

# Little River County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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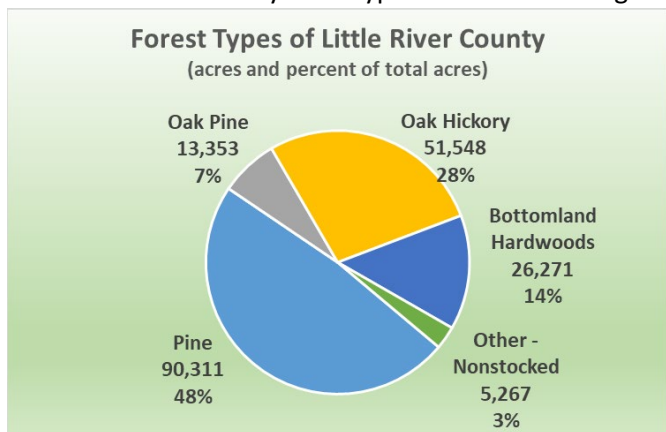
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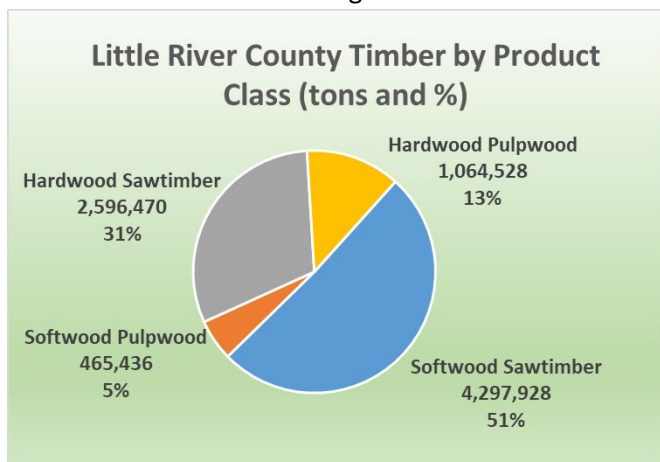


### Little River County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 186,750 acres (55%) of the land area in Little River County, and 100% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 67% of the pine and 10% of hardwood forests in the county. Overall, 37% of all the forests in Little River County are natural. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure



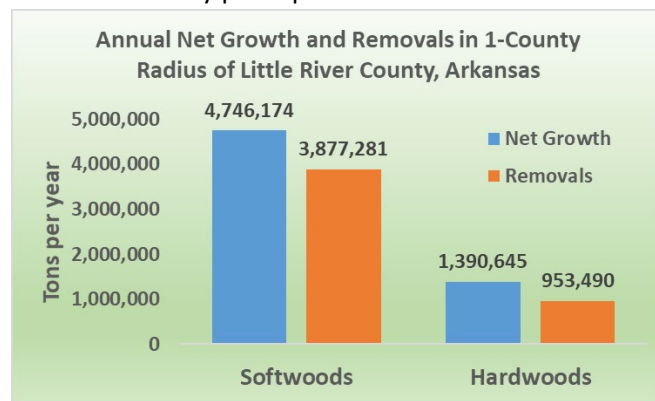
The forests of Little River County contain 4,763,363 tons of softwood timber and 3,660,998 tons of hardwood timber. The total forest volumes are largely sawtimber sized trees as shown in the figure below.



### Timber Supply around Little River County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Little River County (Bowie, Hempstead, Howard, Miller,

McCurtain, and Sevier) there are 60 million tons of pine and 50 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1.3 million tons. 67% of this surplus is softwoods, which is almost entirely pine species.



### Economic Contributions of Little River County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$305,121,655 to Little River County's GDP which is 43% of the county's total economic activity. Domtar Paper, Hess Lumber, and Little River Hardwoods are notable forest industries in the county. There are 4 logging firms in Little River County. Little River County has one of the highest per capita incomes in the state, and income in the forestry sectors is 218% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Little River County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	Less than 1	\$13,693	\$13,592
Logging	22	\$2,119,396	\$2,118,150
Solid Wood Products	142	\$4,376,269	\$7,849,929
Furniture	1	\$2,778	\$3,308
Pulp and Paper	853	\$110,538,355	\$295,136,675
<b>Forestry Totals in Little River County</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>\$117,050,491</b>	<b>\$305,121,655</b>