

ARKANSAS FARMER HONORED

First recipient of a Tree Farm certificate in Arkansas was John Knight of Fordyce, who was honored at the dedication of the Arkansas Tree Farm System on June 6.

This project is part of a nationwide program sponsored by the American Forest Products Industries as part of their reforestation and conservation activities. The four objectives of the program are to reduce fire losses, promote selective harvesting of trees, encourage nature's replanting, and reclaim idle land.

Mr. Knight's property includes 600 acres of woodland and 80 acres of cleared land, acquired by him 60 years ago. As a result of his practice of selectively harvesting his woodlot, he has been paid \$7,890 for the 544,000 board feet of timber cut on 120 acres during the past three years.

This tract will have just as much timber in ten years as it had before harvesting, as a result of forest management. So successful and remunerative has been Mr. Knight's woodlot that he is now grooming eight acres of loblolly pine for reseeding 52 of the 80 acres which he now has in food crops.

Mr. Knight's experience is typical throughout Arkansas, where there are 20,000,000 acres of forest land growing timber at a rate of at least 100 board feet per year per acre, yielding a total considerably in excess of that harvested. State Forester Fred Lang estimates the Arkansas Tree Farm program can add 25 per cent to the state's annual tree growth.