

statistics. The implementation of the decision taken some time ago to transfer the forests belonging to state farms and collective farms to the Belorussian Ministry of Forestry has ground to a halt. It is high time to activate this process and make the local Soviets responsible for maintenance and rational utilization of the forests. The forests should be entrusted to those who are best qualified to ensure their proper use and regeneration.

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New Forestry Institute at Sverdlovsk

An Institute of Forestry - of the Urals Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences - has opened at Sverdlovsk. Our correspondent met with its director, Professor S. Mamaev who is a Doctor of Biological Sciences, and asked him to talk about the tasks and objectives of the Institute.

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