

# Izard County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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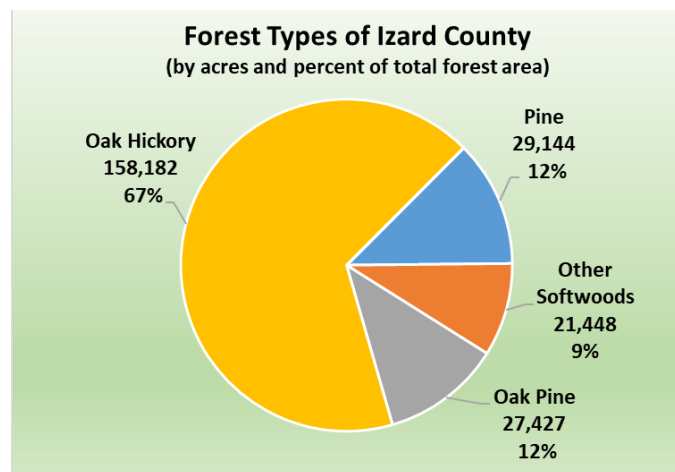
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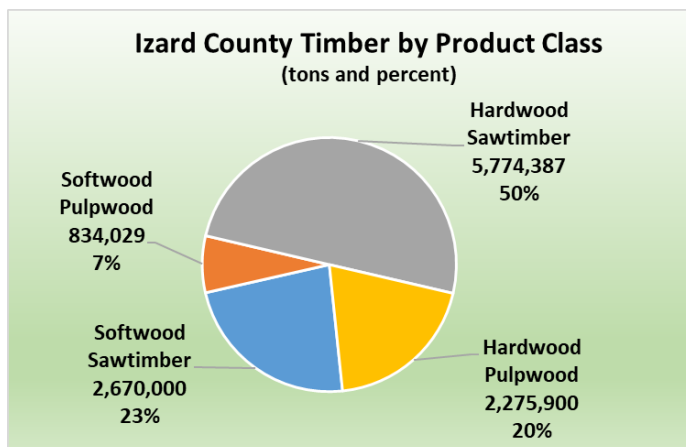


### Izard County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 236,201 acres (64%) of the land area in Izard County; 98% of the forests are privately owned. 20% of the pine covertime is planted, but overall, 98% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertime is shown in the figure below.



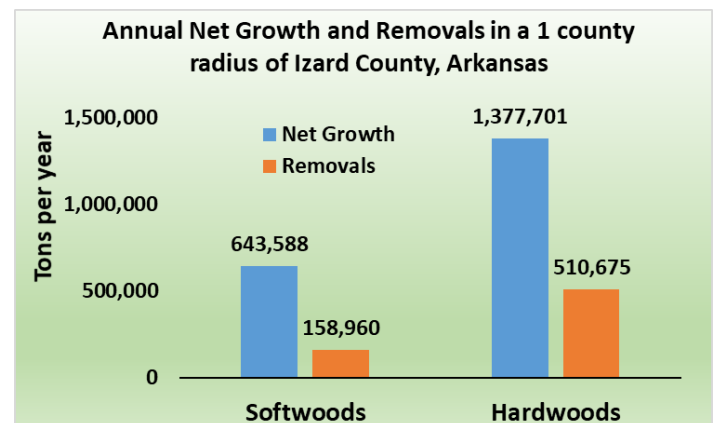
The forests of Izard County contain 3,504,029 tons of softwood timber and 8,050,286 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



### Timber Supply around Izard County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Izard County (Baxter, Fulton, Independence, Sharp and Stone)

there are 15 million tons of pine and 53 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 6-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,351,654 tons, 64% of which is hardwoods, as shown below.



### Economic Contributions of Izard County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$12,595,339 annually to Izard County's value added (GDP) which is 4.1% of the county's total economic activity, slightly less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Arkansas Timber and Mill Company, Beasley Flooring Products, and Watter's Lumber Company. One logging firm operates from Izard County. Income from forestry sectors is 107% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Izard County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$29,031	\$28,410
Logging	5	\$295,789	\$292,876
Solid Wood Products	197	\$6,864,947	\$12,274,053
<b>Forestry Totals in Izard County</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>\$7,189,766</b>	<b>\$12,595,339</b>