The Contact Meeting was held on January 11-12 at Wakulla Springs and was hosted by Procter & Gamble Cellulose Corporation. Charlie Daniels and all the folks from PGC did a great job of organizing the meeting and we all appreciate their efforts. Thanks also to PGC for hosting all the activities and social hour!!

The Contact Meeting focused mainly on preparation for scion collection, exchange and grafting. Frank Kitchens demonstrated standardized techniques for scion collection, labeling and storage (thanks Frank!!), while Procter & Gamble provided an excellent demonstration of grafting techniques.

In addition, each cooperator received a series of lists to facilitate the scion collection, scion exchange and grafting processes. The revised (1989) Breeding Group lists that each cooperator received should be used in place of the original 1988 lists. These lists are up to date and provide a complete description of each second generation selection in each breeding group.

All cooperators collected scion from second generation selections during the week of January 23-26, exchanged scion with each other on January 27 and grafted the following week. It was a busy time for everyone, but all organizations really worked together in a truly cooperative fashion to get the job done. Organizations assisted each other in such ways as scion collection, making selections, and providing rootstock to those who needed it. It was really a pleasure for us at the University to be a part of the cooperative effort.
Advisory Council Meeting

The Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for April 27 and 28. It will be held at the Austin Cary Forest outside of Gainesville. The Pest Management and CRIFF meetings will be held the two preceding days. Complete details and agendas will follow.

Slash Pine Breeding Committee

The slash pine breeding committee will meet in Gainesville at the Austin Cary Forest (map enclosed) on Thursday March 30, 1989 to discuss research priorities for the cooperative. All cooperators are invited to attend and participate.

There are several key questions that could be addressed in the next few years prior to the time that the breeding activities begin in the recently grafted clone banks:

1. How should we manage the clone banks to promote early flowering?

2. What are optimal (both in theory and practice) mating and field designs for the second generation?

3. Can we develop early selection procedures in time to reduce costs and/or increase gains from the second generation?

4. What realized, measurable gains were made from the first generation of slash pine tree improvement?

5. Should we test some hybrids for their potential to provide marked yield increases in the lower coastal plain?

6. How should we incorporate wood specific gravity into the second generation?

We need your help in both prioritizing these (and other?) research issues and for deciding how to best facilitate the research. Our goal will be to develop recommendations to be considered by the Advisory Council.

If you can attend, please return the attached form to allow us to order the correct number of lunches.
Slash Pine Breeding Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 30.

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Place: Austin Cary Forest, Lake Mize Educational Center

Lunch will be catered ($6.00 charge).

Yes, I will attend the Slash Pine Breeding Committee Meeting on March 30.

Name: ____________________________
Location of the Lake Mize Area of the Austin Cary Forest
Via N.W. 13th St. to 39th Ave. 2.6
39th Ave to Waldo Road 3.1 mi.
Waldo Road to Austin Cary Forest Entrance 6.6 mi.
Total mileage from Campus 12.5

-or-
Via E. University Ave to Waldo Road (thru town) 1.6
Waldo Road to Austin Cary Forest Entrance 8.3
Total mileage from Campus 11.1