

Profile of the Kondopoga Forestry and Woodworking Establishment

The Kondopoga forest industries establishment (lespromkhoz) is a composite enterprise. It incorporates two former forest farms (leskhoz), a lespromkhoz, and a woodworking plant that was acquired during the last twelve months. Although we now have multi-plan industrial production and a vast labour collective, forestry-related problems, as before, continue to be among the most pressing. We are acting as consultant to the Forest Institute of the Karelian Branch of the USSR Academy of Sciences in matters relating to the intensification of forest management and the industrial phasing in of advanced methods of sustained forest use. Also, we are collaborating with the Petrozavodsk forest experimental station of the Leningrad-based Forestry Research Institute and are assisting with the industrial assimilation of scientific solutions relative to eight subject areas that are currently of central interest.

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Take, for example, the tending of forest plantations in the primary seed nursery. All of the areas there are rapidly becoming overgrown with weeds and it is very difficult to keep them down manually. In this regard also, we have received valuable help from Senior Engineer A. Krishel' of the Forest Institute and on his recommendation have begun using herbicides such as Goal, Velpar and Glifosat, with encouraging results.

Co-workers of a reforestation and forest protection laboratory have assisted us in protecting the nursery seedlings against diseases and harmful