# TREE BIOMASS EQUATIONS FOR YOUNG PLANTATION-GROWN RED PINE (PINUS RESINOSA) IN THE MARITIME LOWLANDS ECOREGION

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#### ABSTRACT

Prediction equations were developed for young (1-20 years) plantation-grown red pine (Pinus resinosa Ait.) based on dimensional relations. The estimator varied according to age class and biomass component but dbh² was the best overall estimator. Biomass yields (kg/ha) from the plantations sampled tended to be lower than those reported in the literature. Reasons for this are discussed.

## RESUME

Des équations de prédiction, basées sur des rapports de dimensions ont été développées pour de jeunes (1-20 ans) pins rouges (Pinus resinosa Ait.) en plantation. Le facteur d'estimation variait selon la classe d'âge et la composante biomasse, mais le dhp² fut en définitive le meilleur. La production de biomasse (kg/ha) des plantations échantillonnées avait tendance à être moins élevée que celle rapportée dans la littérature. L'auteur en discute les raisons.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Estimating net biological production and forecasting tree and stand structure and growth are central activities in silviculture and forest management. An essential step in the process is developing dimensional relations between easily measurable variables such as diameter and the biomass of tree components.

Since the upper limits of resource potential, in terms of productivity, will be realized by intensively managed plantations, it is of interest to determine the dimensional relations of plantation-grown trees where density is controlled and above-ground competition is minimized, at least during the early years. Furthermore, as Crow (1983) has pointed out, plantation data are more likely to yield generalized biomass equations, particularly with a species such as red pine (Pinus resinosa Ait.) that exhibits little genetic variation (Fowler and Lester 1970). Red pine is also considered to have the highest potential biomass production of generally available plantation species in eastern Canada except for the hybrid (Populus spp.). However, poplars latter species have stringent cultural requirements because of their lack of ability to compete and high nutrient Red pine is the highest requirements. in Ontario (Plonski vielding species 1974), and along with white spruce (Picea glauca (Moench) Voss) is considered the most productive species Quebec (Popovich 1978), significantly exceeding jack pine (Pinus banksiana Lamb.) (Bolghari 1976). In a study in Minnesota of biomass and nutrient dis-(1978) found tribution, Alban et al. that red pine out-produced jack pine. white spruce, and aspen (Populus tremuloides Michx., P. grandidentata Michx.) on very fine sandy loams while on northern hardwood sites in Michigan, red pine at 37 years of age produced more dry weight biomass than adjacent second growth sugar maple (Acer saccharum

Marsh.) at 58 years of age (Frederick and Coffman 1978).

Dimensional relations may or may not vary over a range of stand conditions. For example, Baskerville (1965) found the allometric relation between component biomass and diameter was unaffected by stand density of naturally regeneratbalsam fir (Abies balsamea Mill.), but in a later study Baskerville (1983) found that the relationship changes systematically with age. On the other hand, Crow (1983) found that the allometric regressions for red maple (Acer rubrum L.) did not differ by age, while Stiell and Berry (1977) determined that spacing of plantation red pine did dimensional relations. Unceraffect tainty still exists, therefore, respect to the sensitivity of dimensional relations to stand conditions.

The purpose of this study was to develop prediction equations for young, plantation-grown, red pine based on dimensional relations expressed by five-year age classes under relatively constant spacing of 2 x 2 m.

# SAMPLING METHODS

Considerable difficulty was experienced in locating suitable stands that would meet the objectives of the study. Few of the stands had been tended so that problems with planting stock and planting methods were compounded uncontrolled competition, girdling porcupines, and snow damage. This necessitated sampling over a wide geographic area within the Maritime Lowlands Ecoregion (Loucks 1959-60) to obtain sufficient stands over the required age range of 1 to 20 years. The net result was a wide variation in stand density and growth performance both within and between plantations (Table 1).

A total of 18 red pine plantations was sampled over the age range; four in the 1 to 5, five in the 6 to 10, six in the 11 to 15, and three in the 16 to 20

Table 1. Basic statistics and locations of sampled stands

| Stand<br>No•* | Density<br>stems/ha | Hei<br>Mean | ght (m)<br>Range | Diamo<br>Mean | eter (cm)<br>Range | Location            |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|               |                     |             |                  |               |                    |                     |
| P-1-62        | 2725                | 7.7         | 3.7-9.3          | 11.3          | 3.3-16.4           | Barnaby River basin |
| P-3-66        | 2450                | 4.5         | 1.7-5.8          | 6.7           | 1.2-10.5           | Barnaby River basin |
| P-10-78       | 2425                | 0.4         | 0.1-0.6          | -             | -                  | Pocologan           |
| P-19-78       | 2225                | 0.5         | 0.3-0.8          |               | -                  | So. Oromocto Lake   |
| P-18-78       | 2025                | 0.3         | 0.1-0.6          | -             | -                  | McDouga11           |
| P-1-63        | 2000                | 7.3         | 2.4-9.0          | 10.5          | 3.7-14.9           | Barnaby River       |
| P-3-68        | 1950                | 5.0         | 2.2-5.9          | 9.1           | 3.0-13.1           | Pisiquit Brook      |
| P-4-74        | 1800                | 1.8         | 0.8-3.0          | 1.8           | 0.0-4.0            | Big Hole Brook      |
| P-1-74        | 1775                | 1.0         | 0.3-2.0          | 0.2           | 0.0-2.5            | Beaver Brook East   |
| NS-62         | 1675                | 5.4         | 2.3-7.6          | 10.5          | 2.0-16.3           | Debert, NS          |
| P-10-69       | 1575                | 3.1         | 1.7-4.9          | 4.7           | 2.1-8.1            | Brockway            |
| P-1-67        | 1417                | 5.0         | 2.5-6.0          | 10.0          | 2.5-14.3           | Escuminac           |
| P-8-67        | 1283                | 2.7         | 0.8-4.0          | 3.4           | 0.0-8.2            | Rogersville         |
| P-8-74        | 1175                | 1.0         | 0.4-1.9          | 0.4           | 0.0-2.2            | Pisiquit River      |
| P-1-63        | 998                 | 7.3         | 2.4-9.0          | 10.5          | 3.7-14.9           | Barnaby River basin |
| P-20-78       | 975                 | 0.5         | 0.2-0.8          | -             | -                  | W. Long Lake        |
| TP-1-71       | 650                 | 0.8         | 0.5-1.3          | 0.1           | 0.0-1.5            | Bartibog            |
| P-4-72        | 531                 | 1.5         | 0.7-2.4          | 1.3           | 0.0-3.5            | Six Mile Brook      |
| P-2-63        | 425                 | 4.1         | 1.7-5.4          | 7.2           | 2.0-13.0           | Allardville basin   |
| TP-1-71       | 3/50                | 1.0         | 0.7-1.5          | 0.3           | 0.0-2.1            | Bartibog            |
| P-2-63        | 35                  | 4.3         | 1.6-6.3          | 8.1           | 3.2-14.0           | Allardville basin   |

<sup>\*</sup>Last two number represent the year of planting.

year age class. One stand in each of the three latter age classes was sampled in two different locations because of obvious differences in stand development.

One or more 0.04-hectare plots were established in each stand to sample 80 or more trees. For each tree the following descriptors were recorded: diameter at breast height (dbh), crown width

(cw), crown length (c1), and total height (h). Diameter measurements were taken to the nearest 0.01 cm with hand calipers or diameter tape at 1.3 m above the ground. Crown width was obtained by projection (average of two perpendicular measurements) to the nearest 0.01 m, and crown length by subtracting the height of the base of the crown from total height.

Five trees were selected from across the diameter range in each plot, felled at ground level, and the following measurements were taken: total height to the nearest 0.01 m, diameter at breast height to the nearest 0.01 cm, and crown width and crown length to the nearest 0.01 m. At the field station trees were divided into four components (stem wood, stem bark, branches, and needles), bagged, tagged, and returned to the laboratory for kiln drying.

Before drying, the stem was sectioned at 0, 0.2, 0.5, 0.9, 1.3 m and at every metre above this point to count the rings and determine height-age relationships. The dbh (1.3 m) disc was retained for further analysis of diameter growth.

Samples were placed in paper bags and dried in a kiln to equilibrium moisture content based on previously developed weight-loss curves. Branchwood, bark, and needles were dried at 95°C for 40 h and stemwood at 105°C for 60 h. Biomass was weighed on a 15 kg capacity electronic balance to the nearest 0.1 g.

## DATA ANALYSIS

It has long been known that there is a linear relationship between volume and basal area for several conifer species (Hummel 1955), and since biomass directly related to volume through density, and basal area is a function of the square of the diameter, there should linear relationship between a biomass and the square of the diameter. A few investigators have developed linear prediction equations based on Smith this relationship (Smith 1972; Zavitkovski and Stevens Krumlik and Kimmins 1973; Krumlik 1974; Kurucz 1969; Hakkila 1971) demonstrating its efficacy.

However, the vast majority of biomass prediction equations developed over the past two decades have involved logarithmic transformations of both simple and multiple regression equations (e.g.,

Stanek and State 1978), to linearize the allometric relation between an independent variable (usually diameter) and the biomass.

While these logarithmic transformations allow the use of standard leastsquares regression techniques, avoid the more complex solutions associated with curvilinear relationships, and can homogenize the variance over the sample data, they have a number of disadvantages that tend to outweigh the advantages. These disadvantages include biased estimated, non-additivity due to variation in the exponent of different biomass components, assumptions of a multiplicative error term, difficulties in evaluating or comparing measures of goodness of fit such as the coefficient of determination and the standard error of estimate with those from untransformed models, and miscalculation of the correction factor (Alemdag 1981; Baskerville 1972; Draper and Smith 1966; Kozak 1970; Munro 1974; Payendeh 1981; Sprugel 1983; Whittaker and Marks 1975).

Given these problems, the essentially linear relationship between basal area and biomass, and the recommendation of Evert and Alemdag (1979) that equations be based on the squares and cross products of independent variables such as diameter and height, scatter diagrams were plotted of total biomass over several simple, squared, and combination independent variables. The variables were dbh, h, cw, and cl.

As expected, those on a single variable were curvilinear (Fig. 1), diameter breast height outside bark (dbhob), h, and cl being exponentional, and cw being of the power form to express the relatively early and sudden reduction in crown width measurement. The squared and combined variables (dbh², h² dbh.h, dbh².h, cw², cw².cl, cw.cl) yielded linear relationships (Figs. 2 and 3). It was therefore decided to use the general model:

$$Y = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3$$



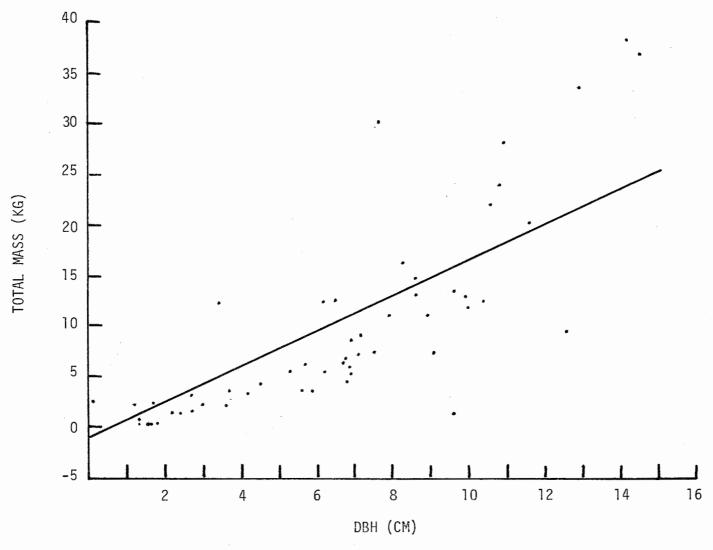


FIG. 1. Total above ground biomass of 1 to 20 year old plantation-grown red pine over the diameter at breast height.

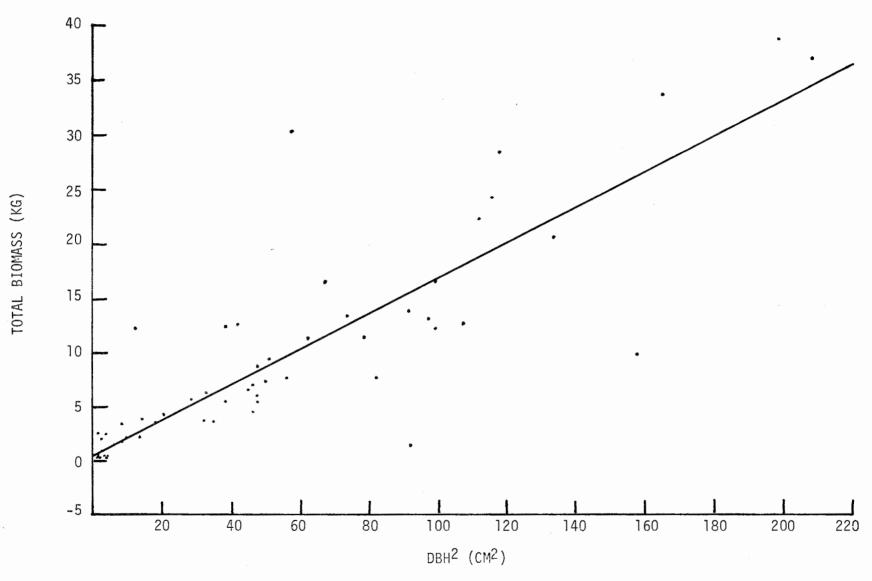


FIG. 2. Total above-ground biomass of 1 to 20 year old plantation-grown red pine over the diameter at breast height squared.



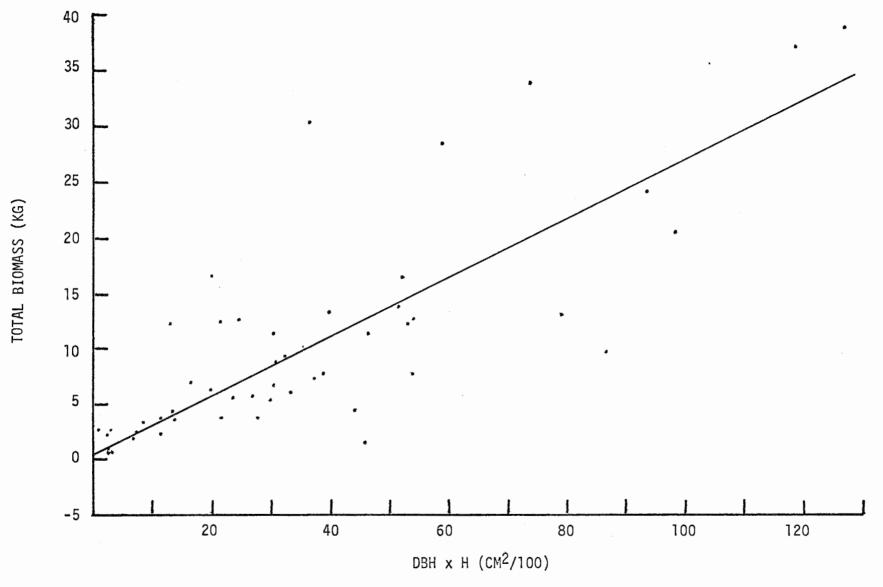


FIG. 3. Total above-ground biomass of 1 to 20 year old plantation-grown over diameter at breast height times total height.

where Y is the ovendry weight of one of the five biomass components and  $x_1$  represents the independent variables or estimators in either squared or combination form. To decide on the estimators, the data were subjected to stepwise multiple regression until 95% of the variation had been accounted for.

Regression equations were developed separately for the age classes 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, and 16-20 years to determine the effect of age on dimensional relations. However, only the latter two classes, which had common independent variables or estimators, were subjected to covariance analysis.

# RESULTS

The best estimator varied according to age class and biomass component, (Tables 2-6), but where dbh was always present (age classes 11-15, 16-20), dbh² was the best overall estimator. This agrees with other studies (e.g., Crow 1978; Green and Grigal 1978; Payendeh 1981) that biomass is primarily a function of dbh.

In the 1 to 5 year age class, all trees were below 1.3 m, and the best two estimators were cw2 and cw2.cl. In the 6 to 10 year age class, many trees were also below 1.3 m, and the best overall estimators were cl and h2. In the 11 to 15 year age class, dbh² was the best estimator followed by dbh2.h, while in the 16 to 20 age class, the position of two estimators was reversed (Tables 2-5). The analysis of covariance between the two oldest age classes, using dbh2 h as the estimator, yielded mixed results among the various biomass components. There was no significant difference at the 0.05 probability level between the intercepts for all biomass component equations, and the slopes for the stem and bark equations. The slopes were significantly different for foliage, branch, and full tree equations. Therefore, the equations should not be combined for all components. However,

given the improved <u>r</u><sup>2</sup>s, and the desirability of a full set of equations, the data were combined (Tables 6 and 7). Table 7 presents the regression information for age classes 11-15, 16-20, and 1-20 using dbh<sup>2</sup>.h as the estimator. This is for three reasons: (1) to provide a common estimator for all components so as to realize the objective of additivity, (2) because regional inventories need two-way or standard equations giving mass by dbh and h, and (3) for forecasting growth, since growth in height is a vital part of overall growth (Alemdag 1981).

Table 8 shows the mean and range of biomass values for each component for the trees sampled, and the percent contribution of each biomass component to the full tree biomass. The values are derived from the combined age class equations based on dbh².h. The crowns composed half the biomass of the mean and maximum diameter trees and 70% of the biomass of the smallest trees.

The best estimators for each age class were applied to the stand table to develop a biomass stock table (Table 9), in which the actual biomass values in kilograms per hectare are shown for the stands sampled. Considerable variation was found with values ranging from 22 to 72 kg/ha for age class 1-5, 121 to 1 826 kg/ha for age class 6-10, 434 to 29 469 kg/ha for age class 11-15, and 19 710 to 61 786 kg/ha for age class 16-20.

# DISCUSSION

In most cases, the data were derived from untended plantations where survival was often low, and growth poor due to one or more of the factors listed by Hughes (1978), such as competition from other vegetation, snow damage, species planted 'off-site', root-collar weevil (Hylobius radicis Buch.), and particularly root deformation resulting from faulty planting. This latter problem results in low vigor, and appears to increase the potential for snow damage,

Table 2. Prediction equations for ovendry biomass in grams for age class 1-5 using the two best estimators

$$Y = b_0 + b_1 x$$
; Age class 1-5 (n = 20)

| Biomass<br>component<br>(X) | Estimator<br>(X)        | Coefficient<br>of determination<br>r <sup>2</sup> | Standard<br>error %<br>100(Sy.x/y) | <pre>Intercept    (b<sub>0</sub>)</pre> | Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> ) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Stem wood                   | (1) cw <sup>2</sup> •c1 | 0.6422  | 48.1                               | 0.363                                   | 303.381                                  |
|                             | (2) cw <sup>2</sup>     | 0.6171  | 49.1                               | -0.972                                  | 124.329                                  |
| Stem bark                   | (1) cw <sup>2</sup> ·c1 | 0.6469  | 46.4                               | 0.083                                   | 52.037                                   |
|                             | (2) cw <sup>2</sup>     | 0.6224  | 48.0                               | -0.146                                  | 21.342                                   |
| Branches                    | (1) cw.cl               | 0.6330  | 49.0                               | -0.224                                  | 181.581                                  |
|                             | (2) cw <sup>2</sup>     | 0.6088  | 50.6                               | -0.577                                  | 74.461                                   |
| Foliage                     | (1) cw <sup>2</sup>     | 0.6482  | 50.2                               | -3.196                                  | 302.014                                  |
| J                           | (2) $cw \cdot c1^2$     | 0.6250  | 51.8                               | 0.450                                   | 709.281                                  |
| Full tree                   | (1) cw <sup>2</sup>     | 0.6485  | 48.5                               | -4.890                                  | 522.143                                  |
|                             | (2) $cw^2 \cdot c1$     | 0.6459  | 48.7                               | 1.120                                   | 1246.231                                 |

Table 3. Prediction equations for ovendry biomass in grams for age class 6--10 using the two best estimators

$$Y = b_0 + b_1 x$$
; Age class 6-10 (n = 25)

| Biomass<br>component<br>(X) | Estimator o        | Coefficient<br>of determination<br>r <sup>2</sup> | Standard<br>error %<br>100(Sy.x/y) | <pre>Intercept    (b<sub>0</sub>)</pre> | Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> ) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Stem wood                   | (1) c1             | 0.2916  | 106.17                             | -167.927                                | 316.185                                  |
|                             | $(2)$ $h^2$        | 0.2716  | 107.65                             | -187.059                                | 294.916                                  |
| Stem bark                   | $(1)$ $h^2$        | 0.5054  | 64.93                              | -0.270                                  | 33.988                                   |
|                             | (2) c1             | 0.4918  | 65.80                              | -48.168                                 | 96.401                                   |
| Branches                    | $(1)$ $(dbh)^2$    | 0.4692  | 87.82                              | 70.756                                  | 58.895                                   |
|                             | $(2) (dbh)^{2}(h)$ | 0.4454  | 89.77                              | 83.891                                  | 28.069                                   |
| Foliage                     | (1) h2             | 0.2786  | 88.33                              | 52.940                                  | 153.507                                  |
| J                           | (2) c1             | 0.2721  | 88.73                              | -164.191                                | 436.097                                  |
| Full tree                   | (1) c1             | 0.3851  | 81.37                              | -572.249                                | 1153.173                                 |
|                             | $(2)$ $h^2$        | 0.3736  | 82.13                              | 21.604                                  | 395.055                                  |

Table 4. Prediction equations for ovendry biomass in grams for age class 11--15 using the two best estimators

| Y | = ' | b, | + | b, x; | Age | class | 11-15 | (n | = | 29) | ) |
|---|-----|----|---|-------|-----|-------|-------|----|---|-----|---|
|---|-----|----|---|-------|-----|-------|-------|----|---|-----|---|

| Biomass<br>component<br>(X) | Estimator (X)            | Coefficient of determination r <sup>2</sup> | Standard<br>error %<br>100(Sy.x/y) | Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> ) | Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> ) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Stem wood                   | (1) (dbh)²h              | 0.7510                                      | 44.94                              | 540.693                     | 11.052                                   |
|                             | $(2)$ $(dbh)^2$          | 0.7481                                      | 45.21                              | -187.478                    | 63.477                                   |
| Stem bark                   | (1) (dbh) <sup>2</sup>   | 0.7262                                      | 36.14                              | 141.077                     | 10.570                                   |
|                             | (2) dbh                  | 0.7049                                      | 37.53                              | -289.481                    | 146.476                                  |
| Branches                    | $(1)$ $(dbh)^2$          | 0.5974                                      | 62.85                              | -103.515                    | 50.089                                   |
|                             | $(2)$ $(dbh)^2 h$        | 0.5835                                      | 63.93                              | 499.808                     | 8.602                                    |
| Foliage                     | $(1)$ $(dbh)^2$          | 0.5961                                      | 49.26                              | 556.644                     | 45.390                                   |
| S                           | $(2)$ $(dbh)^2 h$        | 0.5373                                      | 52.73                              | 1177.259                    | 7.488                                    |
| Full tree                   | $(1) (dbh)^2$            | 0.6864                                      | 47.5                               | 410.603                     | 166.548                                  |
|                             | (2) (dbh) <sup>2</sup> h | 0.6680                                      | 48.9                               | 2428.997                    | 28.550                                   |

Table 5. Prediction equations for ovendry biomass in grams for age class 16-20 using the two best estimators

 $Y = b_0 + b_1 x$ ; Age class 16-20 (n = 15)

| Biomass<br>component<br>(X) | Estimator (X)          | Coefficient<br>of determination<br>r <sup>2</sup> | Standard<br>error %<br>100(Sy.x/y) | Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> ) | Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> ) |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Stem wood                   | (1) (dbh)²h            | 0.6400  | 47.47                              | 1937.083                    | 8.493                                    |
|                             | (2) (dbh)h             | 0.5532  | 52.88                              | -203.393                    | 124.798                                  |
| Stem bark                   | $(1) (dbh)^2 h$        | 0.7693  | 31.82                              | 417.080                     | 1.351                                    |
|                             | (2) (dbh)h             | 0.7331  | 34.22                              | 14.080                      | 20.846                                   |
| Branches                    | (1) (dbh) <sup>2</sup> | 0.4658  | 53.29                              | 972.492                     | 31.500                                   |
|                             | $(2)$ $(dbh)^2h$       | 0.4529  | 54.21                              | 1628.598                    | 3.368                                    |
| Foliage                     | $(1)$ $(dbh)^2$        | 0.4489  | 48.94                              | 1190.496                    | 24.753                                   |
|                             | (2) dbh                | 0.4335  | 49.62                              | -618.744                    | 450.702                                  |
| Full tree                   | $(1)$ $(dbh)^2h$       | 0.5633  | 47.12                              | 6080.582                    | 15.480                                   |
|                             | (2) (dbh) <sup>2</sup> | 0.5282  | 48.98                              | 3746.969                    | 137.443                                  |

Table 6. Prediction equations for ovendry biomass in grams for age class 1-20 using the two best estimators

| Biomass<br>component<br>(X) | Estimator<br>(X)                     | Coefficient<br>of determination<br>r <sup>2</sup> | Standard<br>error %<br>100(Sy.x/y) | Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> ) | Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> ) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Stem wood                   | (1) (dbh) <sup>2</sup> h             | 0.8163  | 71.31                              | 424.958                     | 10.188                                   |
|                             | (2) (dbh)h                           | 0.7868  | 76.80                              | -106.081                    | 122.146                                  |
| Stem bark                   | (1) (dbh)h                           | 0.8606  | 52.21                              | 38,371                      | 21.179                                   |
|                             | $(2) (dbh)^2$                        | 0.8512  | 53.97                              | 51.440                      | 12.533                                   |
| Branches                    | $(1) (dbh)^2$                        | 0.7210  | 81.49                              | 147.671                     | 41.597                                   |
|                             | (2) dbh                              | 0.6693  | 88.62                              | -273.865                    | 456.888                                  |
| Foliage                     | (1) dbh                              | 0.7123  | 70.78                              | -64.696                     | 433.003                                  |
| _                           | $(2) (dbh)^2$                        | 0.6997  | 72.33                              | 393.687                     | 37.664                                   |
| Full tree                   | (1) (dbh) <sup>2</sup><br>(2) (dbh)h | 0.7912<br>0.7439                                  | 67 <b>.</b> 45<br>74 <b>.</b> 70   | 564.353<br>595.668          | 163.139<br>265.815                       |

 $Y = b_0 + b_1 x$ ; Age class 1-20 (n = 89)

root-collar weevil infestation, and even Armillaria root rot (Armillaria mellea (Vahl) Quel.) infection.

Not only do the above problems result in mortality, but surviving seedlings are often deformed and small, and therefore may be dimensionally "abnormal" or different from that expected from tended plantations. Furthermore, spacing also affects dimension relationships (Stiell and Berry 1977), and given the differences in mortality, and thus spacing, both within and between plantations, great variations can be expected in the dimensional relations of randomly sampled trees. Thus coefficients of determination were generally lower and standard error of estimates were higher than is often encountered in the literature (e.g., Alemdag 1981; Ker 1980).

The highest yielding plantation carried about 62 tonnes per hectare (Table 9) of total biomass which equates to only 30 tonnes of stem wood. According to Plonski (1974) and Berry (1977), a 20-year-old plantation on a site index of 21 m (at age 50) and spaced at 2.0 -

2.5 m, should yield about 115 m³ of stem wood which, at 480 kg/m³, is 55 tonnes or well in excess of that found. On two sites in Michigan, both of site index of 24 m (at age 50) red pine stands yielded in excess of 100 tonnes per hectare of bole biomass at 25 years (Frederick and Coffman 1978; Hannah 1969). This is further evidence that the stands measured in this study were undermanaged and yielding well below potential.

As an indication of the variation possible from prediction equations developed in different studies, developed here were compared to those of Ker (1980). A sample of trees was taken from a height-diameter relation presented by Stiell and Berry (1977) for 20year old red pine planted at 2.4 m. A comparison of sample means for paired observations demonstrated a highly significant difference (0.001) for foliage, stem wood, and full tree biomass and a significant difference (0.02) for branch biomass. Ker's equations gave consistently higher values for stem wood and full tree ( $\overline{d}$  = +9.5 and +3.8 kg, respectively) and lower values for branches

Table 7. Common prediction equations for age classes 11-15, 16-20 and 1-20 based on the model  $W=b_0+b_1$  dbh² h where W is ovendry biomass in grams

| grams  |                   |              |            |          |              |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--------------|------------|----------|--------------|--|--|--|
|  | Age               | class 11-1   | 5 (n = 29) |          |              |  |  |  |
|  | Biomass component |              |            |          |              |  |  |  |
| Regression statistics                          | Stem<br>wood      | Stem<br>bark | Branches   | Foliage  | Full<br>tree |  |  |  |
| Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> )                    | 540.693           | 286.364      | 499.808    | 1177.259 | 2428.997     |  |  |  |
| Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> )       | 11.052            | 1.740        | 8.602      | 7.488    | 28.550       |  |  |  |
| Coefficient of determination r <sup>2</sup>    | 0.7510            | 0.6521       | 0.5835     | 0.5373   | 0.6680       |  |  |  |
| Standard error of estimate (SEE%)              | 44.9              | 40.8         | 63.9       | 52.7     | 48.9         |  |  |  |
|  | Age               | class 16-20  | (n = 15)   |          |              |  |  |  |
| Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> )                    | 1937.083          | 417.080      | 1628.598   | 1791.014 | 6080.582     |  |  |  |
| Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> )       | 8.493             | 1.351        | 3.368      | 2.520    | 15.480       |  |  |  |
| Coefficient of determination r <sup>2</sup>    | 0.6400            | 0.7693       | 0.4529     | 0.3913   | 0.5633       |  |  |  |
| Standard error of estimate (SEE%)              | 47.5              | 31.8         | 54.2       | 51.4     | 47.1         |  |  |  |
|  | Age               | class 1-20   | (n = 89)   |          |              |  |  |  |
| Intercept (b <sub>0</sub> )                    | 424.958           | 142.672      | 521.411    | 784.761  | 1857.606     |  |  |  |
| Regression coefficient (b <sub>1</sub> )       | 10.188            | 1.703        | 5.284      | 4.511    | 21.619       |  |  |  |
| Coefficient of<br>determination r <sup>2</sup> | 0.8163            | 0.8299       | 0.6143     | 0.5301   | 0.7338       |  |  |  |
| Standard error of estimate (SEE%)              | 71.3              | 57.7         | 95.8       | 90.5     | 76.2         |  |  |  |

Table 8. Ovendry weights and percent contributions of biomass components for the minimum, maximum and mean dbh trees measured. Values based on the prediction equation for all age classes:  $W = b_0 + b_1 \, dbh^2 \cdot h$ 

|           |      |              | Ovendry | weight |         |     |  |
|-----------|------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|-----|--|
| Component | Min  | Minimum Mean |         |        | Maximum |     |  |
|           | kg   | %            | kg      | %      | kg      | %   |  |
| Stem wood | 0.43 | 23           | 3.31    | 41     | 23.85   | 46  |  |
| Stem bark | 0.14 | 7            | 0.62    | 8      | 4.06    | 8   |  |
| Branches  | 0.52 | 28           | 2.02    | 25     | 12.67   | 24  |  |
| Foliage   | 0.78 | 42           | 2.06    | 26     | 11.16   | 22  |  |
| Full tree | 1.86 | 100          | 7.97    | 100    | 51.56   | 100 |  |

dbh: Maximum 16.35 cm; Minimum 0.4 cm; Mean 7.63 cm.

h: Maximum 8.60 m; Minimum 1.5 m; Mean 4.86 m.

and foliage ( $\bar{d}$ = -1.1 and -3.0 kg, respectively). These differences are probably a consequence of the range of tree sizes used in developing the equations. In this study, the diameters ranged from 0.40 to 16.35 cm with the ratio of stem to crown being 50:50, while those from Ker's study ranged from 2.3 to 34.3 cm with the ratio of stem to crown begin 75:25.

Biomass prediction equations, therefore, should not be derived from or applied to a range of tree sizes in which component proportions change radically.

Finally, it must be emphasized that the prediction equations developed here are derived from young (1-20 years), untended plantations, some with high mortality and varied spacing, and thus may not be applicable to intensively managed plantations. However, they do reflect the current reality.

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Table 9. Biomass stock table in kilograms per hectare for stands sampled, based on stand table and best estimator for each age class

| Age<br>Class | Stand | Plot |     |      |      | Diame | eter Cla | ass (cm) |       |       |      |       |
|--------------|-------|------|-----|------|------|-------|----------|----------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| (years)      | No.   | No.  | 0   | 2    | 4    | 6     | 8        | 10       | 12    | 14    | 16   | Total |
| 1-5          | 2078  | 1    | 36  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 37    |
|              | 1978  | 1    | 71  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 72    |
|              | 1878  | 1    | 21  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 22    |
|              | 1078  | 1    | 29  | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 30    |
| 6-10         | P472  | 1    | 101 | 404  | 23   | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 530   |
|              | P474  | 1    | 60  | 1397 | 368  | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 1826  |
|              | P174  | 1    | 389 | 247  | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 637   |
|              | T171  | 2    | 121 | 15   | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 137   |
|              | T171  | 1    | 60  | 59   | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 121   |
|              | P874  | 1    | 218 | 256  | 0    | 0     | 0        | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 475   |
| 11-15        | P366  | 1    | 0   | 169  | 1525 | 5975  | 8657     | 4370     | 0     | 0     | 0    | 20698 |
|              | P867  | 1    | 13  | 708  | 1318 | 1431  | 191      | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 3664  |
|              | P167  | 1    | 0   | 24   | 55   | 1179  | 2272     | 7021     | 10663 | 4681  | 0    | 25898 |
|              | P263  | 1    | . 0 | 0    | 19   | 46    | 147      | 79       | 38    | 103   | 0    | 434   |
|              | P263  | 2    | 0   | 59   | 138  | 464   | 1985     | 478      | 1323  | 0     | 0    | 4450  |
|              | P368  | 1    | 0   | 47   | 459  | 1297  | 5215     | 13450    | 8273  | 724   | 0    | 29469 |
|              | 1069  | 1    | 0   | 512  | 2028 | 3921  | 515      | 0        | 0     | 0     | 0    | 6979  |
| 16-20        | P163  | 2    | 0   | 309  | 734  | 1213  | 4193     | 8179     | 16241 | 6989  | 1885 | 39748 |
| 20 20        | P163  | 1    | 0   | 0    | 274  | 710   | 2420     | 3806     | 6197  | 6301  | 0    | 19710 |
|              | P162  | 1    | Ö   | 0    | 574  | 1865  | 3039     | 10345    | 22505 | 17428 | 6027 | 61786 |
|              | NS    | 1    | 0   | 0    | 574  | 1865  | 3039     | 10345    | 22505 | 17428 | 6027 | 28336 |

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