## Azerbaydzhan SSR: Almond Harvest

The almond harvest has begun in Apsheronsk. This season a good harvest is expected on the lots which have been developed with the new "maritime" and "mountain" strains from the Nikitskiy botanical garden. The foresters plan to supply the confectionary and medical sectors with more than 300 tonnes of shelled almonds.

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## Siberian Nut Pine Nature Reserve

Yet another nature reserve zone has appeared on the map of Siberia. It consists of a grove of Siberian nut pines growing in the Sedel'nikovo region of the Omsk Oblast. The executive committee of the Omsk Oblast Council has proclaimed the unique grove, which covers almost 300 hectares, a natural monument.

The set of environmental protection measures worked out by the Oblast executive committee and by the local forestry administration will help preserve yet another unique feature of the Siberian region for posterity.

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