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#### Abstract

Yield tables for unmanaged, high-surviva1, white spruce plantations are presented by 5-year-age classes up to 50 years from planting, for six planted spacings and four site index classes. Each table includes data for numbers of trees per acre, mean d.b.h., basal area, total volume, and merchantable cubic volume. This publication supersedes Stiell and Berry, Forest. Br. Dep. Pub. No. 1200, Ottawa. 1967. p. 15 .


RÉSUMÉ<br>Les auteurs présentent des tables de rendement concernant des plantations non aménagées mais vigoureuses d'Épinettes blanches (Picea glauca), situées à la Station d'expérimentation forestière de Petawawa, Ontario. E11es tiennent compte de classes d'âge de 5 ans d'intervalle jusqu'à 50 ans, de 6 espacements différents et de 4 classes de fertilité. Elles renseignent sur le nombre d'arbres à 1'acre, le diamètre moyen à hauteur de poitrine, la surface terrière, le volume total et le volume marchand en pieds cubes. Ce travail remplace celui de Stiell \& Berry, publication du ministère $\mathrm{n}^{\circ}$ 1200, Ottawa, 1967, 15 pages.

## FOREWORD

This paper is a revision of Forestry Branch Departmental Publication No. 1200 (Stie11 and Berry, 1967), which it supersedes. An additional 10-year remeasurement of permanent sample plots allowed strengthening the data on which the tables are based, as well as their extension from 40 to 50 years. The methodology employed in developing the revised tables is largely unchanged, with the exception of a new procedure devised for estimating mortality.

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## INTRODUCTION

Large-scale planting of white spruce (Picea glauca [Moench] Voss) in Canada is a recent development. The relatively few long-established plantations of this species are the only sources of growth data for predicting what could be expected from today's planting. In Ontario, the largest aggregate of older white spruce plantations, which is at Petawawa, does not yet approach rotation age but can provide useful interim information.

Two harvesting approaches are possible for plantations. Periodic yields can be obtained by regular thinnings that conform to yield tables constructed for the purpose. Alternatively, it may be considered that clearcutting at an appropriate age, without any intermediate treatment, is most economical. Research into both approaches is being conducted in spruce plantations at the Petawawa Forest Experiment Station. Results of thinning experiments are reported periodically (Berry, 1968; Stiell, 1970); in addition, sufficient data from untreated plantations have been accumulated to indicate relative growth at various stocking levels, which is the subject of this paper.

The following, then, deals with high-survival plantations which have developed without gross disturbance and in which any mortality that has occurred was due almost entirely to mutual competition.

## THE PLANTATIONS

The 34 plantations of white spruce used as a basis for this study total about 80 acres. The first was established in 1922. Most planting sites were old fields, and soils include waterlaid sands, lacustrine silt loams, and sandy and loamy tills. Trees were planted in regular rows at average spacings of from $4 \times 4$ to $7 \times 7$ feet. Survival up to 30 years after planting was generally in excess of 75 per cent. Early sampling by measuring a proportion of rows in each plantation was replaced by a series of permanent
sample plots, established in uniform conditions of best survival. A full description of the plantations, including their establishment, sites, and early development, is given by Stie11 (1955).

## METHODS AND RESULTS

## Sample P1ots

Data for this study were provided by 46 plots, each measured from one to four times, representing stand ages of from 12 to 50 years from the planting date. On each plot all trees were tagged; after each measurement, tables of numbers of trees, basal area, and total and merchantable ${ }^{l}$ cubic volume according to Form-class Volume Tables (Anon. 1948), were compiled. Measurements taken in about half the plots showed the range of average form class to be between 63 and 67 ; in the remaining plots it was assumed to be 65. Mean diameter (d.b.h. of tree of mean basal area), height of the tree of mean d.b.h. (from the height/diameter curve), and dominant height (average height of the tallest 10 per cent ${ }^{2}$ ) were also calculated.

## Site Index Curves

A11 dominant height values were plotted over age on one graph, and the points for individual plots were joined. The data were divided arbitrarily into two groups (representing poorer and better growth) and a freehand guide curve fitted to each group. A set of anamorphic site index curves, representing 10 -foot height classes at age 50 years, was drawn to encompass the range of data for each group. The two sets were harmonized by adjusting the curve common to both by about one-half foot at the lower ages (Figure 1). Data from the latest 10 -year remeasurement clearly indicate that growth rates start to decline at about 35 years, a feature not apparent from the earlier data.

No consistent pattern of height growth could be related to physiographic site whether considered by parent material or by moisture regime (Hills and Pierpoint, 1960). Although average site class increased very slightly with moisture regime, plots over the whole range of moistures encountered (1 to 5) were found in each site class. Considerable variation in early growth rate was observed - i.e., time to reach breast height ranged from 6 to 12 years. The causes of this were not clear, but even when growth rates above breast height only are considered, there is still no correlation with moisture regime. The unsatisfactory conclusion is reached that height growth in this area cannot be predicted with much assurance before a stand age of about 15 years.

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Figure 1. Site index curves at base age 50 years for planted white spruce.

## Mortality Rates

Mortality resulting from mutual competition is taken to be a function of increasing stature of individual trees. Relating mortality to stand height, therefore, is not only reasonable but also has the advantage of incorporating the effects of both age and site.

Numbers of trees per acre were plotted over dominant height for each sample plot and measurement date, and the points for individual plots were joined. The resulting lines were somewhat erratic, but they clearly indicated trends of decreasing tree numbers with increasing height. Numbers diminished more rapidly for high than for low initial stockings.

The data were pooled, and the following relationship ( $\mathrm{P}>0.01$ ) determined:

$$
M=-111.8887+0.4669 \mathrm{NH}+0.00022(\mathrm{NH})^{2} \quad\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=.620\right),
$$

where $M=$ number of trees per acre dying for the next 10 feet of dominant height growth, $N=$ present number of trees per acre and $H=$ dominant height in feet/100. This relationship is independent of site and age. No mortality is evident for low values of NH , nor would it be expected since these represent short or open stands in which there is no severe mutual competition.

For each initial spacing class the point at which mortality begins was identified by starting with a very low stand height, e.g. 5 feet, and then substituting greater heights until mortality of at least one tree was indicated. The number of trees per acre was reduced accordingly, dominant height increased by 10 feet, and mortality for that combination calculated. The procedure was repeated for 10 -foot height increments and each new indicated stocking level. The result is a series of number/height curves, each based on a different initial spacing (Figure 2). Mortality first occurs with a dominant height of 18 feet where the planted spacing is $4 \times 4$ feet, and at increasingly greater heights as spacings widen.

These curves conform well to those produced previously by graphical methods for part of the data (Stiell and Berry, 1967), and are consistent with the mortality patterns based on "relative spacing" described for pine species by Beekhuis (1966). It is concluded that the mortality curves reasonably represent changes in stocking associated with increasing stand height. It should be clear that the maximum values of these curves represent numbers of established trees - i.e., numbers surviving immediate post-planting mortality.

Stand Diameters
Mean diameter was found to be closely related to the product of average spacing and dominant height (Figure 3), and, when $D=$ mean d.b.h. in inches and $\mathrm{SH}=$ average spacing in feet x dominant height in feet, can be estimated from the equation:

$$
D=1.2553+0.0154 \mathrm{SH}-0.00000642(\mathrm{SH})^{2} \quad\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=.927\right)
$$



Figure 2. Relationship of numbers of trees to dominant height, by initial spacing, for planted white spruce.

This quadratic function is constrained to culminate at $\mathrm{SH}=1200$. This value was selected to include the maximum height ( 100 feet) to which white spruce would likely be grown and the corresponding number of trees as obtained by extrapolation of the curve for $10 \times 10$ feet in Figure 2.

A summary of diameter distributions within stands at various current stocking levels is shown in Table l. These data, which have not been harmonized, indicate the following trends:
(a) The range in diameters increases with mean d.b.h. but does not vary with spacing.
(b) The proportion of trees in the mean diameter class decreases as the stand develops, but for a given mean d.b.h. is higher at wider spacings.
(c) The number of trees below the mean diameter class is considerably greater than those above.


Figure 3. Planted white spruce relationship of mean diameter to spacing and dominant height.

## Stand Volume Tables

Pooled data from all plots showed a good relationship between total cubic foot volume per acre and the combined height-spacing expression of dominant height/ $\sqrt[3]{ }$ average spacing (Figure 4), similar to that defined for white spruce by Stiell (1967). Where

Vt $=$ total volume in cubic feet per acre
HS = height-spacing expression
$\mathrm{Vt}=-153.0892+2.4852 \mathrm{HS}+4.76046(\mathrm{HS})^{2} \quad\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=.947\right)$
The individual plot data for merchantable volume (expressed as a percentage of total volume) were pooled, and a harmonized set of curves was prepared to show change in percentage with changes in spacing and dominant height. The curves were used to determine the merchantable volumes corresponding to total volumes derived from the foregoing equation.

From these relationships, theoretical stand volumes were "generated" for a variety of heights and spacings (Table 2). This table demonstrates the

TABLE 1. PERCENTAGE STEM DISTRIBUTION ABOUT MEAN DIAMETER CLASS (D) IN WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS

|  |  | One-inch diameter classes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { d.b.h. } \\ \text { class } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | Spacing <br> class <br> (ft) | D-5 | D-4 | D-3 | D-2 | D-1 | D | $\underline{\mathrm{D}}+1$ | D+2 | $\underline{\mathrm{D}+3}$ | D+4 | $\underline{D}+5$ | ED- | $\underline{\Sigma D+}$ |
| 2 | $6 \times 6$ |  |  |  |  | 43.1 | 51.9 | 5.0 |  |  |  |  | 43.1 | 5.0 |
| 3 | $5 \times 5$ |  |  |  | 12.8 | 26.0 | 34.9 | 16.8 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 38.8 | 26.3 |
|  | $6 \times 6$ |  |  |  | 10.7 | 29.0 | 37.5 | 18.1 | 4.0 | 0.7 |  |  | 39.7 | 22.8 |
|  | $7 \times 7$ |  |  |  | 14.0 | 29.0 | 44.1 | 11.8 | 1.1 |  |  |  | 43.0 | 12.9 |
| 4 | $5 \times 5$ |  |  | 3.0 | 13.9 | 24.9 | 29.5 | 17.3 | 8.3 | 2.8 | 0.3 |  | 41.8 | 28.7 |
|  | $6 \times 6$ |  |  | 3.2 | 12.1 | 23.3 | 30.5 | 21.0 | 7.5 | 2.1 | 0.3 |  | 38.6 | 30.9 |
|  | $7 \times 7$ |  |  | 2.9 | 5.6 | 20.2 | 31.8 | 29.6 | 8.7 | 1.2 |  |  | 28.7 | 39.5 |
| 5 | $5 \times 5$ |  | 1.1 | 5.1 | 18.0 | 26.9 | 21.0 | 15.7 | 8.9 | 2.7 | 0.6 |  | 51.1 | 27.9 |
|  | $6 \times 6$ |  | 1.3 | 7.7 | 16.8 | 22.9 | 23.5 | 15.4 | 8.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 48.7 | 27.8 |
|  | $7 \times 7$ |  | 0.8 | 4.2 | 12.3 | 21.0 | 26.4 | 20.9 | 9.9 | 4.0 | 0.5 |  | 38.3 | 35.3 |
| 6 | $6 \times 6$ |  | 1.1 | 11.0 | 21.4 | 18.3 | 17.7 | 14.0 | 9.8 | 4.7 | 1.3 | 0.7 | 51.8 | 30.5 |
|  | $7 \times 7$ | 0.6 | 0.7 | 4.9 | 14.4 | 24.7 | 25.5 | 18.4 | 8.3 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 45.3 | 29.2 |
| 7 | $7 \times 7$ |  | 1.7 | 13.5 | 19.1 | 18.0 | 19.7 | 13.5 | 8.4 | 4.5 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 52.3 | 28.0 |
|  | $8 \times 8$ | 0.7 | 5.4 | 8.8 | 19.7 | 13.6 | 18.4 | 15.7 | 12.2 | 4.1 | 1.4 |  | 48.2 | 33.4 |



Figure 4. Relationship of total volume per acre to spacing and dominant height, for planted white spruce.
volumes to be expected from given combinations of height and stocking, but the table is in no sense predictive because it does not indicate when a plantation will reach a particular height or what the average spacing will then be.

## Yield Tables

Prediction has been attempted in Tables 3 to 6 , which present total and merchantable volumes by 5-year age classes. Heights at given ages were determined from the site index curves, and numbers of trees from the survival/ height curves. Mean d.b.h. to the nearest hundredth of an inch was estimated

TABLE 2. STAND VOLUMES FOR WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dominant } \\ & \text { height } \\ & \text { (ft) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Volume } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Average current spacing (ft) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 |
| 20 | Total Merch | 634 - | $\begin{array}{r} 527 \\ 95 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 451 \\ & 112 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 393 \\ & 125 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 348 \\ & 115 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 280 \\ 98 \end{array}$ |
| 30 | Total Merch | $\begin{aligned} & 1594 \\ & 1004 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1356 \\ 895 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1185 \\ 841 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1057 \\ 803 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 955 \\ & 764 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 804 \\ & 659 \end{aligned}$ |
| 40 | Total Merch | $\begin{aligned} & 2932 \\ & 2231 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2510 \\ & 1983 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2208 \\ & 1833 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1980 \\ & 1703 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1800 \\ & 1584 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1534 \\ & 1365 \end{aligned}$ |
| 50 | Total <br> Merch | $\begin{aligned} & 4648 \\ & 3765 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3990 \\ & 3312 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3520 \\ & 3062 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3164 \\ & 2784 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2884 \\ & 2567 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2469 \\ & 2222 \end{aligned}$ |
| 60 | Total Merch |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5795 \\ & 4868 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5119 \\ & 4453 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4608 \\ & 4055 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4206 \\ & 3743 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3608 \\ & 3247 \end{aligned}$ |
| 70 | Total Merch |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 7007 \\ & 6096 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6312 \\ & 5555 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5765 \\ & 5131 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4953 \\ & 4458 \end{aligned}$ |
| 80 | Total Merch |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 8277 \\ & 7284 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7563 \\ & 6731 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6503 \\ & 5853 \end{aligned}$ |

from the SH regression. Basal areas per acre were derived by multiplying numbers of trees by the basal area equivalent to mean d.b.h. (D.b.h. values were subsequently rounded to the nearest tenth of an inch for presentation in the tables.) Total volumes were calculated from the HS regression. Merchantable volumes were derived as previously described. Tabular values based on extrapolations of basic height or spacing data can be inferred from the broken lines in Figure 2.

The following conclusions may be drawn from the tables:
(a) Except for merchantable volumes at age 20 and site classes 50 and 60 , closer spacings contain greater standing volumes at all ages than do wider spacings; the relative difference decreases with age.
(b) Merchantable volume as a proportion of total volume increases with age, and is greater at wider than at closer spacings.
(c) Current annual volume increment culminates sooner at closer spacings.

These tables represent probably the highest stocking that can reasonably be expected for a given planted spacing, and as such can be regarded as showing the maximum yields for which a forest manager might aim, although perhaps seldom achieve on a large scale.

TABLE 3. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 50)

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Age from planting (years)} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Dominant height (ft)} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Planted spacing \\
(ft)
\end{tabular}} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Trees per acre} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Mean } \\
\text { dbh } \\
\text { (inches) }
\end{gathered}
\]} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Basal } \\
\text { area } \\
\left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right)
\end{gathered}
\]} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Volume} \\
\hline \& \& \& \& \& \& \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Total } \\
\left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right)
\end{gathered}
\] \& \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Merch } \\
\left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right)
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline \multirow[t]{24}{*}{20
25

30
35} \& 19.8 \& $4 \times 4$ \& 2717 \& 2.4 \& 87 \& 619 \& 56 <br>
\hline \& \& $5 \times 5$ \& 1742 \& 2.7 \& 70 \& 514 \& 87 <br>
\hline \& \& $6 \times 6$ \& 1210 \& 3.0 \& 59 \& 439 \& 110 <br>
\hline \& \& $7 \times 7$ \& 889 \& 3.3 \& 52 \& 383 \& 123 <br>
\hline \& \& $8 \times 8$ \& 681 \& 3.5 \& 46 \& 338 \& 112 <br>
\hline \& \& $10 \times 10$ \& 436 \& 4.1 \& 39 \& 272 \& 95 <br>
\hline \& 25.9 \& $4 \times 4$ \& 2607 \& 2.8 \& 112 \& 1136 \& 534 <br>
\hline \& \& $5 \times 5$ \& 1722 \& 3.2 \& 93 \& 973 \& 516 <br>
\hline \& \& $6 \times 6$ \& 1210 \& 3.5 \& 80 \& 850 \& 510 <br>
\hline \& \& $7 \times 7$ \& 889 \& 3.8 \& 71 \& 753 \& 497 <br>
\hline \& \& $8 \times 8$ \& 681 \& 4.2 \& 65 \& 677 \& 481 <br>
\hline \& \& $10 \times 10$ \& 436 \& 4.8 \& 55 \& 565 \& 412 <br>
\hline \& 32.2 \& $4 \times 4$ \& 2430 \& 3.2 \& 138 \& 1784 \& 1213 <br>
\hline \& \& $5 \times 5$ \& 1643 \& 3.6 \& 118 \& 1548 \& 1084 <br>
\hline \& \& $6 \times 6$ \& 1195 \& 4.0 \& 105 \& 1379 \& 1020 <br>
\hline \& \& $7 \times 7$ \& 889 \& 4.4 \& 94 \& 1237 \& 977 <br>
\hline \& \& $8 \times 8$ \& 681 \& 4.8 \& 86 \& 1121 \& 930 <br>
\hline \& \& $10 \times 10$ \& 436 \& 5.5 \& 73 \& 948 \& 806 <br>
\hline \& 38.3 \& \& \& \& \& 2489 \& 1917 <br>
\hline \& \& $5 \times 5$ \& 1540 \& 4.1 \& 143 \& 2192 \& 1710 <br>
\hline \& \& $6 \times 6$ \& 1136 \& 4.5 \& 128 \& 1970 \& 1615 <br>
\hline \& \& $7 \times 7$ \& 878 \& 4.9 \& 117 \& 1797 \& 1527 <br>
\hline \& \& $8 \times 8$ \& 681 \& 5.4 \& 107 \& 1640 \& 1427 <br>
\hline \& \& $10 \times 10$ \& 436 \& 6.2 \& 92 \& 1396 \& 1242 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

TABLE 3. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 50) (Continued)

| Age from planting (years) | ```Dominant height (ft)``` | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 40 | 43.3 | $4 \times 4$ | 1997 | 4.1 | 184 | 3104 | 2514 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1420 | 4.6 | 162 | 2760 | 2291 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1080 | 5.0 | 147 | 2507 | 2156 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 846 | 5.4 | 136 | 2301 | 2002 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 678 | 5.8 | 126 | 2128 | 1873 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 6.7 | 107 | 1821 | 1639 |
| 45 | 47.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 1830 | 4.4 | 198 | 3572 | 2929 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1325 | 4.9 | 176 | 3198 | 2718 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1025 | 5.4 | 161 | 2923 | 2543 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 820 | 5.8 | 149 | 2704 | 2380 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 665 | 6.2 | 139 | 2516 | 2239 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.1 | 119 | 2168 | 1951 |
| 50 | 50.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 1680 | 4.8 | 208 | 3942 | 3272 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1250 | 5.2 | 187 | 3560 | 3097 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 980 | 5.7 | 172 | 3273 | 2880 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 790 | 6.1 | 160 | 3037 | 2703 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 650 | 6.5 | 149 | $2840$ | 2556 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.4 | 128 | 2470 | 2223 |

TABLE 4. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 60)

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| Age from planting (years) | Dominant height (ft) | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 20 | 24.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 2650 | 2.7 | 105 | 964 | 337 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1735 | 3.0 | 86 | 818 | 352 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1210 | 3.3 | 74 | 710 | 362 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 889 | 3.7 | 65 | 627 | 364 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 4.0 | 59 | 562 | 348 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 4.6 | 50 | 466 | 308 |
| 25 | 31.3 | $4 \times 4$ | 2460 | 3.2 | 135 | 1683 | 1111 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1657 | 3.6 | 114 | 1459 | 992 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1198 | 3.9 | 101 | 1298 | 948 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 889 | 4.3 | 91 | 1162 | 895 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 4.7 | 82 | 1052 | 863 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 5.4 | 71 | 888 | 746 |
| 30 | 38.8 | $4 \times 4$ | 2188 | 3.7 | 166 | 2551 | 1964 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1526 | 4.2 | 145 | 2248 | 1776 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1134 | 4.6 | 130 | 2023 | 1679 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 876 | 5.0 | 119 | 1847 | 1588 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 5.4 | 109 | 1687 | 1485 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 6.3 | 93 | 1436 | 1278 |
| 35 | 45.8 | $4 \times 4$ | 1883 | 4.3 | 193 | 3419 | 2804 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1353 | 4.8 | 171 | 3052 | 2564 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1043 | 5.2 | 157 | 2788 | 2426 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 830 | 5.7 | 145 | 2573 | 2264 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 672 | 6.1 | 135 | 2390 | 2127 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.0 | 115 | 2052 | 1847 |

TABLE 4. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 60) (Continued)

| Age from planting (years) | Dominant height (ft) | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 40 | 51.8 | $4 \times 4$ | 1600 | 5.0 | 214 | 4164 | 3498 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1202 | 5.4 | 193 | 3778 | 3287 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 954 | 5.9 | 179 | 3487 | 3069 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 775 | 6.3 | 166 | 3248 | 2891 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 640 | 6.7 | 155 | 3038 | 2734 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.5 | 134 | 2660 | 2394 |
| 45 | 56.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 1415 | 5.4 | 227 | 4685 | 3982 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1100 | 5.9 | 207 | 4303 | 3744 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 880 | 6.3 | 192 | 3982 | 3504 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 730 | 6.7 | 179 | 3741 | 3329 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 615 | 7.1 | 169 | 3524 | 3172 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.9 | 147 | 3129 | 2816 |
| 50 | 60.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 1245 | 5.9 | 238 | 5166 | 4494 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 985 | 6.4 | 219 | 4775 | 4202 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 805 | 6.8 | 203 | 4454 | 3964 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 680 | 7.2 | 191 | 4206 | 3743 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 590 | 7.5 | 181 | 4006 | 3605 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 8.2 | 159 | 3610 | 3249 |

TABLE 5. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 70)

| Age from planting (years) | ```Dominant height (ft)``` | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 20 | 28.3 | $4 \times 4$ | 2542 | 3.0 | 122 | 1369 | 780 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1697 | 3.3 | 103 | 1180 | 708 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1208 | 3.7 | 90 | 1040 | 686 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 889 | 4.1 | 80 | 925 | 657 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 4.4 | 72 | 835 | 635 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 5.1 | 62 | 701 | 554 |
| 25 | 36.9 | $4 \times 4$ | 2265 | 3.6 | 158 | 2322 | 1742 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1567 | 4.0 | 137 | 2041 | 1572 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1150 | 4.4 | 123 | 1828 | 1481 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 885 | 4.8 | 112 | 1662 | 1413 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 5.2 | 102 | 1513 | 1316 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 6.1 | 87 | 1287 | 1145 |
| 30 | 45.6 | $4 \times 4$ | 1890 | 4.3 | 192 | 3392 | 2781 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1353 | 4.8 | 171 | 3024 | 2540 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1047 | 5.2 | 156 | 2766 | 2406 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 830 | 5.6 | 144 | 2549 | 2243 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 672 | 6.0 | 134 | 2368 | 2108 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 6.9 | 115 | 2033 | 1830 |
| 35 | 53.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 1545 | 5.1 | 217 | 4304 | 3658 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1175 | 5.6 | 198 | 3930 | 3419 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 930 | 6.0 | 182 | 3628 | 3193 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 765 | 6.4 | 170 | 3388 | 3015 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 635 | 6.8 | 159 | 3179 | 2861 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.6 | 138 | 2790 | 2511 |

TABLE 5. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 70) (Continued)

| Age from planting (years) | Dominant height (ft) | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 40 | 59.7 | $4 \times 4$ | 1260 | 5.9 | 237 | 5137 | 4469 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 996 | 6.3 | 218 | 4742 | 4173 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 810 | 6.8 | 202 | 4417 | 3931 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 683 | 7.1 | 190 | 4167 | 3709 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 594 | 7.4 | 180 | 3973 | 3576 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 8.2 | 158 | 3573 | 3216 |
| 45 | 65.1 | $4 \times 4$ | 1055 | 6.6 | 249 | 5765 | 5073 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 857 | 7.0 | 230 | 5375 | 4784 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 720 | 7.4 | 216 | 5064 | 4507 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 620 | 7.7 | 203 | 4817 | 4335 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 556 | 8.0 | 194 | 4643 | 4179 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 427 | 8.6 | 173 | 4238 | 3814 |
| 50 | 70.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 890 | 7.3 | 256 | 6312 | 5618 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 745 | 7.7 | 238 | 5946 | 5292 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 640 | 8.0 | 224 | 5644 | 5080 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 560 | 8.3 | 211 | 5396 | 4856 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 510 | 8.5 | 202 | 5229 | 4706 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 410 | 9.0 | 182 | 4927 | 4434 |

TABLE 6. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 80)

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| Age from planting (years) | Dominant height (ft) | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 20 | 32.2 | $4 \times 4$ | 2430 | 3.2 | 138 | 1784 | 1213 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1643 | 3.6 | 118 | 1548 | 1084 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1195 | 4.0 | 105 | 1379 | 1020 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 889 | 4.4 | 94 | 1237 | 977 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 4.8 | 86 | 1121 | 930 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 5.5 | 73 | 948 | 806 |
| 25 | 42.1 | $4 \times 4$ | 2050 | 4.0 | 179 | 2957 | 2366 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1448 | 4.5 | 158 | 2621 | 2149 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 1095 | 4.9 | 143 | 2374 | 2018 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 855 | 5.3 | 131 | 2176 | 1893 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 681 | 5.7 | 121 | 2009 | 1768 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 6.6 | 104 | 1714 | 1543 |
| 30 | 51.8 | $4 \times 4$ | 1600 | 5.0 | 214 | 4164 | 3498 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 1202 | 5.4 | 193 | 3778 | 3287 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 954 | 5.9 | 179 | 3487 | 3069 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 775 | 6.3 | 166 | 3248 | 2891 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 640 | 6.7 | 155 | 3038 | 2734 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 436 | 7.5 | 134 | 2660 | 2394 |
| 35 | 60.6 | $4 \times 4$ | 1210 | 6.0 | 238 | 5225 | 4546 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 965 | 6.5 | 220 | 4836 | 4256 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 795 | 6.9 | 205 | 4526 | 4028 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 675 | 7.2 | 192 | 4284 | 3813 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 585 | 7.6 | 182 | 4076 | 3668 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 435 | 8.2 | 161 | 3681 | 3313 |

TABLE 6. YIELD TABLE FOR UNMANAGED WHITE SPRUCE PLANTATIONS (SITE INDEX CLASS 80) (Continued)

| Age from planting (years) | Dominant height (ft) | Planted spacing (ft) | Trees per <br> acre | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mean } \\ \text { dbh } \\ \text { (inches) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Basal } \\ \text { area } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{2} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | Volume |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Merch } \\ \left(\mathrm{ft}^{3} / \mathrm{ac}\right) \end{gathered}$ |
| 40 | 68.2 | $4 \times 4$ | 942 | 7.0 | 254 | 6102 | 5370 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 780 | 7.4 | 235 | 5727 | 5097 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 673 | 7.8 | 222 | 5445 | 4846 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 582 | 8.1 | 209 | 5183 | 4665 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 530 | 8.3 | 200 | 5022 | 4520 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 418 | 8.9 | 179 | 4632 | 4169 |
| 45 | 74.4 | $4 \times 4$ | 760 | 7.9 | 258 | 6772 | 6027 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 655 | 8.2 | 242 | 6448 | 5803 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 576 | 8.5 | 229 | 6164 | 5548 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 515 | 8.8 | 217 | 5939 | 5345 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | 473 | 9.0 | 208 | 5769 | 5192 |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 397 | 9.4 | 190 | 5441 | 4897 |
| 50 | 80.0 | $4 \times 4$ | 620 | 8.7 | 255 | 7331 | 6598 |
|  |  | $5 \times 5$ | 555 | 8.9 | 242 | 7060 | 6354 |
|  |  | $6 \times 6$ | 500 | 9.2 | 229 | 6817 | 6135 |
|  |  | $7 \times 7$ | 455 | 9.4 | 218 | 6599 | 5939 |
|  |  | $8 \times 8$ | $430$ | $9.5$ | 211 | 6481 | $5833$ |
|  |  | $10 \times 10$ | 370 | 9.8 | 193 | 6152 | 5537 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Merchantable volume includes the bole to a 4 -inch top d.i.b.
    ${ }^{2}$ Dominant height so defined ( $H$ ) can be estimated from height of tree of mean basal area $(\bar{H})$ by the equation $H=-2.4855+1.5965 \overline{\mathrm{H}}-.00721(\overline{\mathrm{H}})^{2}$ ( $\mathrm{R}^{2}=.978$ )

