

# FARM WOOD CROPS

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## PREFACE

The purpose of this book is to present a technical guide to the development of a farm-woodland enterprise integrated with the farm business. It contains some statistical material, but for the most part it attempts to outline the philosophy of handling a woodland in its relation to the farm. Only the simplest woodland techniques, needed as the first steps in managing a farm woodland, are presented. Emphasis is on the job of correctly presenting the case of farm-woodland management to farmers, to make clear the advantages of a farm-woodland enterprise. Application of forestry techniques, after that, is comparatively easy. While this is a technical book on farm forestry, it is almost as much an agricultural as a forestry book. This is because forestry, to farmers, is a farm problem and must be approached from that angle.

It is written from a national point of view, which necessarily limits discussion to principles and leaves many gaps to be filled with material applicable locally. The student or the farmer must have a knowledge of species of trees and shrubs in his locality, including a working knowledge of dendrology and wood products. This knowledge he must acquire either in school or on the job. Likewise, to guide farmers in the practice of forestry, the conservationist must acquire at least an empirical knowledge of local soils, of farm-management practices, and of many details of locally applicable silvicultural practices, including those for planting trees and shrubs.

It is assumed that the student is familiar with the more common terminology of forestry, for example, such terms as "silviculture," "growing stock," "coppice," "cutting cycle," "stumpage," "processed products," and the common

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