Lonoke County Forest Facts
Forests occupy 127,532 acres (26%) of the land area in Lonoke County; 86% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 33% of the pine and 6% of the non-pine forests in Lonoke County. Overall, 90% of the county’s forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.

The forests of Lonoke County contain 2,404,728 tons of softwood timber and 6,826,614 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.

Economic Contributions of Lonoke County Forests
Forest industries contribute $14,180,501 annually to Lonoke County’s value added (GDP) which is 1% of the county’s total economic activity. This is much lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Alps (Coated and Laminated Paper), Dreamline (furniture), TMB Pallets, and T.M. Wood Products. Two logging firms operate from Lonoke County. Income in Lonoke County’s forestry sectors is 167% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Lonoke County’s forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Timber Supply around Lonoke County
Within a 1-county radius around and including Lonoke County (Arkansas, Faulkner, Jefferson, Prairie, Pulaski, and White) there are 21 million tons of pine and 71 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 899,464 tons, with 82% of this surplus growth in hardwoods.