

# Perry County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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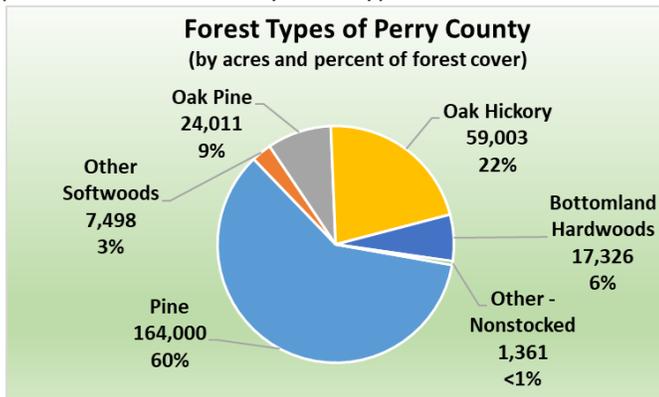
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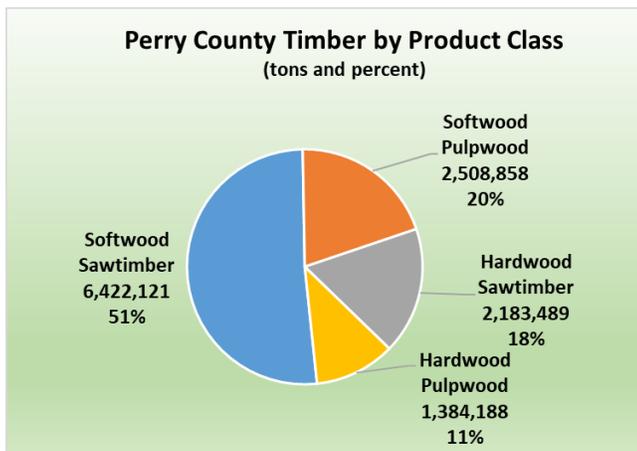


### Perry County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 273,199 acres (77%) of the land area in Perry County; 72% of the forests are privately owned. The Ouachita National Forest is the major public landowner with 99,171 acres of forest land. Planted forests account for 76% of the pine and 11% of the non-pine forests; overall, 50% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown below.



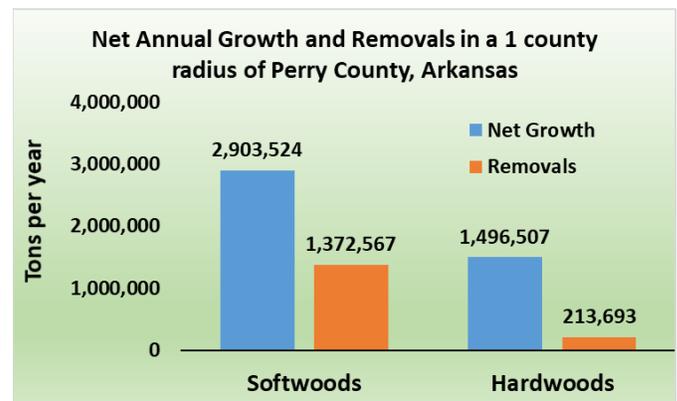
The forests of Perry County contain 8,930,979 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 3,567,677 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely softwood saw timber trees as shown below.



### Timber Supply around Perry County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Perry County (Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Pulaski, Saline, and

Yell) there are 60 million tons of pine and 58 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 2,813,771 tons, 54% of which is softwoods (pine).



### Economic Contributions of Perry County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$792,126 annually to Perry County's value added (GDP) which is 1% of the county's total economic activity. This is less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Southern Chips. One logging firm is known to operate from Perry County. Income in Perry County's forestry sectors is 135% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Perry County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Logging	6	\$376,376	\$380,427
Solid Wood Products	7	\$222,840	\$397,966
Furniture	2	\$2,778	\$3,542
<b>Forestry Totals in Perry County</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$611,026</b>	<b>\$792,126</b>