

lumber, and 8,000,000 sq. metres of wood fibreboard for furniture valued at 63 million roubles have been manufactured over and above the plan.

The efficient development of forestry and of production by forest-based enterprises cannot take place without an acceleration of scientific-and-technological progress. It is not merely a question of making piecemeal improvements to existing techniques and machines, but of achieving a radical qualitative transformation of all of the production processes, based on the latest scientific achievements in the fields of computer technology, operating techniques, facilities for processing information received from earth satellites, genetics, plant breeding, paper-making materials, etc.

During the next 15 to 20 years we must move towards goal-oriented management of biological processes in the forests with the object of creating improved forest ecosystems that will ensure high productivity and have a beneficial effect on the biosphere.

Automated multi-operational timber felling complexes incorporating high-volume cutting mechanisms and programmed systems must replace the existing ecologically unsound and low-volume machines.

Persistent effort to ensure accelerated development of the social infrastructure of forestry and the timber industry is one of the most important components of perestroika. The level of social development in enterprises and organizations, especially in forestry, is lagging far behind the established norms. The availability of suitable housing for our workers is one of the lowest indices