

# Monroe County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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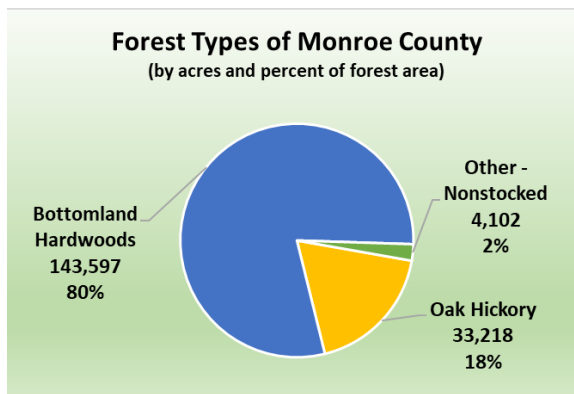
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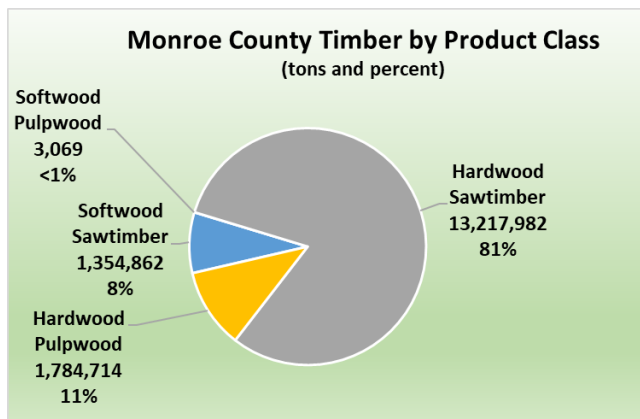


### Monroe County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 180,917 acres (47%) of the land area in Monroe County; 43% of the forests are privately owned. The majority of public lands in the county are found in state wildlife management areas (Benson Creek Natural Area, Pine City Natural Area, and Sheffield Nelson Dagmar). Planted forests account for 6% of the non-pine forests in Monroe County. Overall, 94% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.

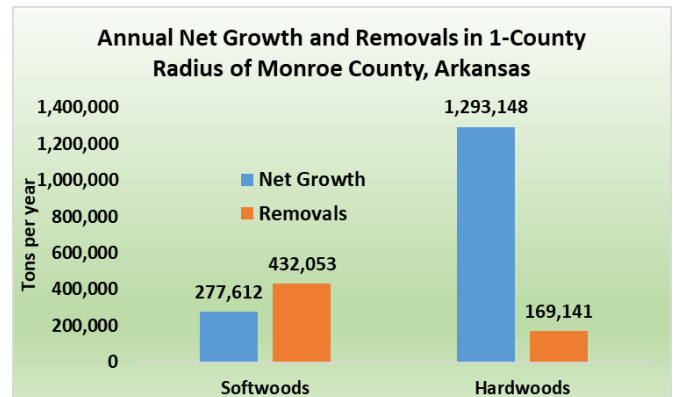


The forests of Monroe County contain 1,357,932 tons of softwood timber and 15,002,696 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



### Timber Supply around Monroe County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Monroe County (Arkansas, Lee, Phillips, Prairie, St. Francis, and Woodruff) there are 5.5 million tons of pine and 69 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 969,566 tons.



### Economic Contributions of Monroe County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$2,063,778 annually to Monroe County's value added (GDP) which is 1% of the county's total economic activity. This is lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include T & S Sawmill. Two logging firms operate from Monroe County. Income in Monroe County's forestry sectors is 86% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Monroe County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	less than 1	\$10,924	\$10,786
Logging	14	\$228,492	\$263,093
Solid Wood Products	34	\$1,011,530	\$1,784,248
Furniture	less than 1	\$2,778	\$3,104
<b>Forestry Totals in Monroe County</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$1,255,069</b>	<b>\$2,063,778</b>