

Crittenden County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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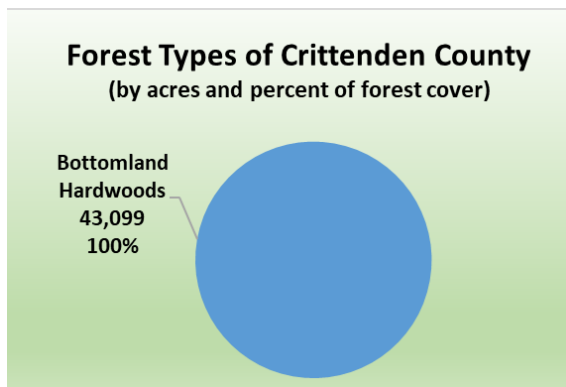
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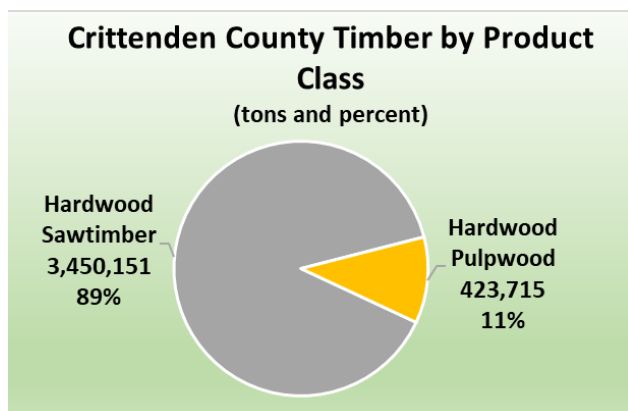


Crittenden County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 43,099 acres (11%) of the land area in Crittenden County; 85% of the forests are privately owned. Forests of Crittenden County are 100% of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



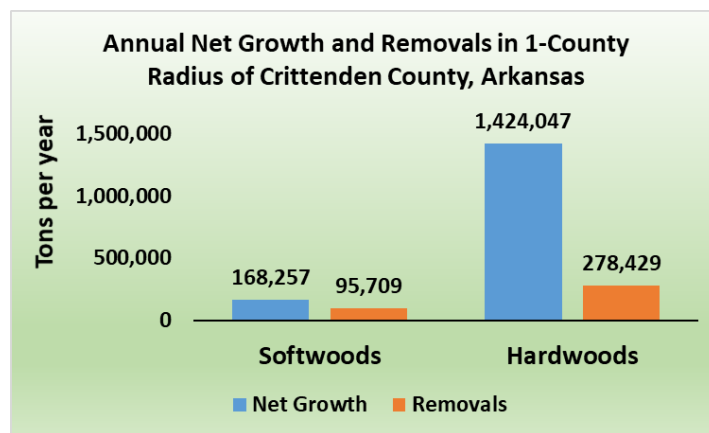
The forests of Crittenden County contain 3,873,867 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Crittenden County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Crittenden County (Cross, DeSota, Lee, Mississippi, Poinsett, Shelby, St. Francis, Tipton, Tunica) there are 3.8 million tons of pine and 54 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 10 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by

1,218,161 tons, with 94% of this surplus growth in softwoods.



Economic Contributions of Crittenden County Forests

While forests themselves cover only a small part of Crittenden County; forest industries are economically significant. Forest industries contribute \$109,831,108 annually to Crittenden County's value added (GDP) which is 5.8% of the county's total economic activity. This is greater than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Ritter Disposables, Langston Bag Co., and TCS Caseworks. Several logging firms operate from Crittenden County. Income in Crittenden County's forestry sectors is 132% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Crittenden County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	2	\$70,904	\$69,675
Logging	50	\$3,153,744	\$3,396,563
Solid Wood Products	7	\$24,146	\$34,209
Furniture	21	\$694,888	\$1,272,807
Pulp and Paper	569	\$31,322,908	\$105,057,854
Forestry Totals in Crittenden County	649	\$35,266,591	\$109,831,108