SUMMARIZING SELECT TREE RECORDS AND STATUS INFORMATION:

A PROGRESS REPORT

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Last year at the twenty-third NEFTIC, I presented a paper that described a system for summarizing select tree records and status information (Miller 1976). Because several people attending the meeting expressed an interest in the system, Clyde Hunt, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, USDA, Forest Service, and I canvassed 28 potential cooperators throughout the twenty state area extending from Maine to Minnesota, south to Missouri, and east to Maryland. The response was encouraging, so a decision was made to develop a Select Tree Register and Status Report for those who expressed an interest in the system.

Instructions and codes were developed to make the job of recording select tree data as simple as possible, and the computer programs were modified by changing several column headings. A sample coding sheet showing the format and actual data is shown in Figure 1. The resulting Register and Status Report is shown in Figures 2 and 3.

The instructions, codes, and coding sheets were sent to the 28 potential cooperators; completed coding sheets were received from six cooperators. The data was keypunched as submitted and then run through the computer. Each participant received a copy of the Register and Status Report showing the select tree data submitted by the six cooperators and the Forest Service, Region 9. The Agency and Forest Service Registers include 671 and 3,396 selections respectively. Selections are located in twenty-five states and three Canadian Provinces. The number of selections included in the Register is shown by species in Table 1.

The Register and Status Report will be updated during the first half of 1977. This will provide an opportunity for the present cooperators to update their existing data and to add new select tree information to the system. New participants will also be welcome to include their select tree data in the system at this time. We are pleased with the initial response and encourage you to participate in the future.

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Table 1. -- Number of selections by species

Conifers		Hard	Hardwoods								
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Species	Selections	Species	Selections								
White spruce	350	Black cherry	201								
Black spruce	152	Yellow poplar	143								
Red spruce	12	Black walnut	612								
E. White pine	914	Yellow birch	236								
Red pine	86	Paper birch	108								
Jack pine	468	White ash	26								
Shortleaf pine	65	Green ash	13								
Scotch pine	14	Sugar maple	106								
Balsam fir	176	Red maple	26								
Himalayan white p	pine 14	Silver maple	12								
Misc, five needle	e pines 13	Basswood	65								
Misc, conifers	3	Red oak	75								
	2,267	White oak	29								
		Black oak	17								
		Scarlet oak	15								
		Populus spp.	116								
			1,800								

Total selections = 4,067 (3,396, R-9, F.S. - USDA; 671 Agencies)

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