

WELCOMING REMARKS BY SYMPOSIUM CHAIRMAN

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It is a pleasure to welcome you here to Denver--and gratifying to see so many of you attending the North American Containerized Forest Tree Seedling Symposium. I understand that the registration includes representatives of most of the Canadian Provinces and of nearly every State in the Union, as well as from several other countries.

Planning and preparation for this event has truly been a teamwork effort. I'd like to call attention to those who have joined with the Forestry Committee of the Great Plains Agricultural Council to make the Symposium possible; they include the American Forestry Association, the Canadian Forestry Service, the National Association of State Foresters, the Society of American Foresters, the Western Forestry and Conservation Association, the Cooperative State Research Service and Forest Service, USDA. The makeup of the working group in charge of arrangements, program, publicity, budget, and exhibits represents the same kind of balance between private, State, and Federal agencies and organizations. It is without question one of the most outstanding examples of forestry cooperation on a large scale I am aware of, and I am happy to be part of it.

I would especially like to recognize and welcome those of you here from Canada and the other countries. We have a great deal to learn from each other, and I am sure we will

all benefit from this kind of working together on mutual areas of concern in forestry.

Containerized forest seedlings are being hailed as one of forestry's most promising new developments. This Symposium has been designed to provide a forum for exchange of information on producing tree seedlings in containers and in controlled environments. The program speakers will bring together a great deal of what is presently known about the biological, mechanical, and economic aspects of this rapidly developing technology. We are planning to assemble this information in proceedings, which will be published in quantity as soon as possible for your reference and that of others who need it.

We are fortunate in having a number of commercial exhibits of hardware and materials used in the field of containerized seedlings. The program has been purposely designed to provide as much unstructured time as practical to visit these exhibits and to allow you the opportunity for informal discussions.

Finally, I'd like to encourage as many of you as possible to join the tour of the Colorado State Forest Service greenhouse operation in Fort Collins Thursday afternoon.

In behalf of the sponsoring organizations, it is a pleasure to welcome you to the North American Containerized Forest Tree Seedling Symposium.