

Lonoke County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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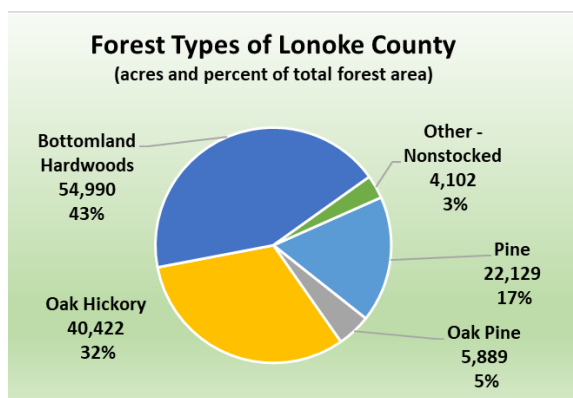
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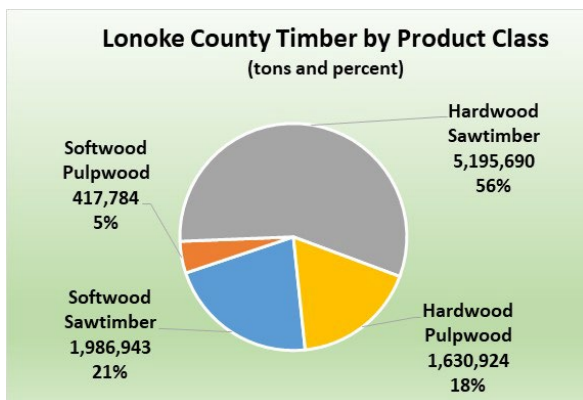


Lonoke County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 127,532 acres (26%) of the land area in Lonoke County; 86% of the forests are privately owned. The county's forests are 90% of natural origin, 33% of the pine forests and 6% of the hardwood forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



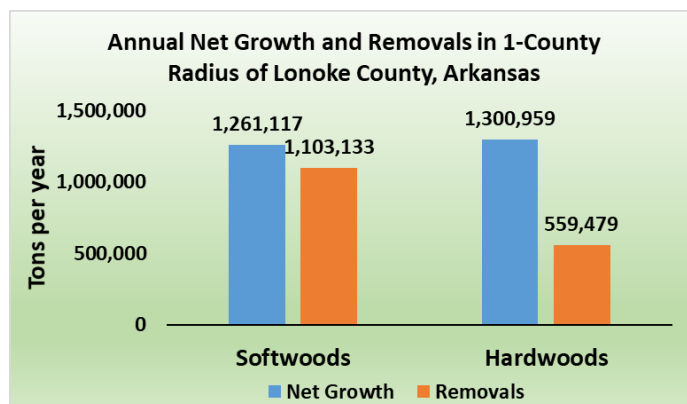
The forests of Lonoke County contain 2,204,728 tons of softwood timber and 6,826,614 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Lonoke County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Lonoke County (Arkansas, Faulkner, Jefferson, Pulaski, Prairie, 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, 82% of this surplus is hardwoods, 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, much less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Kimberly Enterprises, Prater-Built Cabinets, Dreamline Manufacturing, Parnell & Associates Packaging, and T.M. Wood Products. Two logging firms operate out of Lonoke County. Income from 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.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$47,889	\$47,542
Logging	14	\$835,528	\$897,103
Furniture	50	\$1,468,659	\$2,692,541
Pulp and Paper	68	\$5,084,539	\$10,543,314
Forestry Totals in Lonoke County	133	\$7,436,614	\$14,180,501