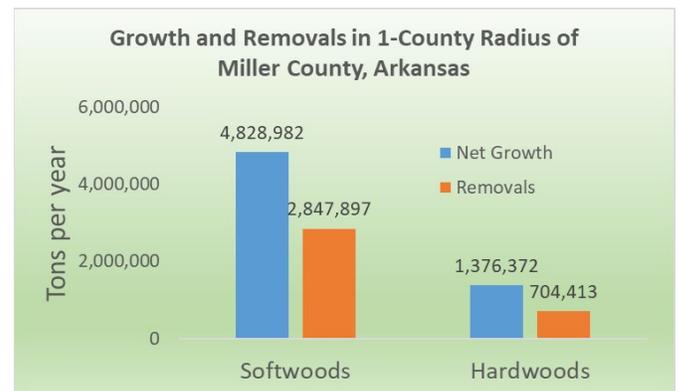
The forests contain 6,112,399 tons of pine timber and 3,980,239 tons of hardwood timber. Three quarters of this timber is in hardwood and pine sawtimber.



Timber Supply around Miller County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Miller County (Bossier, Caddo, Hempstead, Lafayette and Little River) there are 71 million tons of pine and 53 million tons of hardwood timber. In this six county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2.7 million tons.

While hardwood forests make up the majority of the land area, softwood growth, removals, and surplus are at least three times that of hardwoods.



Economic Contributions of Miller County Forests

Miller County's forest products industry contributes \$40,401,968 to the county, or 3% of the county's GDP, which is less than the state average. Miller County is surrounded by larger forest manufacturing industries in adjoining counties, including Phillips Forest Products, the Ward Company, and Domtar Paper. Davis Truss does operate a facility in Texarkana and the furniture upholstery industry has a strong presence in the county. There are 8 logging firms that work out of Miller County. Forestry jobs in Miller County pay nearly 182% of the county average. The table below provides information on the four major sectors of the forest products industry in Miller County.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	7	\$1,342,494	\$1,337,504
Logging	71	\$9,504,950	\$9,382,079
Solid Wood Products	164	\$11,357,516	\$19,561,201
Furniture	152	\$7,964,556	\$10,114,601
Pulp and Paper	<1	\$5,383	\$6,584
Forestry Totals in County	395	\$30,174,900	\$40,401,968