1987 CONTACT MEETING

Please mark your calendars. The 1987 Contact Meeting will be hosted by Brunswick Pulp Land Company on November 4-5. The theme of the meeting will be "Advanced Generation Selections". We will address (both in office and field discussions) the processes of making the selections in the field and then establishing them in clone banks.

ADVANCED GENERATION SELECTIONS

A list of candidate trees for advanced generation selection will be mailed to each cooperator by the end of July. These candidate trees will be the best seedlings from the best crosses growing in full-sib tests. The coop staff will also send instructions on how to make selections from the list of candidates. For those cooperators able to make some selections prior to cone harvest, this will give you a chance to get started in August. Based on your experiences and comments from this trial selection period, the coop staff can make adjustments to the procedure (if necessary) prior to the Contact Meeting.

NEW BREEDING VALUES

Also by the end of July, each cooperator will receive a complete set of new breeding values for slash pine. For each first-generation selection with progeny test data, there will be a rust breeding value and a volume breeding value generated by Best Linear Prediction. These breeding values will replace the old clonal evaluations and should be used for roguing decisions, etc. The new breeding values will be discussed in detail at the Contact Meeting.

ECONOMICS OF TREE IMPROVEMENT

For those cooperators who requested a copy of Jean Sibley's Lotus 1-2-3 program to evaluate the economics of tree improvement, two items are enclosed with this newsletter: 1) a diskette containing the program and 2) a User's Manual. Dr. Duane Dippon cautions that users should be relatively skilled in Lotus and also be familiar with the assumptions underlying some of the analyses. If you have questions, please contact Duane at 904-392-1850.

OTHER ITEMS

Several other items are included in this mailing for your information.