

St. Francis County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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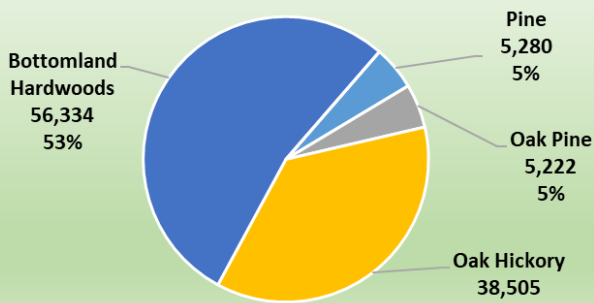
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St. Francis County Forest Facts

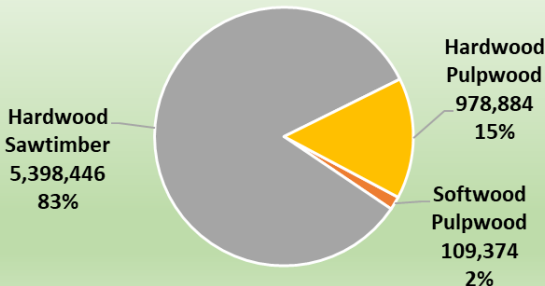
Forests occupy 105,341 acres (26%) of the land area in St. Francis County; 94% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 100% of the pine and 10% of the non-pine forests in St. Francis County. Overall, 86% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.

Forest Types of St. Francis County
(by acres and percent of total forest cover)



The forests of St. Francis County contain 109,374 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 6,377,331 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.

St. Francis County Timber by Product Class
(tons and percent)

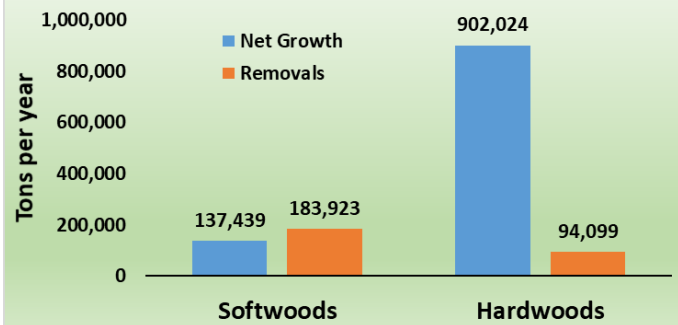


Timber Supply around St. Francis County

Within a 1-county radius around and including St. Francis County (Crittenden, Cross, Lee, Monroe, and

Woodruff) there are 2.5 million tons of pine and 42 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 761,441 tons. Removals in softwoods exceeds net growth by 46,484 tons annually.

Growth and Removals in a 1 county radius of St. Francis County, Arkansas



Economic Contributions of St. Francis County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$753,069 annually to St. Francis County's value added (GDP) which is less than 1% of the county's total economic activity. This is much lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Reclaimed by Hurd Customs, LLC. There is one logging firm which operates from St. Francis County. Income in St. Francis County's forestry sectors is 62% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of St. Francis County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$42,439	\$41,842
Logging	6	\$443,367	\$450,582
Solid Wood Products	12	\$5,030	\$22,573
Furniture	6	\$164,574	\$238,072
Forestry Totals in St. Francis County	25	\$655,410	\$753,069