

Figures" for Five-Year Plans. Certainly it is interesting to discover that by 2005 it is proposed to increase the output of wood particle board 2.8 times, of wood fibreboard - 2.3 times, and of container board - 4.2 times. The projected growth, as we see, is by no means inconsequential. But where is it to be obtained? At the expense of what? In which regions and from what sources? For these are basic issues. Yet nothing has come forth in the way of a reply.

To us who work in enterprises situated far from the major wood processing centres the line in the Draft Concept that says "By the year 2005 it is expected that about 112 million cubic metres of logging, sawmilling and woodworking wastes will be utilised" is very meaningful.

In 1988, despite having fulfilled the quantitative indices for production, commodity output and labour productivity, our enterprise posted losses totalling 832,000 roubles. The wholesale price of a cubic metre of wood proved to be 66 kopecks below the planned figure and amounted to 15 roubles. Above-plan expenditures per cubic metre of product exceeded one rouble (notwithstanding the fact that for 1988 no losses were planned for the enterprise). The logging enterprise is no longer considered creditworthy and does not have the requisite funds to purchase allocated machinery and necessary materials.

The collective sees the way out of this situation as lying in the fuller utilization of the waste products from logging and cross-cutting into lengths, and increasing the quantities of them converted on the spot. But where are the funds to be obtained?