

Pulaski County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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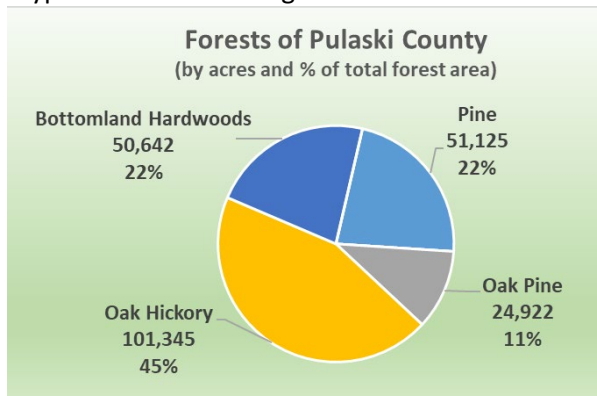
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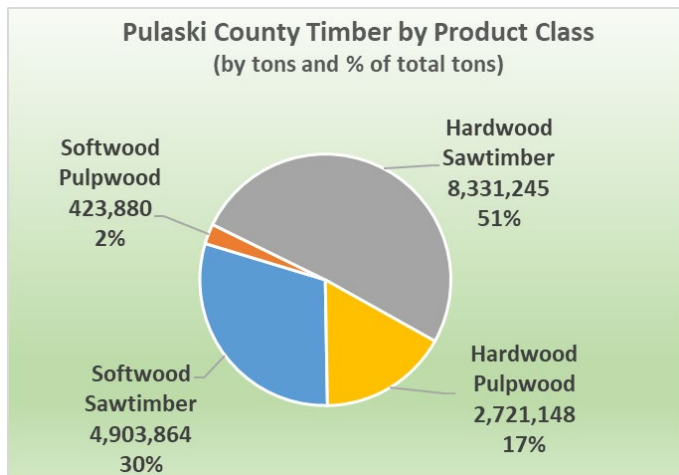


Pulaski County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 228,034 acres (46%) of the land area in Pulaski County; 88% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 42% of the pine and 3% of the non-pine forests in Pulaski County. Overall, 88% of the county's forests are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



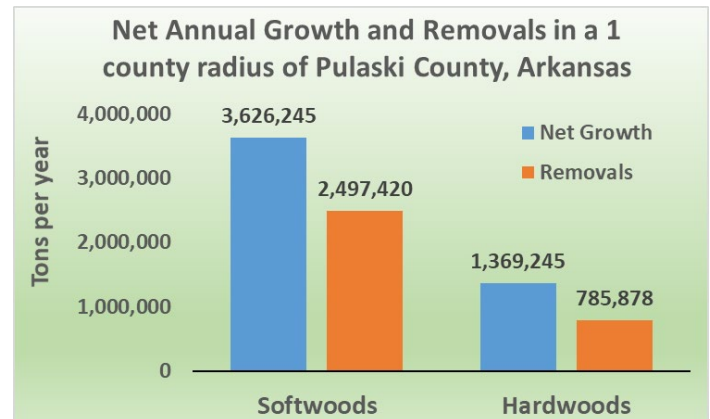
The forests of Pulaski County contain 5,327,744 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 11,052,393 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Pulaski County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Pulaski County (Faulkner, Grant, Jefferson, Lonoke, Perry, and Saline) there are 50 million tons of pine and 57 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual

net growth exceeds harvest by 1,712,193 tons, with 66% of this surplus growth in softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of Pulaski County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$162,140,044 annually to Pulaski County's value added (GDP) which is 0.5% of the county's total economic activity. This is much lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Notable forest industries include Kimberly-Clark, White Bag, Smurfit Kappa, Turner Custom Millwork, B&T Pallet, Best Pallet, Commercial Lumber, Little Rock Crate and Basket, Greenfield millworks and Koppers. Five logging firms operate from Pulaski County. Income in Pulaski County's forestry sectors is 102% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Pulaski County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	69	\$3,938,313	\$3,940,641
Logging	55	\$3,187,202	\$3,056,259
Solid Wood Products	263	\$15,532,022	\$33,835,828
Furniture	338	\$17,468,745	\$26,942,035
Pulp and Paper	443	\$29,861,010	\$94,365,280
Forestry Totals in Pulaski County	1169	\$69,987,292	\$162,140,044