

well. In order to effect a significant increase in the volumes of planting stock grown, they have acquired a metal greenhouse. They can cultivate from seven to eight million seedlings here.

The Northern foresters are to carry out reforestation work on 24,000 hectares of felled areas this spring. The RSFSR Ministry of Forestry's lack of attention to their needs, however, is discouraging them.

V. Belinskiy, Chief of the Reforestation Division of the Komi ASSR's Ministry of Forestry, commented that "the Komi foresters need T-16 tractors and mounted tractor units. RSFSR Ministry of Forestry services, however, have forgotten about their needs: we have not been provided with a single unit of the required technology".

The Komi enterprises also find themselves in a difficult situation because of the fuel shortage. The funds allotted for gasoline are significantly lower than the rated amounts, comprising just 60% of the required amount. The Northerners have frequently approached the RSFSR Ministry for funds for fuel but have consistently been told - "be patient, we'll get you some".

When will they get it? In the third quarter? To paraphrase: we can do the job only if we have the tools.

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