

be given the name "Gavrilov" -- after the head designer. But he refused: why name the machine, when even for the prototype it was difficult to scrape together the needed materials.

In the meantime, the present steppe machine needs to "eat" and "drink" more often than the others. But, it turns out, there is nothing to feed it.

"First, the quotas for the production of spare parts for combines have been averaged," says A. Korobkin, Section Head of the Department of Agricultural Industry of the Krasnoyarskii Territory. "They are the same for the southern arid winds and for the northern foul weather. And secondly, these quotas were calculated for the yield of the 50's and 60's, that is, by today's standards, for crop failure."

Answers to the questions regarding Siberian fields must also be sought from the engineering industry workers.

"Because the Krasnoyarskii Territory has its own plant nearby, it lives, I would say, better than the others," says V. Kolosov, Plant director. "We give out spare parts to our neighbours even at the expense of other regions. They have such a good life that they have forgotten how to repair equipment properly. We've damaged a reaper -- let us throw it out and get a new one at the plant, they can't help giving it to us. In the end, we are forced to rob not only machine-operators who are 'not from the neighbourhood', but also our own worker collective which is deprived of incentives because deliveries are not carried out."