

determined, the members of each team are given bonuses for above-plan cultivation figures and for seedling quality. The same system is in operation at the planting sites where the team is responsible not just for fulfilling the agreed-upon plan for the area of planting, but for ensuring a good survival rate.

The Mordva ASSR Ministry of Forestry is pleased with the initial results of the experiment. Given the severe shortage of manpower during the spring, the contract system has really done a great deal to help the foresters.

"Lesnaya promyshlennost'" will provide detailed information on the final results of the Mordva planting season later on and will investigate the "pluses" of the new system.

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Tatar ASSR

In a few days Sabinskiy foresters in the Tatar ASSR will complete their spring programme - planting young forests on an area of 325 hectares of state forest land and establishing stands on almost 200 hectares of ravines and gullies.

"We had a long and capricious spring," Zufar Amerkhanov, chief forester of the Sabinskiy logging enterprise, tells us. "This stopped us from getting all the machinery out on time and we were limited in our choice of areas to plant. But now work is in full swing."