

A. "For us, developing fully in the North is rather difficult. Animal feed is a problem, and the long and harsh winters create many obstacles. What's more, production costs turn out to be extremely high. We have come to understand that social problems must be solved in a comprehensive manner, which is why we have begun visiting Krasnodar Krai frequently. To put it bluntly, our northern river task force has landed near the Black Sea coast. We have begun setting up steamship line branches in the South. We have taken out a 25-year lease on one division of the "Oktyabrskii" Sovkhoz, which is located not far from Armavir. Using this as a base, we have begun creating our own farm. There we will be able to keep up to 2,000 head of cattle and up to 1,000 pigs. In addition, 300 hectares of arable land have been set aside. There is a huge pond there. We have already been promised that it will be put in order and stocked with fish and fish fry will also enable us to establish a farm for 20,000 ducks.

All of this work was begun in October. We feel we can organize the sovkhov by the beginning of the year so that we can make timely purchases of cattle, common and silver carp fry, and yearlings. There, too, we will be building a brick factory jointly with "Oktyabrskii", all of the production from which will go to the Lena Basin. We have our own refrigerated freight cars and could use the railroad. But of course, we cannot get by without leasing aircraft as well. I should point out that, regardless of transportation costs, we will be selling these products at State prices or, at the most, slightly higher. Our river workers will be getting fresh and canned vegetables and fruits. This year already we succeeded in canning quite a lot of fruit and berries in the Kuban region, and all of this will go to Yakutiya.