

Mississippi County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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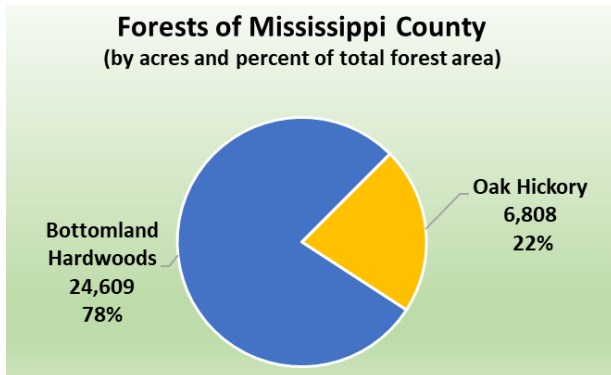
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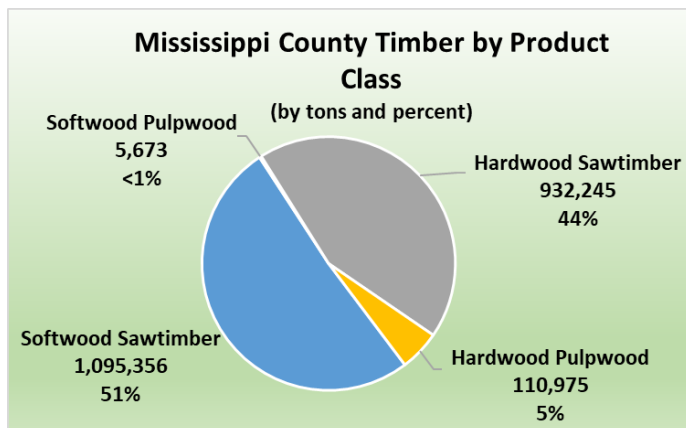


Mississippi County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 31,417 acres (5%) of the land area in Mississippi County; 9% of the forests are privately owned. Public lands include the Big Lake NWR, Big Lake State WMA, and Sunken Lands State WMA. Ninety-four percent of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



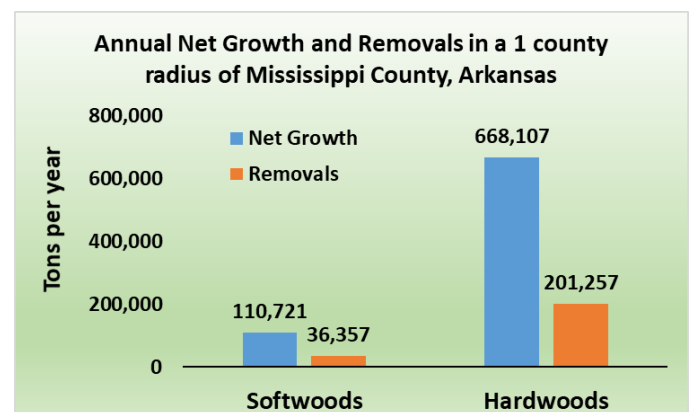
The forests of Mississippi County contain 1,101,029 tons of softwood (cypress) timber and 1,043,220 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely softwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Mississippi County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Mississippi County (Craighead, Crittenden, Poinsett in Arkansas, Dunklin and Pemiscot in Missouri and Dyer, Lauderdale, and Tipton in Tennessee) there are 3.4

million tons of softwood and 25 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8-county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 541,215 tons, 86% of which is hardwoods.



Economic Contributions of Mississippi County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$5,062,756 annually to Mississippi County's value added (GDP) which is less 0.2% of the county's total economic activity. This is much less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Pollard Products, Inc. and ECK Adams Corp. There are no logging firms that operate from Mississippi County. Income in Mississippi County's forestry sectors is 191% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Mississippi County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	44	\$4,149,153	\$4,129,767
Logging	2	\$76,290	\$72,290
Solid Wood Products	3	\$1,042,248	\$1,046,488
Furniture	2	-\$183,692	-\$182,811
Forestry Totals in Mississippi County	51	\$5,079,820	\$5,062,756