

THE MANAGEMENT
OF
FARM WOODLANDS

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

Since the first edition of *The Management of Farm Woodlands* appeared, there have been a number of important developments in the techniques of forestry, directly applicable to the smaller areas of woodlands. The growing use of mechanical equipment is particularly important. Power saws and tree-planting machines give promise of replacing in many instances slow and costly hand labor. Improved methods of timber estimating have been developed. New techniques of wood preservation are in common use. Cost and values have changed appreciably in the past decade.

Much of the material in the first edition is basic in principle and not subject to change. However, on the basis of experience gained in using this book as a text a number of alterations, in addition to the incorporation of new material, have been made. Almost all the statistical material appearing in the first edition has been omitted. Parts of the original text which have become obsolete or found to be unsuited to class use have likewise been eliminated. New techniques have been incorporated, and all material has been brought to date. The effort has been made to simplify the material in the second edition and bring all techniques in line with current practices.

Progress in farm forestry has been slow. Only one-fourth of the country's farm-woodland areas are accorded types of cutting practice that make provisions for successive crops of trees. A very low percentage of farm woods are managed on a sustained-yield basis. The future should see more and better forestry applied to farm woodlands. Good timber is relatively scarce. The appreciation of the services that well-managed farm woods provide is steadily increasing. Federal and state forestry agencies and educational institutions are constantly providing more effective aid in diverse forms of service and education.

Yet the widespread practice of forestry in farm woodlands will not come about until the owners as a class are convinced of the

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