

No less important are technical considerations: machines that preserve the ecological balance and equipment for the processing of soft-wooded, broad-leaved and not easily marketable timber and waste.

However, it may be that the most important factor, without which the problem of forest utilization cannot be solved, is the attitude to the forest of specialists in both forestry and the timber industry. There is no place for narrow departmentalism here, for what we are concerned with is the most important part of the biosphere, the entire resources of which must serve mankind in perpetuity.

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Developing an Economic Mechanism

The need to overcome the stagnant conditions in the industry is the prime reason for the restructuring of economic relations, the decisive departure from the traditionally used spending mechanism, the transfer of the industry to full profit-and-loss accounting (*khozraschet*) and the introduction of management assessments based on end results. For correct control of the economic activity in a forest it is necessary to determine the