<u>FOREWORD</u>

This proceedings documents the papers presented at the two Regional Forest Nurserymen's Conferences.

The Eastern Meeting was held on August 19-20, 1964, at the Ralph Edwards Nursery at Morganton, North Carolina. A day and a half were devoted to presentation of papers. On the afternoon of the second day a field trip around the nursery and to a newly established forest tree seed orchard on the nursery grounds ended the meeting. One-hundred and six people were registered. Numerous wives and children, plus some other guests also attended.

The Western Meeting was held on September 16-17, 1964, at the Huckins Hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. All of the first day and the afternoon of the second day were used for the presentation of papers and for discussions. On the morning of the second day a field trip was made by bus to the State Nursery near Norman. Nursery production of numerous hardwood species was observed and discussed. Fifty—one people were registered for this conference. This figure does not include several wives and other quests.

The Regeneration Branch of the Division of State and Private Forestry of the U. S. Forest Service on behalf of all program participants and attendees expresses sincere gratitude to the North Carolina Forest Service and to the Forestry Division of the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture for "hosting" these meetings. The wholehearted cooperation of the staffs of both organizations to make these conferences "the best yet' was evident by the enthusiastic response and praise shown by conferees at the meetings.

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