

TREE FARMS CROSS CONTINENT

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With the recent dedication of Florida's first "tree farm" by Governor Millard Caldwell, the national tree farm movement has now crossed the continent from the extreme northwest, where it started in Washington State, to the extreme southeast.

Florida now becomes the 12th state to certify tree farms. The program has already been inaugurated in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana and Wisconsin. West Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, New Jersey and five New England states plan to join the movement soon.

Governor Caldwell, at left of photograph, is presenting Florida's first tree farm certificate to Albert Kuhn, of the Weaver-Loughridge Lumber Company of Boyd, which has qualified 70,000 acres of forest land as properly managed and protected for the continuous production of forest crops. In the background, left to right, are Jack W. Simons, Tallahassee, member of the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks; C. H. Coulter, state forester; N. Culbreath, turpentine operator of Wakulla; and Harold Coles, Jacksonville, executive vice-president of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

In Florida, the tree farm movement is sponsored by the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and the Florida Forest Service. Nationally, the program is being developed by the American Forest Products Industries, Washington, D.C., to spur greater growth of forest products and to combat the destructiveness of forest fires.

