

The current trend towards a reduction in the volumes of plantings transferred to the forested area is inadvisable. Whereas in 1986 some 490,000 hectares were transferred, in 1988 the total was only 285,000. During the last two years, more than 13,000 hectares of plantings have been written off by the Ministry of Forestry of the Bashkir ASSR and by the Altai Association. Also, heavy planting failures were allowed to occur last year by the foresters of the Kostroma, Lipetsk, Kurganskaya, Novosibirsk and Tyumen' Oblasts, and in the Krasnoyarsk Krai.

In 1988 a total of 85,100 hectares were established. These included 51,000 hectares of plantings in gullies, ravines, sands and other unsuitable places, established pursuant to a State order (goszakaz) and amounting to 100.2 per cent of the tasks assigned. Failures to cope with the State order were reported by the Krasnodar, Kuibyshev, Kemerovo and Chita associations, where business contacts between the foresters and customers are lacking. The foresters in the Omsk Oblast' performed poorly. There, 51 per cent of the erosion-control stands and 43 per cent of the even-aged field shelterbelts failed.

In the past year progress was made on the change over to the new conditions of remuneration for labour. As of January 1, 1989 a total of 1,060 enterprises were operating in accordance with this principle, or 70 per cent of the overall number. One of the levers by which productivity is enhanced and the economic and financial condition made more healthy is the leasing contract. The performance data of the Taldom logging enterprise in the Moscow Oblast', which has been leased since the second half of 1988, indicate the following: since going over to the new modus operandi, 188 thousand roubles worth of