

Get to Know  
**Cypress Bend**



The **Cypress Bend** mill sits near the Mississippi River on the Arkansas-Mississippi border, about 20 miles northeast of McGehee, Arkansas, in Desha County. Cypress Bend started operations in 1977 as part of Potlatch Corporation and was an economic boom to the area. The mill was acquired by Clearwater Paper in 2008. It remains the largest employer in the county.

McGehee has a population of just over 4,000 and has an elevation of 144 feet. It had its beginning as a railroad transportation hub because it had rail tracks go in four different directions to help farmers get their products to the market. Agriculture still plays an important role in the area with corn, cotton, rice and soybeans as the major crops.

McGehee is also home to the WWII Japanese American Internment Museum. The area is rich in history and there's plenty to do for the outdoor enthusiasts.

### 3 SITES

Mill + Warehouse  
+ Mill Yard

### FIBER MIX

80% Hardwood  
20% Softwood

### WEIGHTS

Light · Medium · Heavy

### EMPLOYEES

350

### EQUIPMENT

1 Paper Machine

### ENERGY

65% generated onsite



## PEOPLE

- ❖ Approximately 350 employees.
- ❖ Average tenure of employees is 10 years (hourly) & 13 years (salaried).
- ❖ One labor union: USW.
- ❖ Employees come from Desha County, Drew County and surrounding areas in Arkansas.



## PRODUCTS

- ❖ Folding carton, commercial print paperboard, carded packaging, and cupstock.
- ❖ Primary customers are packaging end users, including food, liquid, paper plates, cups, folding carton, and carded packaging.
- ❖ 70% of products are shipped by rail; 30% by truck.

## EQUIPMENT

- ❖ 1 gas power boiler.
- ❖ 5 batch digesters.
- ❖ 1 steam turbine generator
- ❖ Tons per day capacity: 1,000 (360,000 annually).
- ❖ 1 recovery boiler.
- ❖ 1 extruder with a width of 42-85.5 inches.
- ❖ 2 winders • 2 roll wrap lines.
- ❖ Consumes 1,100,000 green tons of wood chips per year
- ❖ 80% of mill process water comes from the intake system in the Mississippi River; remaining needs are filled from 3 onsite wells.

