

Randolph County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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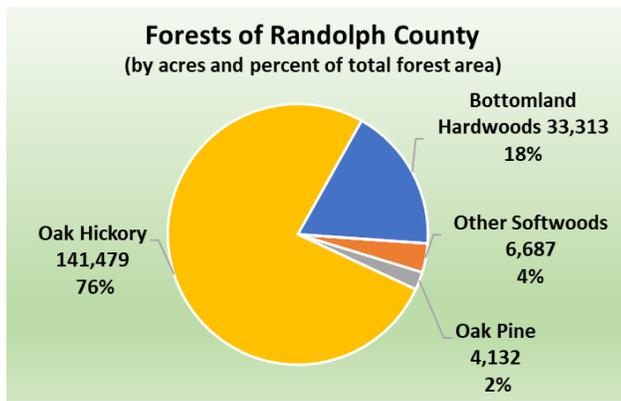
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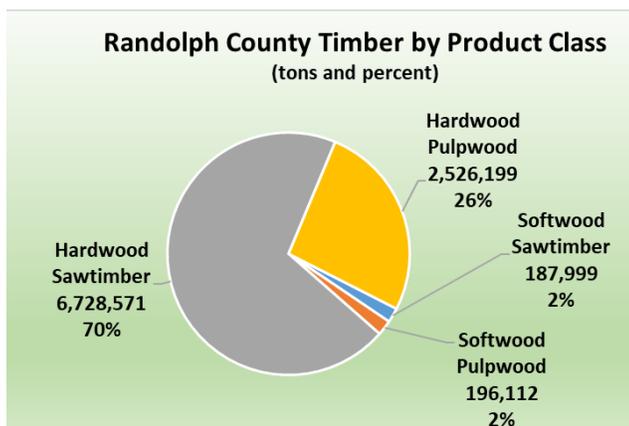


Randolph County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 185,611 acres (44%) of the land area in Randolph County; 96% of the forests are privately owned. All the forests in Randolph County are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



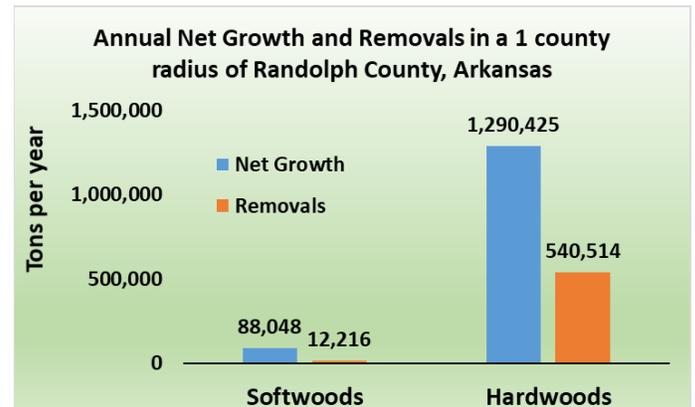
The forests of Randolph County contain 384,111 tons of softwood timber and 9,254,770 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Randolph County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Randolph County (Clay, Greene, Lawrence, Sharp in Arkansas and Oregon and Ripley in Missouri) there are 6 million tons of pine and 55 million tons of hardwood

timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 825,742 tons, 91% of which is hardwoods, as shown in the figure below.



Economic Contributions of Randolph County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$6,376,850 annually to Randolph County's value added (GDP) which is 1.25% of the county's total economic activity. This is much lower than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Whitewood Trading Co., Tucker's Mill, Wells Pallet Mfg. Co., and Clay's Pallet. There are no known logging firms that operate from Randolph County. Income in Randolph County's forestry sectors is 124% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of Randolph County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$19,826	\$19,909
Logging	3	\$1,126,110	\$1,124,297
Solid Wood Products	28	\$689,148	\$1,147,548
Furniture	79	\$3,205,772	\$4,082,549
Forestry Totals in Randolph County	110	\$5,042,202	\$6,376,850