

Conway County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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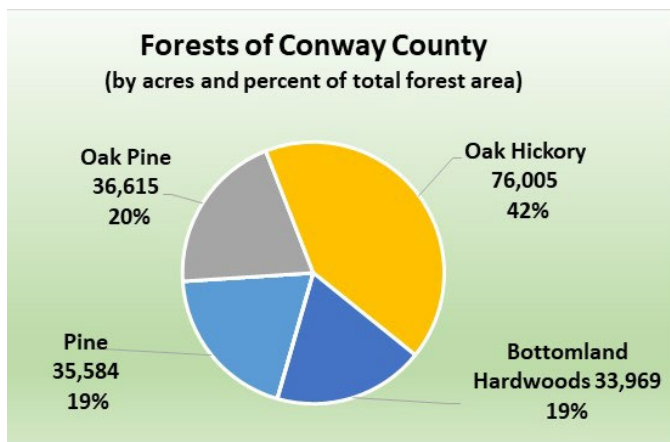
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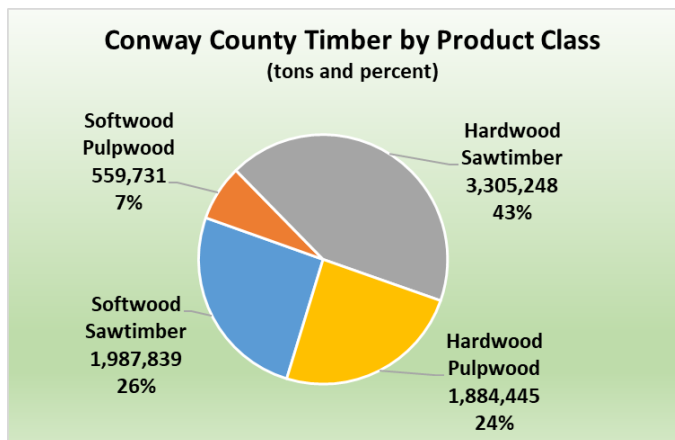


Conway County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 182,173 acres (51%) of the land area in Conway County; 90% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 10% of the pine and 14% of the non-pine forests in Conway County. Overall, 87% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



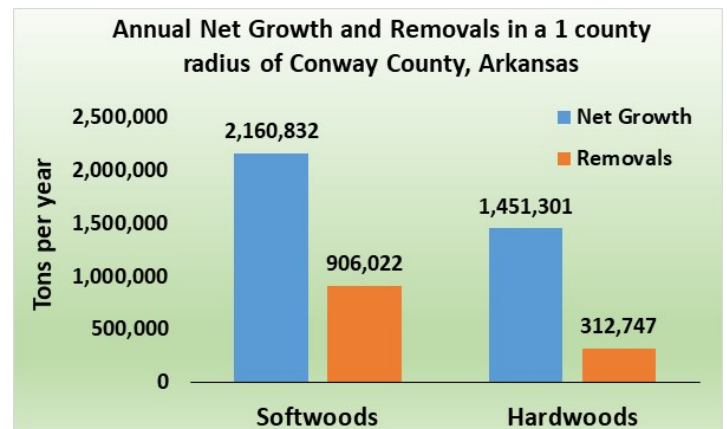
The forests of Conway County contain 2,547,570 tons of softwood timber and 5,189,693 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood and softwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Conway County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Conway County (Faulkner, Perry, Pope, Van Buren, and Yell) there are 45 million tons of pine and 57 million tons of

hardwood timber. In this 6-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2,393,364 tons, relatively evenly split between softwoods and hardwoods as shown below.



Economic Contributions of Conway County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$35,469,529 annually to Conway County's value added (GDP) which is 5.5% of the county's total economic activity. This is slightly more than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Green Bay Packaging, Evergreen Packaging, GBP Pinecrest Lumber Division, Doman, Margin Lumber, Vihn-Long Arkansas (cabinets). Seven logging firms operate from Conway County. Income in Conway County's forestry sectors is 165% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Conway County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$26,247	\$25,939
Logging	55	\$2,617,322	\$2,601,176
Solid Wood Products	64	\$2,806,931	\$5,342,343
Furniture	37	\$1,731,246	\$2,115,754
Pulp and Paper	78	\$9,410,795	\$25,384,317
Forestry Totals in Conway County	235	\$16,592,541	\$35,469,529