

Pike County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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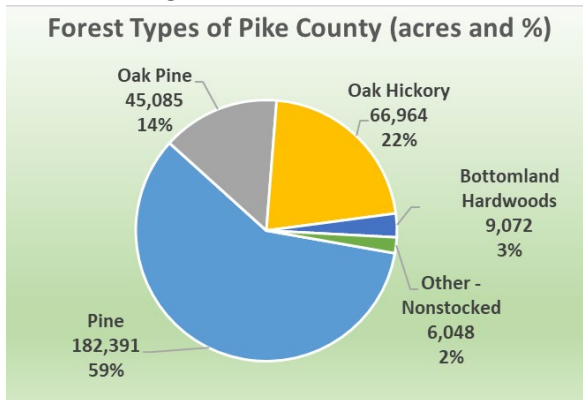
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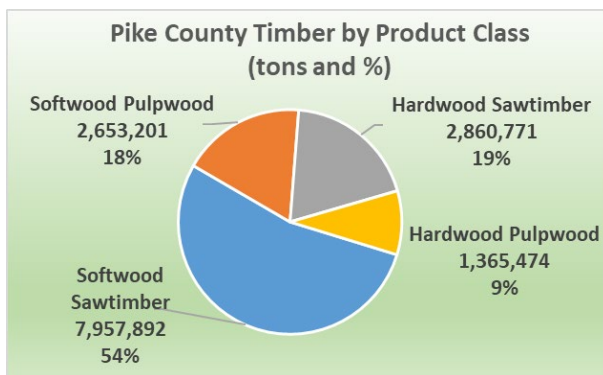


Pike County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 309,560 acres (80%) of the land area in Pike County; 97% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 76% of the pine and 5% of the non-pine forests in Pike County. Overall, 47% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



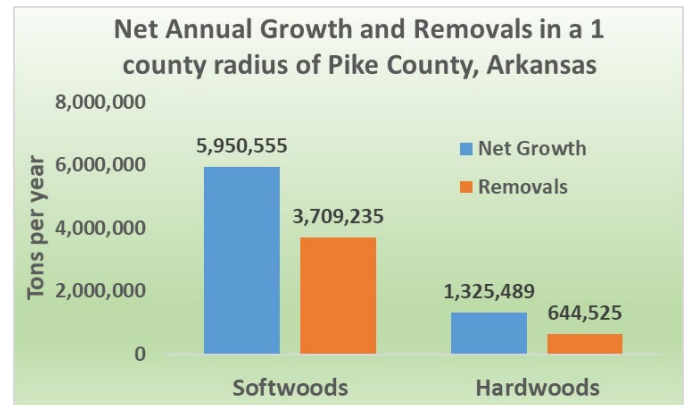
The forests of Pike County contain 10,611,094 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 4,226,245 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely sawtimber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Pike County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Pike County (Clark, Hempstead, Howard, Montgomery, and Nevada) there are 78 million tons of pine and 46 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6 county region,

annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2,922,284 tons 77% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Pike County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$38,540,347 to Pike County's value added (GDP) which is 13% of the county's total economic activity. This is a much higher percentage than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries in the county include J&J Lumber, Sutton Lumber, Stella Jones (peeler, untreated poles), Great Southern Wood Preservation, Ward Shavings, and Resolute Forest Products. There are 7 logging firms in Pike County. Income in Pike County's forestry sectors is 162% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Pike County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	5	\$463,546	\$465,153
Logging	44	\$3,143,013	\$3,115,078
Solid Wood Products	335	\$17,741,880	\$34,960,116
Forestry Totals in Pike County	383	\$21,348,439	\$38,540,347