

Discussion

- Q. Sampson: What type culling method did you use?
- A. Brooks: Primarily the field cull method. We do ship some culls because it is almost an impossibility to remove all the culls, but it is a very small amount and we do have a surplus amount of seedlings put in the package to make up for the culls.
- Comment - Stanley: We try to grow from 25-28 shippable seedlings per square foot. We have found that if you do this you have a very small amount of field culling -- you can keep it down to about 2 - 2.5 percent.
- Comment - Hill: I would like to hear some comments on cost differentials between this type packaging and the Forest Service-type bales.
- A. Brooks: I don't have the figures with me, but I will be glad to make a note and send them to you later.
- Comment - Benson: The 1964 or 1966 Proceedings of our Nurserymen's Conferences give some cost figures on this. Several papers were presented at that time.
- Q. McNeel: How do the planters accept your compilation and how do you solve this problem, if you have any?
- A. Brooks: We do have some complaints, but as I said before we try to make up for the culls by adding more seedlings to the bundle. We highly recommend planting by the acre instead of by the thousand. This is how we try to get by the complaints. We put a cost per acre value rather than a cost per thousand plants. We do have a very small amount of culls.
- Comment - Benson: Carl Muller, Hauss State Forest Nursery, converted to the weighing method a couple of shipping seasons ago. He has some data that compares very favorably with that of the Georgia Forestry Commission's. Any comments, Carl?
- Comment - Muller: I'm satisfied and production and savings have increased during this time.

Comment - Bland: We know that we have culls in our bales and we put a sticker on the bundle notifying the landowner. weigh the bundle if there is objection because we know there is a small amount of culls included.

Q. Brooks: How do you handle your problem of planting seedlings?

A. Bland: You're getting into another category now. All I know to do is put a man in the nursery who knows how to handle the job.