

Pope County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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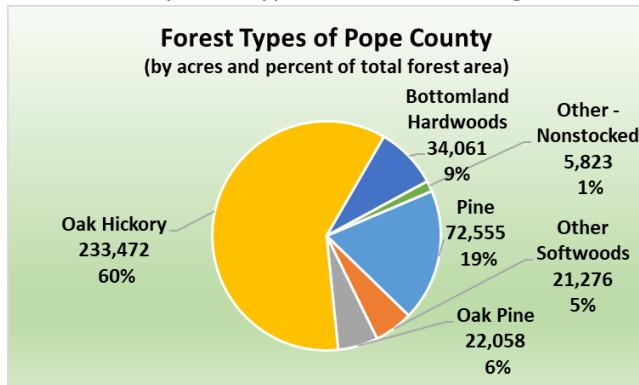
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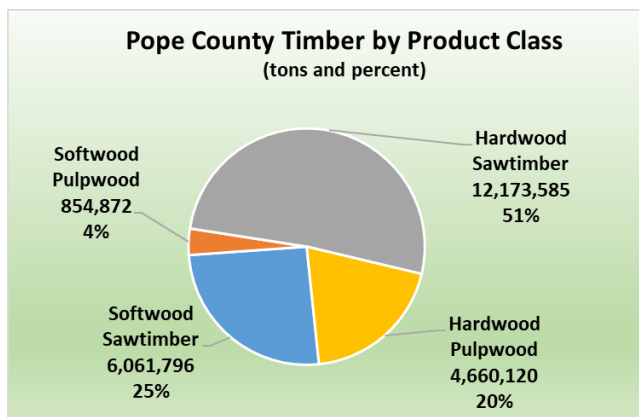


Pope County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 389,245 acres (75%) of the land area in Pope County; 46% of the forests are privately owned. The Ozark National Forest is the largest public landowner in the county. Planted forests account for 30% of the pine and 2% of the non-pine forests in Pope County. Overall, 8% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



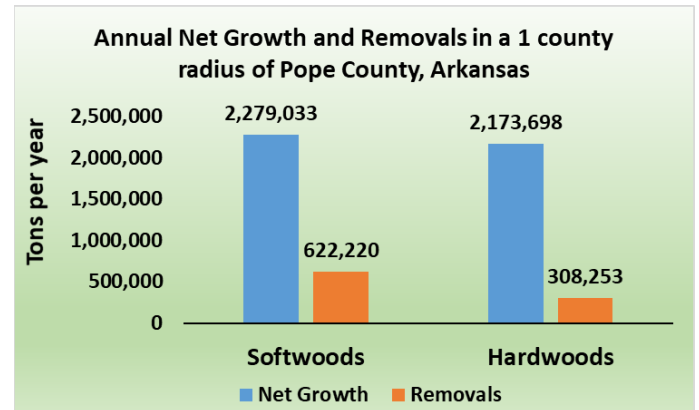
The forests of Pope County contain 6,916,668 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 16,833,705 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Pope County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Pope County (Conway, Johnson, Logan, Newton, Searcy, Van Buren, Yell) there are 54 million tons of pine and 96 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8 county

region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 3,522,258 tons, 47% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Pope County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$58,407,075 annually to Pope County's value added (GDP) which is 2% of the county's total economic activity. This is less than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Arkansas Wood Doors, Inc., Brook's Hardwood Doors, C & R Truss Co., Inc., Doman Building Materials Grp Ltd., Gator Joist, LLC, Hardwood Unlimited, International Paper, Mountain Timber, Inc., Stella-Jones Corp., Tri State Truss Co., and West Fraser, Inc. Six logging firms operate from Pope County. Income in Pope County's forestry sectors is 109% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Pope County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$57,836	\$56,227
Logging	86	\$4,804,579	\$4,640,578
Solid Wood Products	393	\$18,328,449	\$41,126,487
Furniture	1	\$1,389	\$1,715
Pulp and Paper	123	\$7,514,330	\$12,582,068
Forestry Totals in Pope County	604	\$30,706,583	\$58,407,075