

Sebastian County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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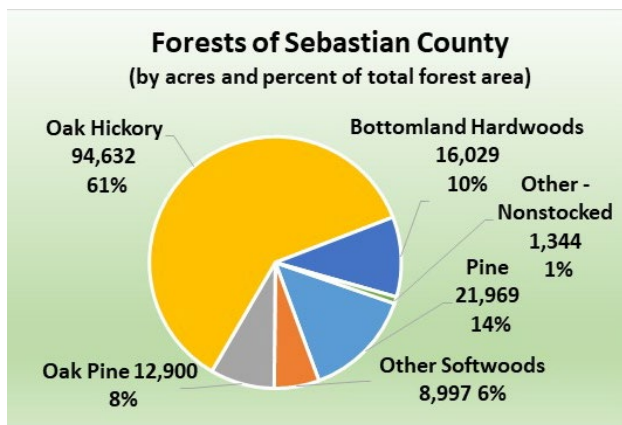
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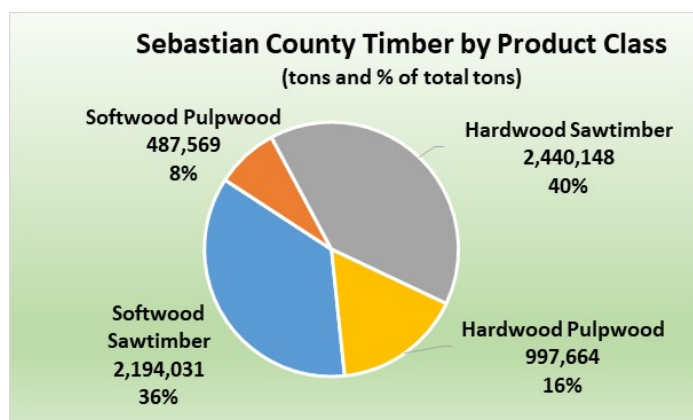


Sebastian County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 155,871 acres (45%) of the land area in Sebastian County; 53% of the forests are privately owned. 12% of the forest land (18,956 acres) is in the Ouachita National Forest, other public lands are largely federal. Planted forests account for 26% of the pine and 0% of the non-pine forests in Sebastian County. Overall, 96% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



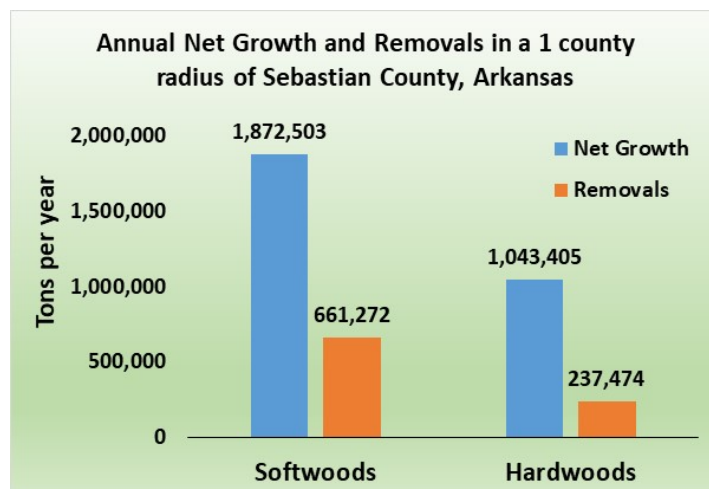
The forests of Sebastian County contain 2,681,600 tons of softwood timber and 3,347,812 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is largely saw timber as shown below.



Timber Supply around Sebastian County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Sebastian County (Crawford, Franklin, Le Flore, Logan, Scott, and Sequoyah) there are 57 million tons of pine and 54 million

tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,211,131 tons, with 60% of this surplus growth in softwoods.



Economic Contributions of Sebastian County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$211,204,599 annually to Sebastian County's value added (GDP) which is 2.8% of the county's total economic activity. This is lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include International Paper, Temple-Inland, WestRock, Glatfelter, General Pallets, Alpha Packaging, Lovvorn Wholesale Lumber, and Quality Craft Cabinets. Two logging firms operate from Sebastian County. Income in Sebastian County's forestry sectors is 115% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Sebastian County's forest industry is shown in the table below.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	3	\$180,739	\$173,148
Logging	19	\$1,231,816	\$1,231,931
Solid Wood Products	350	\$18,253,132	\$28,730,137
Furniture	523	\$23,412,199	\$33,984,078
Pulp and Paper	1075	\$75,167,798	\$147,085,306
Forestry Totals in Sebastian County	1969	\$118,245,684	\$211,204,599