Sharp County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 255,147 acres (66%) of the land area in Sharp County; 93% of the forests are privately owned. All forests in Sharp County are of natural origin. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.

Forest Types of Sharp County
(by acres and percent of total forest area)

Bottomland Hardwoods 1,466 <1%
Pine 13,041 5%
Other Softwoods 4,920 2%
Oak Pine 35,073 14%
Oak Hickory 200,647 79%
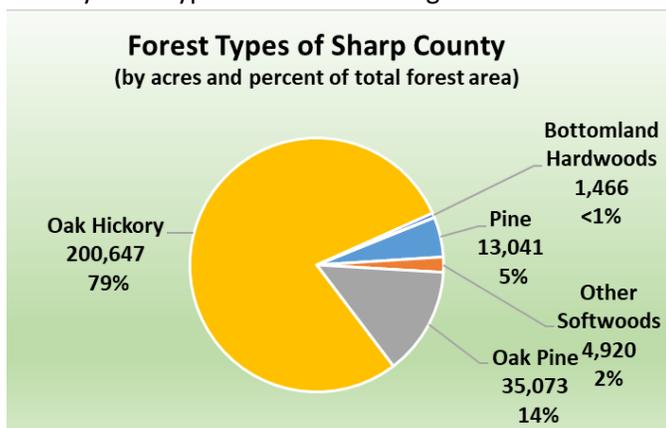
The forests of Sharp County contain 1,661,301 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 8,389,776 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.

Sharp County Timber by Product Class
(tons and percent)

Hardwood Sawtimber 5,343,647 53%
Softwood Pulpwood 486,605 5%
Softwood Sawtimber 1,174,696 12%
Hardwood Pulpwood 3,046,129 30%
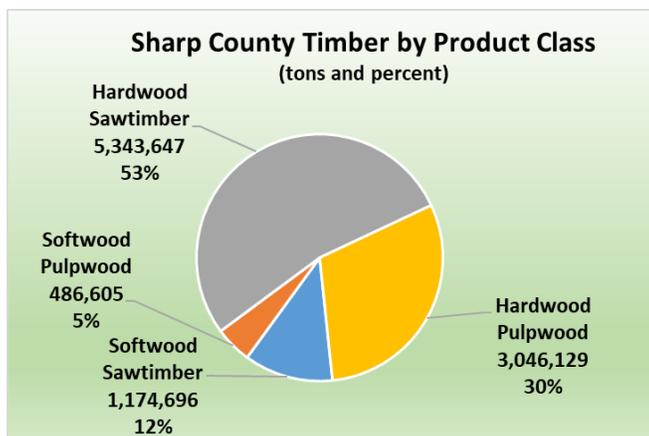
Timber Supply around Sharp County

Within a 1-county radius around and including Sharp County (Fulton, Independence, Lawrence, and Randolph in Arkansas and Oregon in Missouri) there are 12 million tons of pine and 58 million tons of hardwood timber. In this 7 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,481,453 tons, 67% of which is hardwoods.

Annual Net Growth and Removals in a 1 county radius of Sharp County, Arkansas

Net Growth
Removals

Softwoods: Net Growth 523,089; Removals 35,684
Hardwoods: Net Growth 1,607,090; Removals 613,042
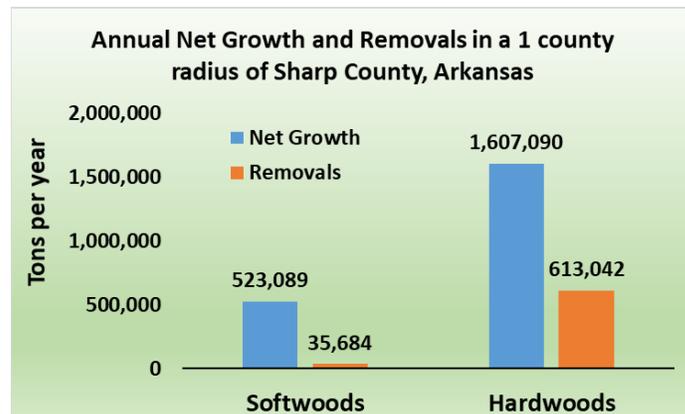
Economic Contributions of Sharp County Forests

Forest industries contribute $1,674,404 annually to Sharp 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 American Cedar Mill, Cobalt Truss, Double R Sawmill, Highland Cabinets, and Ozark Moulding and Millworks. Two logging firms operate from Sharp County. Income in Sharp County's forestry sectors is 107% of the county average. The high value for labor income in logging is due to the fact that depreciation for equipment is part of labor income reported by the US Bureau of Economic Analysis. The direct economic contribution of Sharp County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	$19,872	$19,915
Logging	7	$633,128	$664,486
Solid Wood Products	19	$324,885	$574,927
Furniture	9	$225,999	$412,530
Pulp and Paper	less than 1	$1,346	$2,547
Forestry Totals in Sharp County	36	$1,205,230	$1,674,404