

29 Get Awards as Indiana Joins Tree Farm System



Osa L. Tucker of Osgood is among 29 Indiana landowners who became charter members of the newly launched Tree Farm program in that state Aug. 23. Here he examines a white pine planted nine years ago.

Twenty-nine Indiana forest landowners on Aug. 23 became the first timber growers in the state to enroll their woodlands in the industry-operated Tree Farm program at ceremonies near Jasper.

Indiana thus became the 44th state in the nation to join the American Tree Farm System.

Dean Harry J. Reed of Purdue University's School of Agriculture was principal speaker at the public launching ceremony held on the C. U. Gramelspacher farm, one of the Tree Farms certified.

The contribution of the Tree Farm movement to improvement of forestry practices on privately owned woodlands, which produce 90 per cent of the nation's lumber and 95 per cent of its pulpwood, was pointed out by Robert Mathers, chairman of the Indiana Forest Industries Committee.

George Demuth, chairman of the Indiana Tree Farm Committee, presented Tree Farm signs and certificates to the charter tree farmers.