

A SHORT REVIEW OF THE R-8 TREE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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Early in 1959, funds were made available to R-8 of the U. S. Forest Service for tree improvement studies. R. H. Millar, Reforestation Branch Chief in the Division of Timber Management, began work which will lead to the cessation of wild collections of pine seed in the future.

From previous research studies tree improvement principles were proven sound and feasible. This led to the formulation of the field phase of the tree improvement program, which was headed by T. F. Swofford, who was the former Director of the Macon Tree Seed Laboratory.

(The balance of this paper was the same report as that given by T. F. Swofford, at the Eastern Meeting, and may be found on page 109).