

Searcy County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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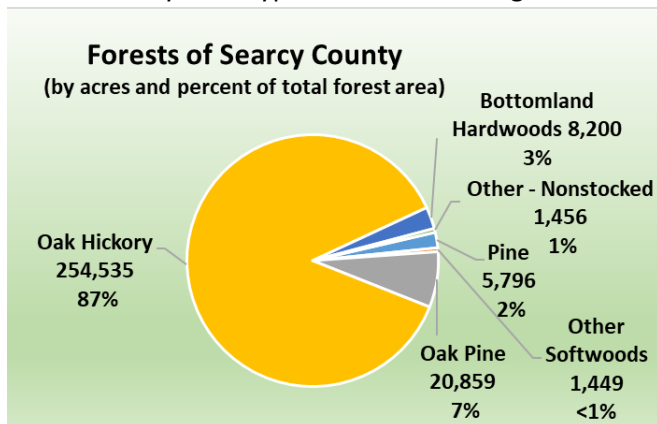
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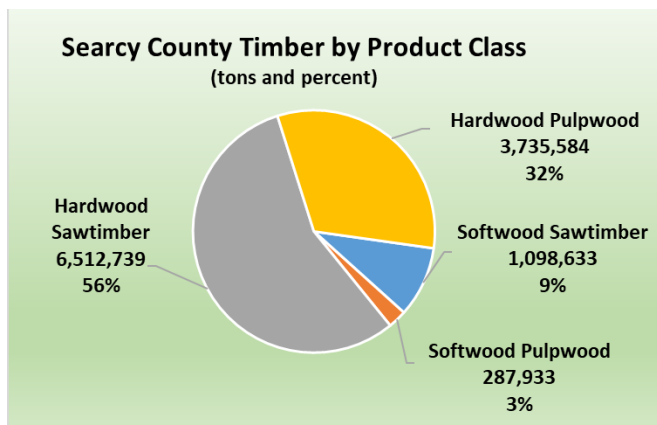


Searcy County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 292,295 acres (68%) of the land area in Searcy County; 80% of the forests are privately owned. All of the forests in Searcy County are of natural origin. Forest area by coertype is shown in the figure below.



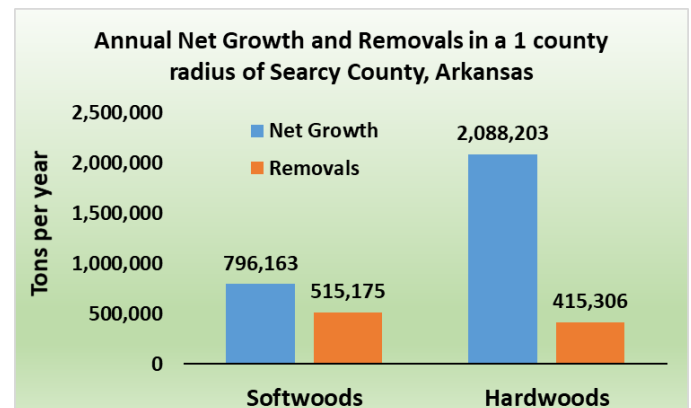
The forests of Searcy County contain 1,386,566 tons of softwood timber and 10,248,323 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around Searcy County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Searcy County (Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton, Pope, Stone, and Van Buren) there are 23 million tons of pine and 94 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 8 county

region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,953,885 tons, 86% of which is hardwoods.



Economic Contributions of Searcy County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$7,675,214 annually to Searcy County's value added (GDP) which is 5% of the county's total economic activity. This is greater than the state-wide average of 4.95%. Forest industries in the county include Misty Mountain, Ozark Timber Treating, Snowball Properties, and Treadwell & Son Lumber. There are 2 logging firms which operate from Searcy County. Income in Searcy County's forestry sectors is 177% of the county average. The high value for labor income in logging is due to the fact that depreciation for equipment is considered part of labor income reported by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. The direct economic contribution of Searcy County's forest industry is shown in the table below.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	0	\$6,877	\$6,883
Logging	10	\$1,775,300	\$1,825,542
Solid Wood Products	83	\$2,127,793	\$5,472,439
Furniture	10	\$299,210	\$367,803
Forestry Totals in Searcy County	104	\$4,210,525	\$7,675,214