

## FORESTRY

### Replanting of Saplings in Zhitomir Oblast'

About 43,000,000 saplings of pine, spruce, oak and birch are in the course of being moved from the nurseries to the forests of the Zhitomir Oblast'. A large-scale establishment of new plantations has begun there. Throughout the season it is planned to cover an area of about five thousand hectares. Young stands are also appearing on the slopes of gullies and on river banks, as well as on farmlands subject to water erosion.

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### Integration of Timber Working and Forestry Considered Necessary

(Letter to the Editor)

In the Draft Concept of the Development of the Timber Industry Up to the Year 2005 it is stressed that the principal type of enterprise in the timber industry will of necessity be the integrated enterprise, accomplishing all of the operations relating to reforestation and the harvesting and conversion of timber. I am convinced that the forest needs only one boss, but a real one, not just on paper.

In our Oblast', a fifth of the forested area is currently under the jurisdiction of the collective farms (kolkhozy) and State farms (sovkhozy). In