

White County Forests and Forest Industry, 2021

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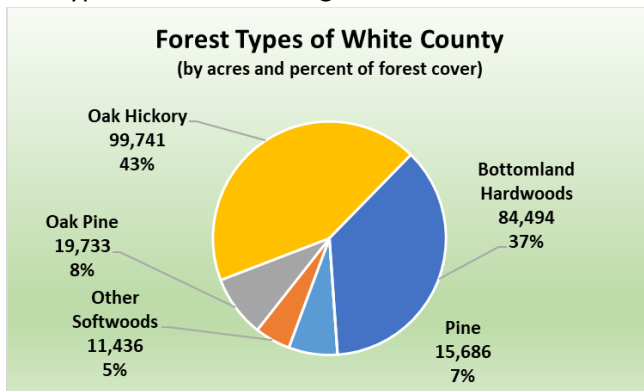
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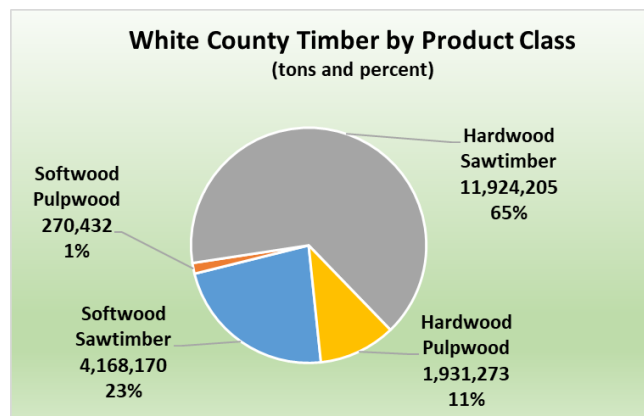


White County Forest Facts

Forests occupy 231,090 acres (35%) of the land area in White County; 85% of the forests are privately owned. Planted forests account for 53% of the pine and 9% of the non-pine forests in White County. Overall, 12% of the county's forests are planted. Forest area by covertype is shown in the figure below.



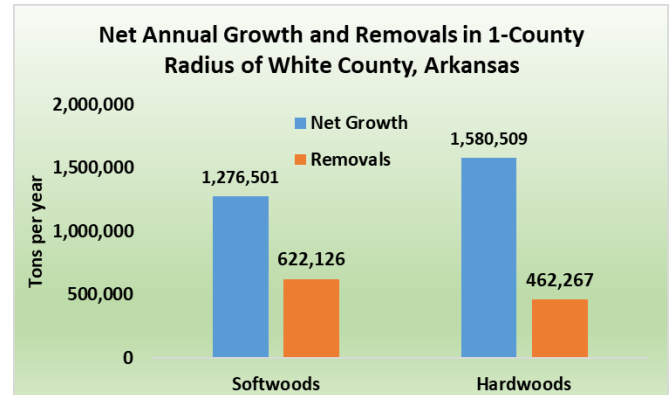
The forests of White County contain 4,438,601 tons of softwood (pine) timber and 13,855,478 tons of hardwood timber. The forest is made up of largely hardwood saw timber trees as shown below.



Timber Supply around White County

Within a 1-county radius around and including White County (Cleburne, Faulkner, Independence, Jackson, Lonoke, Prairie and Woodruff) there are 22 million tons of pine and 63 million tons of hardwood timber. In this

8 county region, annual net growth exceeds harvest by 1,772,617 tons, 37% of which is softwoods (pine).



Economic Contributions of White County Forests

Forest industries contribute \$27,992,243 annually to White 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 Cantrell Farms and Lumber, Crisler Sawmill, J and W Sawmill, Strickland Lumber, A & R Building Components, Bell and the Whistle, Glover-Brown Industries and Ridout Door Manufacturing. Five logging firms operate from White County. Income in White County's forestry sectors is 166% of the county average. The direct economic contribution of White County's forest industry is shown in the table below by sectors.

Sector	Employees	Labor Income	Value Added (GDP)
Forestry	1	\$46,443	\$45,693
Logging	24	\$2,678,926	\$2,728,261
Solid Wood Products	78	\$3,058,928	\$5,094,003
Furniture	28	\$1,414,267	\$2,034,157
Pulp and Paper	114	\$8,744,411	\$18,090,130
Forestry Totals in White County	244	\$15,942,975	\$27,992,243