

# Garland County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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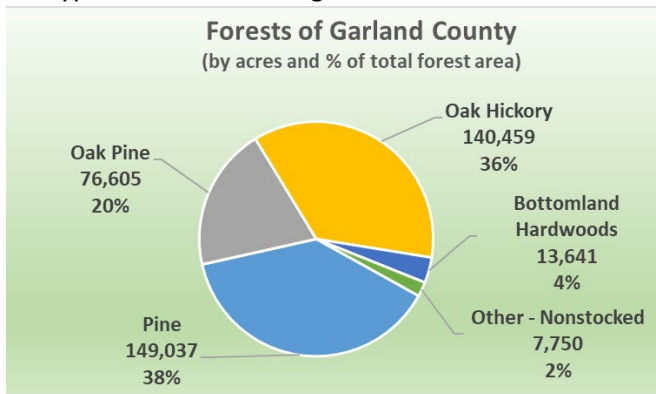
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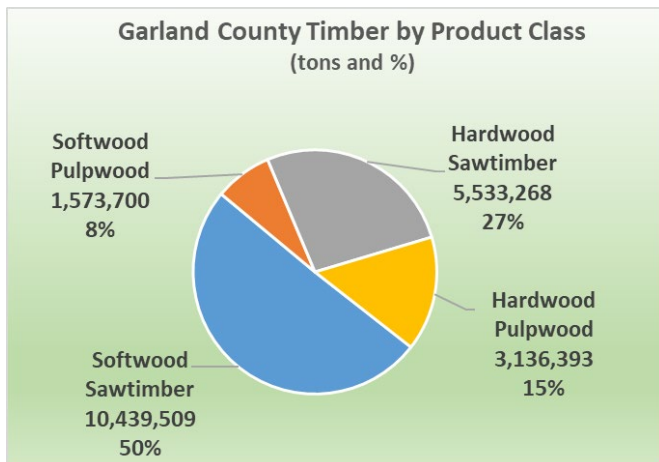


### Garland County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 387,492 acres (89%) of the land area in Garland County; 56% of the forests are privately owned, public ownership is largely the Ouachita National Forest. Planted forests account for 24% of the pine and 6% of the non-pine forests in Garland County. Overall, 87% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



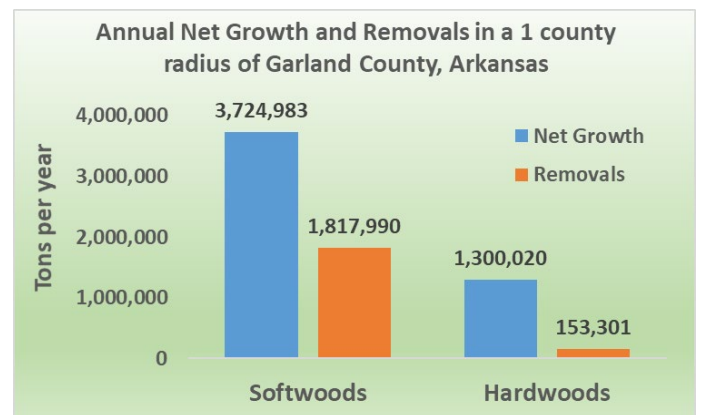
The forests of Garland County contain 12,013,210 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 8,669,661 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely saw timber trees as shown below.



### Timber Supply around Garland County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Garland County (Hot Spring, Montgomery, Perry, Saline, and Yell)

there are 77 million tons of pine and 51 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 3,053,712 tons. Since 44% of the forests are part of the national forest, much of the excess timber growth will be regulated.



### Economic Contributions of Garland County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$6,436,695 annually to Garland County's value added (GDP) which is 0.2% 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 Royal Chair, CMI, Cabinet Door Shop, Woodunique, and Ward Construction. Seven logging firms operate from Garland County. Income in Garland County's forestry sectors is 119% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Garland County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	27	\$1,745,643	\$1,811,312
Logging	21	\$1,131,955	\$1,165,494
Solid Wood Products	10	\$351,091	\$550,968
Furniture	47	\$1,887,746	\$2,899,915
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	\$8,075	\$9,276
<b>Forestry Totals in Garland County</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$5,124,509</b>	<b>\$6,436,965</b>