

Archangel forestry enterprises are now ready to plant 122,000 saplings along roads and streets.

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### Efforts to Save Oaks in the Tatar ASSR

This year foresters in the Tatar ASSR plan to establish 8,500 hectares of stands on cutover sites, to reforest more than 2,000 hectares of gullies, and to set up 200 hectares of shelterbelts. This is a demanding plan but the foresters also have a long-term concern to contend with - to restore the dying oak stands.

E.A. Gus'kov, Deputy Minister of Forestry in the Tatar ASSR, commented as follows: "I believe that we are conducting the planting operations at the most favourable time and are doing a good-quality job. The ground has been prepared, the equipment tested. We have the planting stock and have put together approximately 30 mechanized planting crews and teams. Directly after planting, we will concentrate all our efforts on the oak forests which suffered from the bitter cold at the end of the 'seventies. The oaks are continuing to die on an area of just over 30,000 hectares. We have already logged and processed five million cubic metres of timber from these stands. Many dying trees still remain, however, which will eventually fall and litter the forest floor. Natural regeneration in the oak forests is progressing very slowly indeed and these stands at present are only minimally productive.