

Van Buren County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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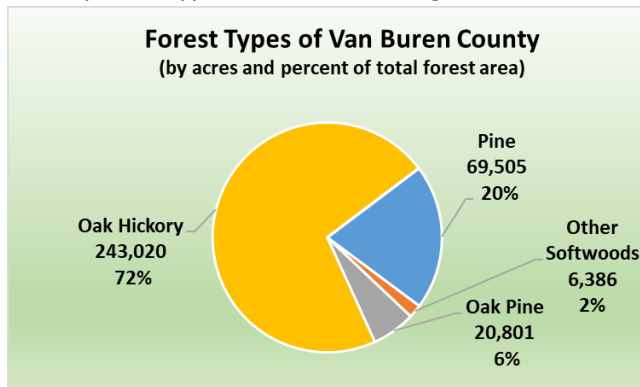
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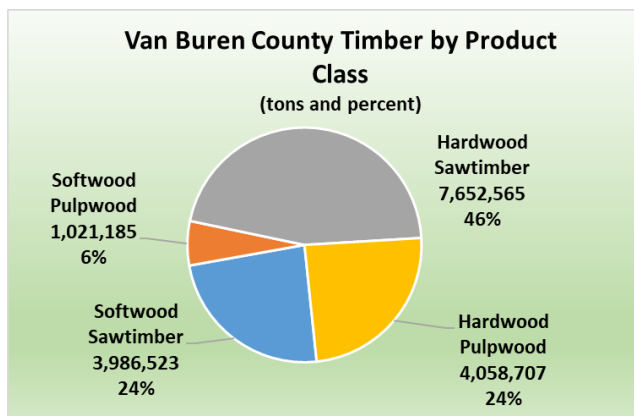


Van Buren County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 339,712 acres (75%) of the land area in Van Buren County; 86% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 59% of the pine and 14% of the non-pine forests in Van Buren County. Overall, 12% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



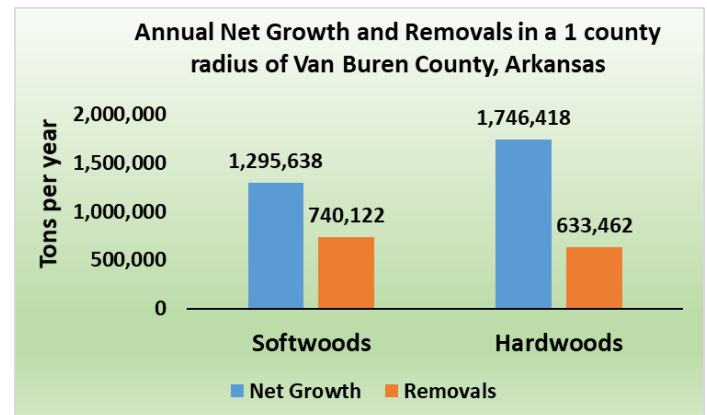
The forests of Van Buren County contain 5,007,708 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 11,711,271 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Van Buren County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Van Buren County (Cleburne, Conway, Faulkner, Pope, Searcy, and Stone) there are 30 million tons of pine and

74 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,668,472 tons, 67% of which is hardwoods.



Economic Contributions of Van Buren County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$1,667,049 annually to Van Buren County's value added (GDP) which is less than 1% of the county's total economic activity. This is lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Layton Mill & Timber Company and Midwest Stave Exchange. One logging firm operates from Van Buren County. Income in Van Buren County's forestry sectors is 308% of the county average. The high value for labor income in logging products is that depreciation for equipment is part of labor income reported by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. The direct economic contribution of Van Buren County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	Less than 1	\$16,324	\$16,224
Logging	10	\$1,257,876	\$1,298,597
Solid Wood Products	5	\$196,380	\$351,829
Furniture	2	-\$359	\$398
Forestry Totals in Van Buren County	17	\$1,470,220	\$1,667,049