

Ouachita County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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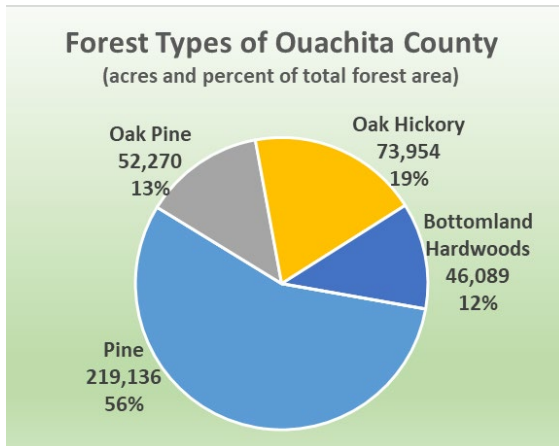
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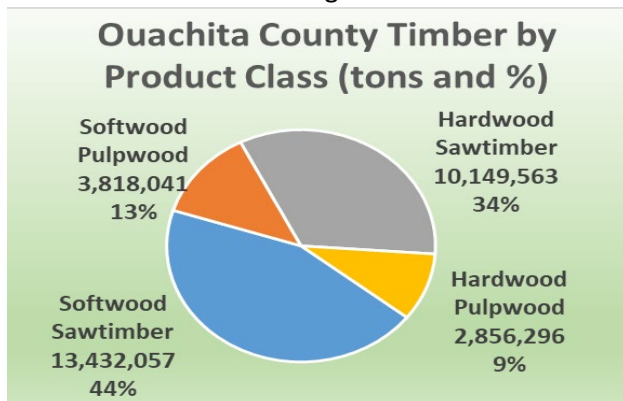


Ouachita County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 391,449 acres (84%) of the land area in Ouachita County, and 95% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 62% of the pine and 1% of non-pine forests in the county. Overall, 70% of all the forests in Ouachita County are natural. Forest area by coverytype is shown in the figure below.



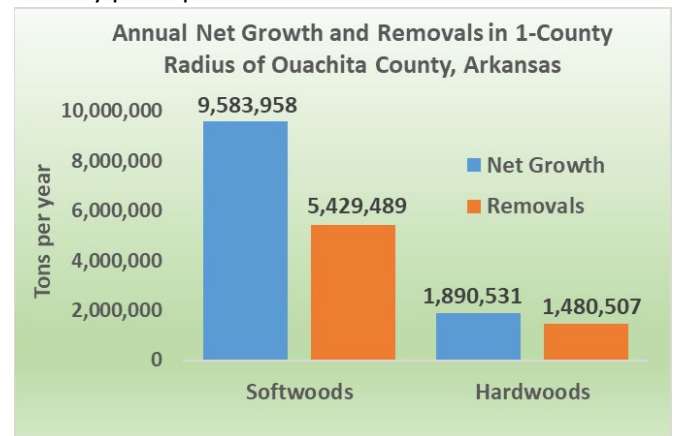
The forests of Ouachita County contain 13,747,513 tons of softwood timber and 7,188,350 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely sawtimber sized trees as shown in the figure below.



Timber Supply around Ouachita County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Ouachita County (Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Nevada, and Union) there are 135 million tons of pine and 70 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region,

annual net growth exceeds harvest by 4.6 million tons. 91% of this surplus is softwoods, which is almost entirely pine species.



Economic Contributions of Ouachita County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$34,097,020 to Ouachita County's GDP which is 5.4% of the county's total economic activity. This is a higher percentage than the state-wide average. In Ouachita County, notable industries include Anthony Timberlands, Douthit Tie and Lumber, Victory Lumber, Sorrells Sawmill, Rogers Lumber, Gilchrist Bag, and Stephens Paper. There are 11 logging firms in Ouachita County. Income in Ouachita County's forestry sectors is 117% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Ouachita County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added
Forestry	6	\$306,309	\$305,318
Logging	67	\$3,418,649	\$3,285,319
Solid Wood Products	283	\$12,614,503	\$24,003,826
Pulp and Paper	67	\$2,722,573	\$6,502,556
Forestry Totals in Ouachita County	424	\$19,062,033	\$34,097,020

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