## Pineapple Guava Cultivated in Georgia

The USSR's sole pineapple guava (Feijoa sellowiana) nursery, located near Sukhumi, has just shipped a large order of saplings of this exotic bush to subtropical regions of Georgia for spring planting operations. This spring the pineapple guava plantation will expand by 76 hectares and will exceed a total area of 700 hectares.

South America is the birthplace of the pineapple guava. The fruit of this plant is rich in sugar, iodine, folic acid, pectin and other biologically active substances. Among its other qualities, we should note that growing this species is a very inexpensive undertaking.

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## Penza Oblast: Forest Produce Preserved

Bud harvesting has begun in the birch and pine groves of the Penza Oblast. Villager and workers from the local forestries have set out armed with tarpaulin covers and basic gear to collect this medicinal raw material. A shop where the forest produce is processed and bottled has been built at the Akhuny logging and sawmill operation. Workers here installed the necessary equipment and are now producing salted and pickled mushrooms, fruit preserves, and jams out of various wild species. The shop operates year-round and has proven to be quite profitable for the