

Howard County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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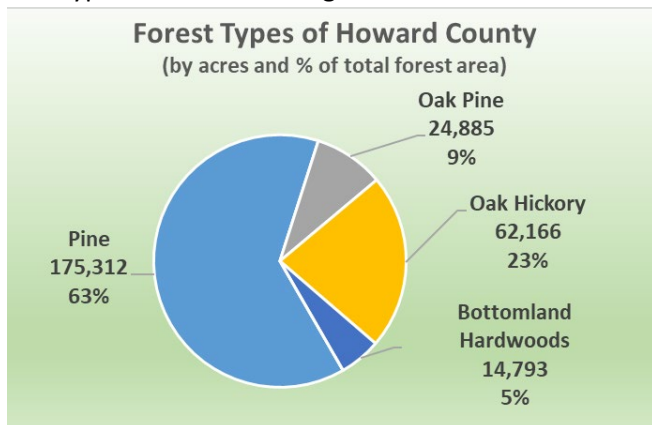
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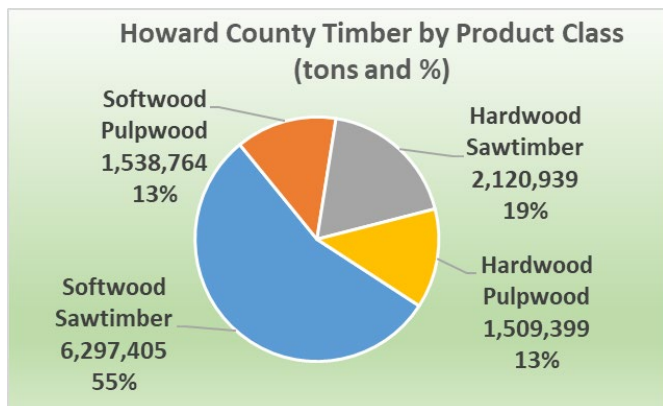


Howard County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 277,156 acres (74%) of the land area in Howard County; 98% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 67% of the pine and 8% of the non-pine forests in Howard County. Overall, 45% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



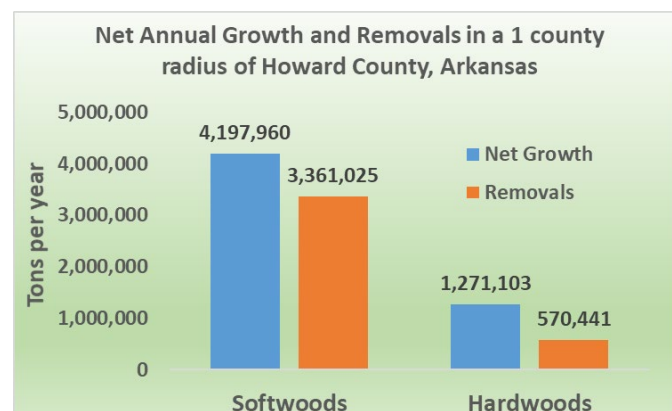
The forests of Howard County contain 7,836,169 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 3,630,339 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely sawtimber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Howard County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Howard County (Hempstead, Little River, Pike, Polk, and Sevier)

there are 51 million tons of pine and 39 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,537,597 tons 54% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Howard County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$10,070,698 to Howard County's value added (GDP) which is 2% of the county's total economic activity. This is a lower percentage than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries in the county include Weyerhaeuser Dierks lumber mill and 7 logging firms. The Dierks mill employs workers throughout the 6 county region. Income in Howard County's forestry sectors is 173% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Howard County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	Less than 1	\$17,126	\$17,159
Logging	43	\$4,645,416	\$4,593,919
Solid Wood Products	64	\$3,056,989	\$5,457,073
Pulp and Paper	Less than 1	\$1,346	\$2,547
Forestry Totals in Howard County	108	\$7,720,877	\$10,070,698