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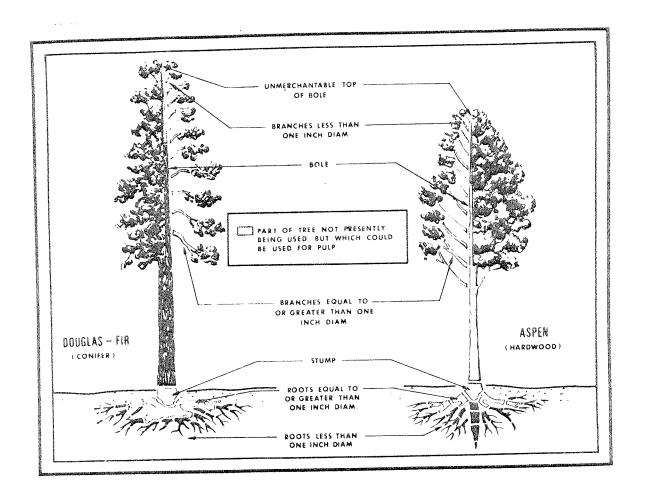
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resumé

The present report is an analytical review of the literature dealing with the biomass and pulping characteristics of unmerchantable tops of boles. Literature values for biomass have been brought together on a comparable basis wherever possible. It is recommended that tree-component biomass be reported on what has been designated as "standard basis"; that is, the component as a percentage by weight of full tree boles on a barkfree and oven-dry basis for each component.

Because biomass data are often incomplete or unavailable, the present review should be considered as a preliminary one intending to serve only as a general guide in planning or feasibility studies and in future research studies.

The additional amount of wood, as a percentage of full boles, which might be recovered by the utilization of unmerchantable tops of boles is a function of many factors, including: wood species; dbh; tree height at a given dbh; top diameter of the merchantable bole and stump height.

For an average dbh of 8 inches and a top diameter of 4 inches, the percentage tops on a standard basis will lie between 6 and 10% for most Canadian pulpwood species of Pinus, Picea, Abies, Tsuga, Acer, Betula, and Populus. For an average dbh of 12 inches and a top diameter of 6 inches, the percentage tops on a standard basis will lie between 10 and 15% for the same genera. Insufficient data are available on the percentage bark, percentage moisture and specific gravity of both bole and unmerchantable top to make it possible to convert percentage tops on one basis to another basis. For most, if not all, Canadian wood species, insufficient data are available on top biomass to permit detailed engineering studies on their handling and use, and detailed field measurements would be required.

Data on the quality and yield of pulp from unmerchantable tops of boles are sparse and inconclusive or contradictory. In general, kraft pulps from the tops of coniferous species, compared with kraft pulps from the bole, would be 1 to 3% lower in yield (wood basis), 10 to 20% lower in tear, equal to or slightly lower in breaking length and burst factor, with somewhat faster beating time. For example, using the above figures, the yield and tear strength of kraft pulps from bole plus unmerchantable top, as a percentage of bole, would vary between 99.2 to 99.9% and 97.3 to 99.1%, respectively. The same general trends would be true of sulfite pulps, but the differences would be expected to be greater. In the case of pulp from deciduous trees, the differences would be somewhat less; the pulp yield, for example, might be slightly higher than from boles, provided the trees were more than say 10 years of age.

In immediate and practical terms, the analysis indicates that the utilization of what is now termed the "unmerchantable tops of boles" as a source of raw material for pulp manufacture should not be considered in terms of pulp yield, pulp quality, or mill operations, since the effect on these will be negligible, but in terms of economics — will the use of tops give more wood at lower cost?

COMPLETE-TREE UTILIZATION - An Analysis of the Literature

Part I: Unmerchantable Top of Bole

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BACKGROUND

The present report is part of a general review of the potential use of tree components other than boles — the unmerchantable tops, branches, roots, stumps, foliage and bark, for conversion primarily to fiber. The principal interest in complete-tree utilization is to obtain more usable fiber per unit area of forest land at a cost competitive with alternative sources of fiber (a).

The critical questions which relate to the possible use of various tree components for fiber production, for a given wood species growing in a given area of interest, are:

- 1. How much of each component is available?
- 2. What quality of pulp or other product does each component produce by whatever process is of particular interest in the area concerned?
- 3. How would each of the various components be extracted, transported and processed?
- 4. What is the effect of complete-tree utilization on the forest, on silvicultural practice, on forest regeneration, on the total ecology?

Only the first two questions above are considered in detail in the present general review. Most of the technical literature references analyzed

As commented by Ovington (201), the use of more of each tree "....more than any other single step, would raise the level of production substantially".

relate to component biomass; (b) a few papers relate to the quality of products obtained from various tree components, or to chemical composition and fiber morphology, which may have a direct or indirect bearing on the quality of products which can be obtained. Only limited data are available on the processing of tree components, and technical literature concerning the short- or long-range effect of complete-tree utilization on silviculture and total environment are almost non-existent.

The whole question of complete-tree utilization today stands in much the same position as the automotive industry stood 50 years ago: the potential is high (c), the ramifications are many and complex, and a large number of unknown variables will affect future development. Complete-tree utilization will involve a highly complex network of variables relating to forest management, rotation cycle, soil erosion, decreasing incidence of

A large number of studies have been made on total forest biomass (Russian phytomass) and nutrient balance. Only a few of these have been included, since in most cases the data given do not include component biomass. Much of this material has been reviewed by L. Rodin and N.I. Basilevich in Production and Mineral Cycling in Terrestial Vegetation, Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh, 1967, and by V. Sukachev and N. Dylis in Fundamentals of Forest Biogeocoenology, Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh and London, translated from Osnovy lesnoi biogeotsenologii, published in 1964 by "Nauka" Publishing Office, Moscow.

⁽c) By the year 2000 and beyond, the potential value of products derived from application of the complete-tree utilization concept, at a world consumption of paper and paperboard exceeding 400 million metric tons (141,223) per year, would be multiple billions of dollars. At least two sets of criteria can be used in estimating the potential:

on a basis of 50% of potential wood recovery by complete-tree utilization, recovery would be 700 million cubic meters of wood, worth say 20 dollars per cubic meter, or 14 billion dollars;

⁻ on a basis of the value of fiber products, and assuming 30% of 400 million metric tons of fiber recovered by complete-tree utilization, the pulp produced from this would be 120 million metric tons, worth 24 billion dollars at a selling price of 200 dollars per metric ton of pulp.

decay, method of tree harvesting, methods of reforestation and completetree transport, and the development of methods for barking, chipping and pulping of components. It is the primary purpose of the present study to review the technical literature relating to how much material is available from various tree components and, in general terms, the quality of pulp likely to be obtained from these components as a function of wood species for the various pulping processes.

NOMENCLATURE

General

It is important that a uniform and consistent nomenclature (28, 88, 89, 152, 224) be used in reporting biomass or component biomass studies, and that a standard nomenclature be adopted for reporting logging practice. Reference may be made, for example, to tree-length logging (that is, logging all of trees above the stumps) where full-bole logging is intended. In the present review the following nomenclature has, in general, been used:

Complete tree -- includes all component parts, as twigs, top, leaves, needles, cones, branches, roots, stump, bole and bark;

Tree length -- complete tree minus stump and roots, but including leaves or needles, branches, fruit or cones and top;

Full-tree bole -- the trunk or bole of a tree, from stump to tip, minus all leaves or needles, branches, fruit or cones and twigs;

Long-length logs -- boles from stumps to bottoms of unmerchantable tops of boles, or to some length appreciably greater than has been standard practice.

Tree Components

Any classification of tree components must be to a considerable extent arbit.

extent arbitrary (d), since they may be difficult or impossible to define. The unmerchantable top of a bole is that part of a tree defined by the top diameter to which a bole is cut for agiven wood species by local logging practices. Similarly, a merchantable bole may be defined as that part of a tree from a distance normally varying from 0 to 1 foot above ground level to a top diameter varying from 2 to 8 inches.

TREE COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION

In the complete-tree utilization studies of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry the following classification of tree components has been used (138).

Unmerchantable tops of boles: the bottom diameter of unmerchantable tops of boles is defined by local logging practice, and may vary from as many as 6 to 8 inches (in British Columbia) to 2 inches or less (in Finland). It is a relatively minor point, since the percentage involved would normally be quite small; but in pulping studies, the unmerchantable tops of boles less than 1 inch in diameter should be included with branches less than 1 inch in diameter, not only because this part of a tree would be expected to give a similar type of pulp, but also because tops less than 1 inch in diameter would have the same

One extreme difficulty in analyzing data on biomass or tree-component studies arises from the fact that the components cannot be rigidly defined, and from the fact that a common nomenclature and a common procedure for selecting and measuring the components are not used. For example, much of the Russian literature on the biomass of foliage available from various wood species presents data in terms of foliage plus all twigs or branches less than 0.6 mm in diameter. From a practical point of view, this is a realistic classification, since the amount of chemicals extractable or derivable from twigs up to 0.6 mm in diameter is sufficiently high to warrant processing (222, 258), but it does pose a problem in comparing these data with other data in which foliage is differently defined.

problems in barking, chipping and handling.

Branches 1 inch in diameter or greater: normally free of leaves or needles, shoots, fruit or cones, and leaf-bearing twigs. These branches can be considered as a potential source of raw material for pulp fiber.

Branches less than 1 inch in diameter: not suitable for pulping. (e)

Foliage: all needles, leaves, shoots, cones, flowers and twigs.

Bole: that part of a tree extending from its stump to the bottom of its unmerchantable top.

Stump: from the bottom of a tree's merchantable bole to those sections where the roots can be removed conveniently.

Roots less than 1 inch in diameter: cannot be used for pulping. (e)

Roots 1 inch in diameter or greater: can be considered as a source
of raw material for pulp fiber.

Bark.

TREE COMPONENT BIOMASS

The technical literature dealing directly with complete-tree utilization as a total concept is limited, and much of it relates to the work of Professor Harold E. Young (287 to 309) of the University of Maine, who has been a pioneer in this field. Other literature relating to complete-tree utilization has been based on the need to increase resources of fiber raw material in areas which are short of fiber (Poland, France, Spain), or in areas where a shortage of fiber is anticipated in the near future (Finland and part of the United States), or as a part of a massive, long-range program

⁽e) This should be considered as a tentative assumption. In a recent communication, Harold E. Young notes that he has recently pulped alder, grey birch, aspen and pin cherry ranging in age from 6 to 20 years, and has found that the yield of pulp from the unbarked branches, bole and roots has averaged 41%. Professor Young points out that the long bast fibers in young bark may be an asset in pulping this material.

to develop fully integrated forest-products industrial complexes (the U.S.S.R.). The technical literature dealing indirectly with various aspects of complete-tree utilization, that is, relating to tree components, their biomass and growth characteristics, or to wood or fiber characteristics which might have a bearing on complete-tree utilization, is vast (f) and could not be encompassed readily within a single review. Thus, the present study is a compromise between the two extremes — the limited amount of literature dealing directly with complete-tree utilization, and the vast amount relating to the relative amounts of tree components, to their properties, composition, functions and use.

Since most of the studies under review have been carried out for a variety of purposes ^(g) and in many countries, there is no consistency in the type of data obtained or in the methods of reporting. The amount of wood components available for the various wood species studied has been reviewed in terms of:

Unmerchantable tops of boles; Foliage; Branches; Crown and Slash; Stumps and Roots.

A number of studies have been carried out on the extraction of rosin or naval stores from stumps, on the chemical composition of extractives from thousands of trees and plant species, and on the chemical composition and possible uses for bark or other material derived from trees. This literature has not been, in general, included in the present review except insofar as it appeared to have a direct bearing on some aspect of the complete-tree utilization concept.

⁽g) Data have been obtained on tree or tree-component biomass in studies on complete-tree utilization, tree mechanics, nutrient uptake, logging mechanization, weight scaling, fire hazard, pulping, botany, ecology, and wood anatomy (238).

Wherever the term "standard basis" is used throughout the present text, it refers to a component (oven dry and bark free) as a percentage by weight of its full tree bole (oven dry and bark free). In a few cases, this has meant that some assumptions have had to be made, particularly with respect to bark on merchantable boles.

Literature data on the relative amounts of various tree components, with some exceptions, have been used as originally recorded; in some cases, interpolated data for specific values have been obtained from a plot of the original data in order to obtain values at comparable values of dbh. It would have been preferable to correct all data to the standard basis. However, moisture, percentage bark, and specific gravities are so highly variable within a component and between components, even for a given wood species, that only in the case of boles has it been considered reasonably safe to correct even for the percentage of bark.

The number of trees sampled is normally recorded when this information is available. The question of adequate sampling is not considered in the present review, but it is a serious and continuing problem. According to Madgewick (179), "Practically every biomass study is inadequate because of poor sampling" and "Results from inadequate sampling may be worse than no results at all."

It is basic to the development of the complete-tree utilization concept that, with but few exceptions, the bulk of complete trees or of components other than boles will be used for the manufacture of pulp, fiber-board, or composition board. For this reason, data obtained as part of biomass or tree component studies would be most logically recorded in those

tree component is to be considered for the production of pulp, then one of the most critically important questionsis, how much pulp would it give in comparison to present operations, where only merchantable boles are used? For this reason, the keenest interest is likely to center on data for various tree components as a percentage of merchantable boles on an oven-dry, bark-free basis. In practical terms, this means that for a given mill which produces, say, 100,000 tons per year of kraft pulp, the values so derived would show directly how much additional fiber would be available from a given component. For example, if the oven-dry, bark-free unmerchantable tops of boles represents 5% of the weight of oven-dry, bark-free merchantable boles, then the use of unmerchantable tops would result in an increase in production of 5,000 tons per year at the same pulp yield from tops as from boles.

Although this may be the most practical basis to use at present, it is not considered to be the most satisfactory on a long-term basis.

One reason for finally selecting full-length boles (h) as the basic unit lies in the fact that full boles are a fundamental characteristic of trees, whereas merchantable boles depend upon arbitrary and variable definition, depending as it does upon a particular choice of top diameter for merchantable boles. A second and equally important reason for choosing full boles as a basis arises from the high probability of increased full-bole, tree-length, and complete-tree logging; to the extent that this becomes established

⁽h) Standard basis values are readily converted to components as percentage by weight of the merchantable boles by prorating the standard basis value for the percentage unmerchantable tops.

practice, the present concept of merchantable bole will lose its meaning (i).

Ideally, complete information on the weight of tree components, regardless of the method of presenting the data, would include:

- All major tree characteristics, such as age, total height, crown height, site index, exposure, dominance, taper, etc.;
- A precise definition of each component; the bole, for example, would be defined on a basis of a stump 1 foot above ground level and a 3-inch top, inside bark;
- Something of a detailed description of growth conditions, climate, days of sunshine, rainfall, water table, soil types, etc.;
- Site and stand classification; density,
- Date on which sample was taken.

Because complete data are seldom available and because inclusion of all such data, if available, would make the present analysis too cumbersome, in most cases they are not given, except insofar as they have a direct bearing on component biomass or pulp quality. For this reason, the present review should be considered as a preliminary one intending to serve only as a general guide in planning or feasibility studies and in future research studies.

UNMERCHANTABLE TOP

BIOMASS

Introduction

Of all tree components other than the merchantable bole, that part of a tree which is most likely to be utilized first is the unmerchantable top of the bole. There are a number of reasons for this:

⁽i) Approximately one third of the logging in the Soviet Union, amounting to a total of approximately 400 million cubic meters per year, is presently full bole and this will double in the near future (139).

- Unmerchantable tops of boles could be brought to the mill in fullbele, full-tree, or complete-tree logging;
- Pulp produced from tops would be, in most cases, sufficiently close in yield and quality to comparable pulp from merchantable boles that it would have negligible effect on the yield and quality of mill-runnpulp;
- The top of a tree, perhaps down to a 1-inch top diameter, could be processed in conventional mill equipment, such as barkers and chippers, and would not involve major changes in mill processing;
- In addition to supplying an increase of perhaps 3 to 8% of fiber to a mill, there could well be circumstances where overall costs of wood to a mill would be reduced by converting from conventional logging methods to full-bole logging, transport, and use.

The economics of transporting and processing the unmerchantable top would have to be analyzed for each species, region and local set of conditions.

Percentage Tops as a Function of DBH, Standard Basis

weight of full boles on a standard basis, i.e., both components oven dry and bark free. Where boles are cut to a fixed top diameter, the percentage of unmerchantable top decreases regularly with dbh, and becomes negligible for large-diameter trees. Conversely, as dbh decreases, the percentage of unmerchantable top below a given diameter increases rapidly, and measured values tend to be erratic for a dbh below, say, 6 inches for a 4-inch diameter top. The percentage unmerchantable top for a tree at 4 inches dbh cut to a 4-inch top would have little meaning.

The range of values for the wood species listed in Table 1 is large. At a dbh of 8 inches, for example, the percentage of unmerchantable top, leaving out the extremes, varies from 6 to 10% (standard basis).

Table 1
Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of Full
Bole and as a Function of DBH -- Standard Basis.

	Wood species	No. trees	Unme	erchantable	top as	% of fu	ll bole ¹	
Refer- ence	wood species	sampled		Diameter	breast	height (:	inches)	
			6	8	-10	12	14	
309	Abies balsamea	23	15	10	6	4	2	
305	Picea rubens	25	12	6	4.	3	3	
130	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	2 22	17	8	4	2	1	
309	Pinus strobus	27	13	8	5	3	2	
78	Thuja occidentalis	21-36 ³	21	17	12	8		
82	Thuja plicata	8	_	19	13	10	8	
309	Tsuga canadensis	28	13	9	6	3	1	
82	Tsuga heterophylla	8	15	11	6	3		
302	Acer rubrum	20	18	9	5	4	4	
309	Betula papyrifera	17	13	10	5	3	-	
309	Populus sp.	14	12	9	6	3		

Top = 4 inches diameter, unless otherwise stated.

Stump = 6 inches above ground, unless otherwise stated.

^{2.} Stump 12 inches above ground. Reducing the stump from 12 to 6 inches above ground would reduce the percentage of unmerchantable top (standard basis) by approximately .2%, i.e., from 10% to 9.8%.

^{3.} Consists of two groups, 21 trees in the first group and 36 trees in the second.

Calculated values for the geometric relationship between the percentage top by volume, the dbh, and top diameter of merchantable bole are given in Table 2.

TABLE 2
Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by
Volume of Full Bole -- Calculated Values.

1

Top diameter in inches	Un	merchan	table t o	op as a f Full	Volume Bole ²	Percent	.age
		Diam	eter br	east he	ight in	inches	
	4	6	8	10	12	16	20
			Tree	height	in fee	t	
	35	45	50	60	70	85	100
2	11	3.5	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1
3	36	9.0	5.0	2.4	1.4	0.5	0.4
4	•	25.0	11.0	6.0	3.3	1.2	1.0
5	_	50.0	21.0	11.0	7.0	2.3	1.9
6	,·=	***	37.0	19.0	12.0	4.0	3.0
7			60.0	30.0	18.0	6.0	5.0
8	unite	_	-	46.0	30.0	9.0	8.0

^{1.} This table can be compared with values calculated by T.G. Honer (314).

Calculated from the geometry of a symmetrical cone. Assumptions: Stump -- 1 foot above ground level; Breast height -- 4.5 feet above ground level; Top -- 4 inches at the base to 0 inches at the tip.

As would be expected, the calculated volume percentage of tops decreases quite rapidly with increasing dbh at constant top diameter, and with decreasing top diameter at constant dbh. The calculated values shown in Table 2 cannot be used to predict accurately the percentage of unmerchantable top, but the table does give a convenient method for estimating approximately the additional fiber which might be recovered by reducing the diameter of unmerchantable top. In the case of trees at 16 inches dbh, for example, 2% additional fiber (standard basis) would be recovered by reducing top diameter from 7 to 6 inches.

Percentage Tops as a Function of DBH, Oven-dry and Bark-on Basis

Table 3 gives values for the top as a percent of the bole on a dry basis, but including bark on both bole and top. The data shown in Table 3 could be converted to the standard basis by correcting for bark content. A different conversion factor for bark content would probably have to be used for each dbh, except for those wood species for which the bark content of the bole is known to be independent of dbh. Data for the percentage bark on the unmerchantable top are limited (Tables 4 to 7). The problem of meaningful correction for bark is further complicated by the fact that the percentage bark on unmerchantable tops is a function of the definition of unmerchantable top. For most wood species for which data are available, the percentage bark is greater on tops than on merchantable boles (Table 4), so that the values shown in Table 3 are somewhat higher than the standard values. Table 5 shows the variation in percentage bark, along the bole, for Pinus contorta var. latifolia; in at least one case (8.0 inches dbh) the percentage bark is less on the top than on the merchantable bole, and in another case (11.0 inches dbh) it is more than 100% higher on the top than on the merchantable bole.

TABLE 3

Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of

Full Bole and as a Function of DBH.

Top -- oven dry and bark on;

Bole -- oven-dry and bark-on basis.

			Unmer	chantable	e top as	a % of	full bole
		37	Di	ameter b	reast he	eight (in	ches)
Refer- ence	Wood species	No. trees sampled	6	8	10	12	14
149, 150	Picea glauca ²	60	23	12	6	3	2
150	Pinus contorta ² var. latifolia	101	15	6	3	. 2	-
187	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	405	16	10	•••	-	-
131	Pinus contorta var. latifolia ³	85	-	9	-	_	-
143	Tsuga heterophylla	3	-	23 ⁴	-	_	3 ⁵

Top = 4-inch diameter, unless otherwise specified; Stump = 12 inches above ground.

Includes needles, shoots, needle-bearing twigs plus branches less than 0.5 inches diameter.

^{3.} Mean diameter, 7 inches.

^{4.} Dbh 8.5 inches and top diameter 6 inches.

^{5.} Dbh 14.2 inches and top diameter 6 inches.

Values comparable to those shown in Table 3 can be calculated for the biomass data published by H. Young, since the standard values (Table 1) and percentage bark on bole and unmerchantable top (Table 5) are given.

TABLE 4

Percentage Bark on Unmerchantable Top and on Merchantable Bole.

ye energically active continues and continue and continues			Bark as	% of oven-dry, bark-free component
Refer- ence	Wood species	DBH (inches)	Bole	Unmerchantable top
302	Abies balsamea	8.2	7.3	8.0
302	Picea rubens	7.6	6.8	10.1
302	Pinus strobus	8.9	9.2	6.7
302	Tsuga canadensis	8.1	6.1	6.2
143	Tsuga heterophylla	18.0	8.7	17.7
	•	14.2	9.9	17.7
		8.5	11.1	31.6
302	Acer rubrum	7.6	8.1	9.7
302	Betula papyrifera	8.4	8.4	11.3
302	Populus sp.	7.7	10.2	14.3

TABLE 5

Percentage Bark by Weight as a Function of Height above Ground -
Pinus contorta var. latifolia: reference -- 130.

DBH		P€	rcent	age ba	rk by ce abo	ve gro	und ir	feet	AS LB		
inches)	1	4.5	9.0	17.0			41.0	49.0	57.0	65.0	68.0
4	8.6	9.3	9.2	10.8	10.8	13.6	-	-	-	-	-
5.9	9.6	8.1	8.0	8.6	16.0	15.2	14.6	21.5	-	-	_
6.4	9.5	6.3	6.3	5.6	6.6	6.1	11.2	12.2		-	-
6.7	10.1	7.4	7.8	7.3	7.5	11.5	10.3	13.7	_		-
7.3	10.8	8.3	8.1	8.7	7.7	6.8	17.4	12.7			e de
8.0	11.5	6.8	5.6	8.7	13.4	6.4	4.9	10.8		-	***
8.1	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.13	6.0	6.6	9.2	9.2	15.6	-	-
8.1	7.7	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.4	7.2	8.1	11.9	15.3	-	
8.1	16.8	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.1	7.6	9.3	12.3	-	-	_
8.4	16.8	5.5	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.7	9.0	8.3	12.6	-	
8.8	5.9	5.4	5.9	6.1	14.5	6.9	9.2	10.7	12.3		-
9.0	6.9	7.2	7.1	6.8	8.7	8.2	8.6	14.6	15.1	***	-
9.3	8.4	8.4	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.1	9.8	11.9	13.8	_	-
9.6	8.1	5.5	4.6	4.6	5.8	4.95	8.8	9.1	10.8	10.4	
9.9	12.7	7.4	7.0	6.1	6.7	6.95	8.0	11.2	14.2	-	
10.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.7	10.7	9.9	8.9	5 12.2	-	-
10.3	10.3	4.3	4.2	4.8	5.0	5.6	5.8	8.0	11.9		
10.4	6.5	7.1	6.3	5.7	5.8	6.7	7.4	9.2	12.5		
11.0	15.4	5.4		4.3	5.7	6.2	7.3	7.6	10.4		_
12.8	8.3	7.1		5.9	5.4	6.8	6.2	8.9	8.1	9.8	12.
13.4	13.6	9.2			5.4	5.8	7.2	9:5	10.9	14.7	_

Percentage bark = $\frac{\text{Wt. of o.d. bark in g.}}{\text{Wt. of o.d. wood in g.}} \times (100)$

Percentage Bark by Weight and Percentage Moisture in Bark and Bole as a Function of Distance above Ground ---

Tsuga heterophylla: Reference -- 143.

DBH	All manufactures of manufactures of the second seco	SCHOOLS (Spring) production of control of the spring of th	Service of the servic	ANTERNACIONE CONTRACTOR CONTRACTO		Distance above ground in feet	above	ground	in feet	After Co. Continue de l'action	Amountaine and the second seco	ereda veden et ereda veden et ereda veden et ere	idila (11) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11) (11	Divine to make the rate of the particle of the
(inches)		9	16	26	36	97	56	99	9/	98	88.5	96	97.25	106.0
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8.5	9.9	8.0	13.5	14.9	12.8	16.2	15.8	23.6	ł	i	ì	ı	1	ı
14.2	8.5	8.4	9.3	9.1	11.1	8.4	14.8	13.5	15.8	17.9	į	16.1	į	24.1
18.0	í	7.2	9.9	0.9	8.7	11.1	11.4	11.2	13.7	17.8	10.8	ŧ	3.8	25.3
					Perce	Percentage moisture in bole ^l	oisture	in bol	e _J					
8.5	48	30	44	47	20	67	47	57	ı	i	ı	ı	ı	1
14,2	45	77	87	52	53	53	09	09	09	19	ì	53	i	28
18.0	2	54	53	54	55	58	59	09	19	61	09	I	56	23
					Perce	Percent moisture	ture in	$bark^{l}$						
8.5	53	50	20	51	51	49	59	63	i	ı	ŧ	ģ	i	ı
14.2	46	43	777	45	43	45	77	47	94	87	i	67	í	58
18.0	i	48	54	50	20	48	47	47	50	53	73	, i	57	62
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			Ì	Percent	age bar	k by vo	lume	,		
· C						height		es		
Wood Species	4.95	1.97	1.73	1.58			0.78		0.39	0.29
Populus tremula	10.6		22.1	_		32.5	-	45.7	50.9	58.1
Carpinus sp.	-	18		19	23	***	29	-	41	
Fagus sp.		18	-	18	20	-	30	-	31	

Percentage Tops as a Function of DBH, Green and Bark-on Basis.

Table 8 gives the unmerchantable top of bole as a percentage by weight of full bole, both components green and with bark on. Since the tops, compared with the bole, generally have a higher bark content (Tables 4 to 7) and a higher moisture content (Table 9 and 10), tops as a percentage of bole on a green basis would tend to be somewhat higher than the values obtained on a standard basis.

TABLE 8
Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of Full Bole and as a Function of DBH.

Top -- green and bark on; Bole -- green and bark on.

Separation of the separate sep	Wood Species	No. trees	Unmer	chantabl	e top as	% full	bole
Refer-		sampled	Diam	eter bre	east heig	tht (inch	es)
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306	Abies balsameal	23	18	4.8	4	3	
soka	Picea sp.2, 3	14	45	26	14	8	5
305	Picea rubens l	25	14	7	4	4	3
***	Pinus contorta ³ , ⁴ var. latifolia	~~	10	5	2	2	1
week	Pinus contorta ² , ³ var. latifolia		54	21	9	6	6
water	Pinus contorta ² , ³ var. latifolia	•••	51	23	9	5	4
309	Pinus strobus l	27	12	9	6	3	1
378	Thuja occidentalis 1	21-36 ⁵	25	18	13	11	perioda
309	Tsuga canadensis 1	28	12	10	6	4	1
302	Acer rubrum ¹	20	18	9	6	5	6
309	Betula papyriferal	17	14	9	6	4	ross
309	Populus sp. 1	14	12	8	6	5	

^{1.} Top -- 4-inch diameter unless otherwise specified; Stump -- 6 inches above ground unless otherwise specified.

Top -- 6 inches diameter;
 Stump -- 12 inches above ground.

^{3.} Unpublished data from the Vancouver Forest Products Laboratory. Several trees in each diameter class were measured.

^{4.} Top -- 4 inches diameter; Stump -- 12 inches above ground.

^{5.} Two groups of trees were measured, 21 in the first group and 36 in the second.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} TABEE 9 \\ \hline \begin{tabular}{ll} Moisture Content of Bole and Unmerchantable Top. \\ \hline \end{tabular}$

		Moisture as % of b	oark-free component Unmerchantable
efer-	Wood species	Merchantable bole	top
	Abies balsamea	60	64
302	Picea rubens	43	46
302	Pinus strobus	51	60
302	Tsuga heterophylla ²	57	58
143	Tsuga neveropny	53	58
		43	50
	4	39	41
302	Acer rubrum	43	45
302	Betula papyrifera		48
302	Populus sp.	52 Eroch Weight - oven-di	

l. Percentage moisture defined as: (Fresh weight - oven-dry weight) \times 100.

^{2.} Respective dbhs = 18.0, 14.2 and 8.5 inches.

Table 10 gives percent moisture in the wood as a function of distance above ground for Pinus contorta var. latifolia.

TABLE 10

Percentage Moisture in Bole Wood as a Function of Height above Ground -Pinus contorta var. latifolia: reference -- 130.

Dbh Percentage moisture in bole wood as a function of distance above ground

Height above ground level in feet

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4	37	37	38	39	40	52	cores	syden	mo	ejean,	aco
5.9	43	34	39	27	29	33	29	36	80/94	****	- Care
6.4	36	37	38	38	41	41	48	48	Noork	ag sans,	gener
6.7	43	43	41	44	46	43	51	48		****	DUA
7.3	41	46	43	48	49	53	38	56	#+G	gamps.	***
8.0	39	39	39	29	35	40	48	51		ground,	orm.
88.1	40	37	26	39	41	32	49	49	55		9444
8.1	47	46	47	46	47	48	52	53	57	*******	847
8.1	45	46	43	47	48	51	47	54		ės-	Section .
8.4	45	40	41	42	43	49	52	54	55		enso.
8.8	***	49	47	45	58	51	52	53	54	refer	****
9.0	41	39	39	41	39	46	46	50	53	~ evel	anna
9.3	46	39	41	42	45	46	51	54	52	TO A STATE OF THE	stock
9.6	44	47	45	45	47	43	51	51	57	56	grea.
9.9	42	44	44	44	46	49	52	53	53	anne	many.
10.0	41	42	42	41	44	47	49	50	49	-	1999
10.3	49	47	46	53	51	50	51	53	52	some	******
10.4	43	43	43	44	46 .	49	50	55	56	•	more .
11.0	34	45	45	45	47	49	53	54	57	59	170
12.8	37	39	38	41	39	43	44	47	45	50	52
13.4	40	39	28	35	41	41	46	49	49	46	***
abaneous											

Percentage moisture = (fresh weight - oven-dry weight) x 100

The same data for percentage moisture in bark as given above for bole wood are shown in Table 11 for bole bark.

TABLE 11

Percentage Moisture in Bark as a Function of Height above Ground

Pinus contorta var. latifolia: reference -- 130.

Percentage Moisture in Bark as a Function of Distance above Ground Distance above ground in feet Dbh 68.0 65.0 57.0 49.0 41.0 33.0 25.0 17.0 4.5 9.0 5.9 6.4 6.7 7.3 8.0 8.1 8.1 8.1 8.4 8.8 9.0 9.3 9.6 9.9 10.0 10.3 10.4 11.0 12.8 13.4

^{1.} Percentage moisture = (Fresh weight - oven-dry weight) x 100

A number of studies have been made on factors affecting the level and distribution of moisture in trees (22). The variation in moisture content within a bole (Tables 6 and 10) and bole bark (Tables 6 and 11) of individual trees are presented as representative of the wide variation found in most of these studies. Table 11, in particular, illustrates the need for ensuring that an adequate number of samples are measured. The wide fluctuation in moisture content of both bole and bark for one of the trees studied (7.3-inches dbh, Tables 10 and 11) also indicates a potential source of measurement error which can arise in attempting to determine the average moisture content of a tree from small samples, or from a small number of samples.

Percentage Tops for Various Pinus Species at Eight Inches DBH

Table 12 shows several values for the percentage of tops for *Pinus* species under comparable conditions -- 8 inches dbh, 4-inch-diameter top, and stump height 6 to 12 inches above ground.

TABLE 12

Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of Full

Tree Bole at Eight Inches DBH -- Pinus Species.

Refer- ence	Wood Species	Unmerchantable top as a % by weight of full tree	bole Basis
130	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	8	Standard basis
150	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	6	Bark on, oven dry
187	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	10	Bark on, oven dry
131	Pinus contorta var. latifolia	9	Bark on, oven dry
309	Pinus strobus	9	Standard basis
309	Pinus strobus	9	Green basis, bark on

For Pinus contorta var. latifolia and P. strobus for which percentage tops have been measured under what are considered to be comparable conditions of tree and top size, the values for percentage unmerchantable top are in reasonably close agreement. The value of 8-10 percent tops (which would be 9-11 percent based on the merchantable bole) is also fairly close to the 13 percent of the original gross merchantable volume given in Table 21. Even where the percentage tops might be identical in two forest areas for the same wood species, reported differences could arise simply from the technique used in removing branches and difficulties arising from decisions as to where the top should be cut.

Percentage Tops, Comparison of Standard and Green Basis at Eight Inches DBH.

As indicated by the values for percentage tops shown in Table 13, the differences between green and standard basis values at a dbh of 8 inches for those species for which data are available, are not great. Close agreement would be expected where the bark and the percentage moisture do not differ appreciably for top and for full bole. Where the percentage bark and percentage moisture are higher in the top than in the bole, as is usually the case, the percentage tops on a green, bark-on basis could be substantially higher than the percentage tops on a standard basis.

TABLE 13

Unmerchantable Top as a Percentage by Weight of Full Tree Bole
-- Comparison of Standard and Green, Bark-on Values.

Top as % of Oven-dry, Bark-free Full Bole

			at 8 inches DBH ¹
Refer- ence	Wood species	Standard basis	Green, bark-on basis
302,305	Picea rubens	6	7
309	Pinus strobus	8	9
78	Thuja occidentalis	16	18
309	Tsuga canadensis	9	10
143	Tsuga heterophylla 2	23	23
302	Acer rubrum	9	9
309	Betula papyrifera	10	9
309	Populus	9	8

 $[\]overline{1}$. Top = 4 inches in diameter unless otherwise stated.

It is considered probable that in most cases agreement between green and standard basis values for percent tops would be expected to lie within plus or minus 10%. It is perhaps one case where green weights, bark on, would give results sufficiently close to standard basis values to permit use of green weights of the unbarked wood to determine standard basis values for preliminary surveys. Even in this case, however, a few check measurements on percentage bark and moisture would be necessary to establish a relationship between standard and green-basis values for any given wood species.

The data shown in Table 13 (green values) are of specific interest in that they show the additional weight which must be transported in converting from standard bole to full-bole logging.

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^{2.} Dbh = 8.5 inches, top diameter 6 inches.

Percentage Tops by Volume

In practice, top volumes would be appreciably easier to determine than weights. However, volumes are likely to be of limited value in determining weight ratios with any high degree of accuracy, since the specific gravity of unmerchantable top of bole differs from that of the bole (Tables 14, 15, 16, 25 and 26), the relationship is not consistent from species to species, and firm data are not available.

TABLE 14

Specific Gravity of Bole and Unmerchantable Top.

		Specific gravity, oven-dry basis.						
Refer- ence	Wood species	Unmerchantable top to l-inch diameter	Merchantable bole					
302	Betula papyrifera	0.516	0.525					
302	Acer rubrum	0.539	0.581					
302	Tsuga canadensis	0.422	0.408					
143	Tsuga heterophylla	0.439	0.360					
35.47.3		0.438	0.394					
		0.425	0.422					
302	Picea rubens	0.472	0.435					
302	Abies balsamea	0.309	0.297					
302	Populus sp.	0.381	0.342					

TABLE 15

Specific Gravity as a Function of Distance Above Ground.

All values of specific gravity on a dry-volume basis.

Reference: 143.

DRH				Distan	Distance above ground in feet (Tsuga heterophylla)	e grou	nd in f	eet (Tsı	rga hete	11 hydox	á)			
(inches)	 i	9	16	26	36	746	56	99	76	98	88.8	96	97.3	106
8.5	0.46	0.45	0.41	0.39	0.40	0.41	0.47	0.46	į	ì	i	i	ı	i
14.2	0.46	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.39	1	0.47	i	0.45
18.0	ı	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.39	0.40	ı	0.47	0.47
		7	All values	es of s	of specific	gravi	ty on a	green-	gravity on a green-volume basis	asts				
						Reference:		313						
				Distanc	e above	groun	d in fe	et (Pin	Distance above ground in feet (Pinus taeda)	1)				
ere discussion de la constanta	1	5	10	15	20	2	25	30	35	40	45	50	Cyres Carrier (Carrier Carrier	a estandina de la constanta de
Not	I	0.38	0.36	0.33	3 0.33		0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	8 Core	9 7
Specified	i	0.53	0.48	95.0	5 0.45		0.44	0.43	0.41	0.38	0.36	I	wood Outer wood	wood Vood
			All values	lues of		ific gr	avity o	n a gre	specific gravity on a green-volume basis.	ne basie	ro.			
						Refer	Reference:	308						
			Ü	istance	above §	ground	in feet	: (Pinus	Distance above ground in feet (Pinus elliottii)	tii)				
	 1	7.	10	15	20	2	25	30	35	40	45	50		THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O
Not specified	The state of the s	0.42	0.39	0.38	8 0.38		0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37		Core
ı	1	0.50	87.0	0.46	9,44		0.43	0.42	0.41	0.40	0.39	0.39		Outer

TABLE 16

Specific Gravity as a Function of Distance above Ground.

Reference: 30

				i.	- 28 -	C!	1	ъ.	(Height ir feet)	growth	-	_ <u>_</u>	t in feet	t L
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	000	0.356	0.410	feet)			feet)		93	0.451	in feet)		100	0.397
	92	0.420	0.433	in			fn		72	0.538	(Height	i	91	0.426
	75 9	0.397	0.463	(Height			(Height		64	0.535	100	0.416	82	0.408
green volume basis ground in feet		0.397 (0.467	100	0.376		100	0.421	57	0.541	89	0.409	73	0.409
		0,402	0.497	88	0.391		88	0.432	50	0.553	78	0.414	5 9	0.420
	50	0.412	0.504	75	0.395		75	0.421	43	0.564	29	0.411	55	0.434
		0.420	0.526	63	0.405		63	0.440	36	0.573	55	0.412	45	0.459
gra		0.430	0.541	50	0.393	· 0	20	0.445	29	0.590	77	0.406	36	0.479
Specific Distar	25	0.441	0.556	38	0.414	\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$ \\$	38	0.494	21	0.598	33	0.423	27	0.492
	17	0.464	0.565	25	Į.	0.503	25	0.536	14	609.0	22	•	18	0.508
	∞	0.490	0.580	13	\$	0.528	13	0.559	7	0.622	,(1		0	0.529
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As H. Young comments concerning the data on Maine species given in Table 14, "This is entirely inadequate information from which to draw any major conclusions" (302).

The irregular nature of the relationship between bole and top specific gravities has been confirmed in a number of studies (30, 143, 249, 313) in which the specific gravities are reported as increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant from tree butt to apex.

Specific gravity values are normally obtained on carefully selected wood samples; tops may contain an appreciably higher percentage of knots than boles, and the values needed for converting volume to weight should be based on bulk density, which is rarely available. Considerable caution would have to be exercised in converting the volume percentage of unmerchantable tops to weight percent (1) on the standard basis, since it would be the rare case where reliable conversion factors for specific gravities, moisture contents and bark content for unmerchantable top and bole would be available.

Percent Tops for Small Trees

As shown by the data in Table 17, the term "tops" has little meaning for trees of small dbh, say up to 2 or 3 inches in diameter.

For one species (*Pinus taeda*, Tables 19 and 20), data were obtained on percentage tops by weight and by volume (green and bark-on basis) for 116 trees. If the average values for percentage tops by weight for each dbh and height shown in Tables 19 and 20 are assigned a value of 100, the percentage tops by volume for the same dbh and height range from approximately 80 to 120% from 5 inches dbh up to and including 10 inches dbh.

TABLE 17

Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of Full

Tree Bole for Small Trees.

Refer- ence	Wood species	Diameter at base (inches)	Top ¹ As a % of full bole	Notes
252	Castanopsis cuspidata	1	157	Top: oven dry, bark on Bole: oven dry, bark on
		1.5	157	Bole: oven dry, bark on
		2.0	156	Bole: oven dry, bark on
254	Ulmus parvifolia ²	0.2	54	Top: oven dry, bark on Bole: oven dry, bark on
		0.3	58	Bole: oven dry, bark on
		0.4	62	Bole: oven dry, bark on
253	Betula platyphylla	0.8	56	Top: green, bark on
		1.0	58	Bole: green, bark on
		1.2	59	
		1.5	59	

Top: assumed to be the upper part of the bole, including branches. Stump: ground level.

Percentage Tops as a Function of DBH and Tree Height for Pinus taeda

It might be thought that the unmerchantable top of the bole would be one tree component whose volume, for many tree species, might be calculated from the theoretical geometry of a tree (k). Table 18 shows the relationship between top as a percentage by volume of tree bole as related to dbh and tree height for a "theoretical" tree. On a basis of geometry, the percentage

Values based on total plant weight above ground.

This is obviously an over-simplification, as shown by more sophisticated calculations (191); however, the simplified volume relationship can be used to illustrate the principle of the geometrical relationship between percent tops and tree height at constant dbh, and to indicate where this relationship comes reasonably close to measured values, and where it deviates widely.

TABLE 18

Top of Bole as a Percentage by Volume of Full Tree Bole and as a Function of Tree Height -
Calculated Values 1.

		Vo	lume of top	as a % of i	ull bole	
Tree height in feet						
Dbh in inches	30	40	50	60	70	80
6	24	25	26	26	27	29
8	10.0	10.5	10.9	11.1	11.2	11.4
10	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.9
12	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4

Calculated from the geometry of a symmetrical "theoretical" tree

Assumptions:

Stump; 1 foot above ground, with no flare; Breast height, 4.5 feet above ground level; Top, 4 inches at the base to 0 inches at the top. tops by volume shows little change with height at constant dbh. In actual fact, the change in percentage tops as a function of tree height can be quite marked, as shown in Tables 19 and 20 which give the results of a detailed study on the percentage of tops as a function of both dbh and tree height, on both a volume and weight basis.

TABLE 19

Tops as a Percentage by Volume of Full Boles and as a Function of Tree Height and DBH.

(Full bole to a top diameter of 2 inches inside bark).

Species: Pinus taeda; reference: 226

			Tot	al tree	neight (i	n feet)	•		
DBH (in inches)	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
5	50	36.4	30.8	26.7	33.3	21.0		_	-
6	25	21.2	18.4	16.3	14.6	13.2	13.8	-	
7	-	10.9	11.5	10.3	9.4	8.6	9.2	85,5	-
8	_	-	5.9	6.6	6.0	6.7	6.3	6.7	7.1
9	_	-	_	3.1	3.9	4.4	4.1	5.4	5.8
10	_			_	1.6	2.9	3.4	3.8	4.7
11		_			0.65	1.2	2.3	3.2	3.5
		_	_	***		0.5	1.4	2.2	3.4
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TABLE 20

Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage by Weight of Bole for Various Tree Heights. (Top and bole, green and bark on; Bole cut to a 2-inch top diameter.)

Species: Pinus taeda; reference 226.

Top as a Percentage of the Full Bole

Dbh				Tree He	ight in	Feet			
(in inches)	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
5	53	42.3	34.7	24.0	27.1	25.1			-
6	28.0	23.2	19.9	18.4	17.1	16.0	14.9	-	
7	-	11.9	11.2	11.8	10.7	10.5	10.3	10.1	
8	-		5.7	6.1	6.6	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.3
9	170	-	-	2.9	3.8	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.5
j / 10	****	954	-	1000	1.8	2.6	3.3	3.8	4.3
11	-		-	***	0.2	1.1	2.1	2.7	3.3
12		5404	***	-	-	0.3	1.3	1.4	2.6

Tops = from 3.6 inches diameter inside bark to 2-inch diameter inside bark; Stump = 12 inches above ground. Number of trees measured = 116 trees in 12 plantations.

There is no obvious reason for the trends shown in Tables 19 and 20; above 7 inches dbh, the percentage tops increases with increasing height; at dbh of 7 inches or less, the top decreases with corresponding increases in tree height, and this trend becomes quite marked at 5 and 6 inches dbh. Since the percentage tops calculated from the geometry of a symmetrical cone does not take butt flare into account, the calculated values shown in Table 18 would be expected to be somewhat high. Further, there is little relationship between the actual values (percentage tops by volume) as

measured on *Pinus taeda* for various tree heights and values of dbh (Table 19) and the values calculated for a geometrically symmetrical tree (Table 18); this lack of agreement illustrates the futility of attempting to calculate the percentage tops from a symmetrical or "ideal" tree over any wide range of tree height and dbh.

Some of the apparent inconsistencies in the results shown in Tables 1, 3 and 8 probably arise from the fact that for a given dbh, the percentage of unmerchantable tops was not derived for trees of the same height; as shown by the results given in Tables 19 and 20, the percentage tops by volume or weight can vary widely as a function of tree height.

The agreement between theoretical values of percentage tops by volume and the found values of percentage by weight is reasonably good for many wood species above, say, 8 inches in diameter and for a 4-inch top. As noted above, some part of the difference between the theoretical and actual values can be accounted for by tree flare, which tends to make the calculated values too high. See further in reference 315.

TABLE 21
Unmerchantable Top of Bole as a Percentage of Bole
-- Miscellaneous Values.

Refer- ence	Wood species	Percent unmerchantable top	Assumed basis
159	Abies sp.	3% of merchantable bole 1	Volume
159	Picea sp.	11% of merchantable bole ²	Volume
159	Picea sp.	5-7% of merchantable bole 3	Volume
159	Canadian species Picea mariana Pinus banksiana	2-20% of the total tree	Green weight, bark on
	Abies balsamea	6% of above-ground tree	Green weight, bark on
76	Canadian species	13% of original merchantable volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Alberta species	7% of original gross merchant. volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Alberta species	Top waste is 12% of gross mer- chantable volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Picea sp. ⁴	6% of original gross merchant. volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Pinus sp. ⁵	13% of original gross merchant. volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Abies balsamea ⁶	13% of original gross merchant. volume of stand	Green volume, bark on
146	Populus balsam- ifera ⁷	35% of original gross merchant. volume of stand.	Green volume, bark on
4	Picea mariana ⁸	11% of full bole	Green weight, bark on

^{1.} Top = 3-inch diameter

^{2.} Top = 4-inch diameter

Average values

^{4.} Trees samples = 1800

^{5.} Trees sampled = 495

^{6.} Trees samples = 54

^{7.} Trees sampled = 1

^{8.} Top = from 3.5 to 1.5 inch diameter Stump not specified

dbh = 7 inches.

Summary

The values for percent tops shown in Table 21 illustrate the difficulties which are likely to be encountered in planning the use of unmerchantable tops. In one case the percentage tops for *Picea* sp. is given as 11% of the merchantable bole by volume (159); in the other case, the percentage tops for *Picea* sp. is given as 6% of original gross merchantable stand volume on a green, bark-on basis (42). The question of whether the percentage tops which can be recovered from a given spruce stand is 6% or 11% may not be important in a preliminary cost-benefit analysis for the use of tops, since the analysis may indicate favourable economics for either value. For mill design, however, the actual weight, volume or length of tops for which equipment would have to be installed should be known to within say ± 10% of the true value.

In general, the values for percentage tops indicated in the various biomass studies would indicate the following:

- 1. For some wood species of known dbh, tree height and top diameter, a rough guess can be made, reliable to \pm 30 or 40%, for the percentage tops on a standard basis;
- For detailed feasability studies, some measurements would have to be made in the forest in order to determine percentage tops to say ± 20%;
- 3. For engineering design, a detailed study would have to be made of the forest under consideration, in order to determine the potential yield of tops to the precision required for engineering design work, say ± 10%. The study should take into account:

Wood species;
Range of tree heights;
Range of diameters,
Dominance;
Minimum top diameter which can be processed.

Tops less than 1 to 1.5 inches in diameter will not, in all probability, be used for pulping, and allowance should be made for removing them from tops to be processed. In addition to meeting the normal requirements for selecting representative samples for biomass measurements, the measurements should be taken over various periods during the year.

UTILIZATION

FACTORS RELATING TO THE PULPING CHARACTERISTICS OF UNMERCHANTABLE TOP OF BOLE Introduction

Although unmerchantable tops of boles could be used for a variety of products, such as composition board, fiberboard (Table 22), chemical products through pyrolysis or hydrolysis, fuel, etc., it is considered that the most practical and economical use for tops down to a diameter of, say, 1 inch would be for the manufacture of pulp (Table 23, 24) and particularly of kraft pulp (Table 25).

An effort was made in the initial stages of the present review to analyze the literature data available on the yield and quality of pulp from unmerchantable tops of boles. The effort was abandoned, however, because of difficulties arising from differences in test procedures, missing essential data, and in general a lack of standard methods of wood selection, pulping, pulp testing, test units, and method of reporting. Thus, comments given in Table 25 for kraft pulps and in Table 24 for other pulps are general and subjective.

In most studies on pulping characteristics of unmerchantable tops, this tree component compared with boles gave pulps approximately equal in breaking length and burst factor, slightly lower in yield across the digester, and substantially lower in tear. Based on studies carried out in the Vancouver Forest Products Laboratory on the pulping of unmerchantable tops from Pinus contorta var. latifolia, Tsuga heterophylla, Picea glauca, P. mariana, and Populus tremuloides, the following general principles were applicable

to the species studied: compared with pulp from comparable boles, pulp from unmerchantable tops (either 6- or 4-inch-diameter top, depending upon species) was:

- 1. Slightly lower in burst factor and breaking length;
- 2. Ten to 20% lower in tear factor;
- 3. Two percentage points lower in yield (i.e., 43 compared with 45 for boles in the case of Tsuga heterophylla);
- 4. Slightly less beating time to 500 or 300 freeness.

A high percentage of knotter and screen rejects (1) would lead to a further small reduction in digester capacity where the rejects are returned to the digester, and to a fiber loss where they are sewered.

In a study of tops from Picea glauca, Pinus contorta var. latifolia and Picea mariana (140), no increase in percentage knotter rejects was found for unbleached kraft pulp at approximately 20 permanganate number. The results were somewhat unexpected, and it is not known to what extent these results might be applicable to other wood species.

TABLE 22
Utilization of Unmerchantable Top of Bole
-- General Articles.

Refer- ence	Wood species	Use	Comment
306	Abies balsamea	Fiber	General - to increase fiber resource.
134	Picea, Pinus, Betula sp.	Building board pulp, paper, cement blocks	General - conversion of logging wastes.
305	Acer rubrum, Picea rubens	Fiber	General - to increase fiber resource.
49	General	Pulp, paper, new products	General - to increase fiber resource.
100	General	Wallboard, fiberboard	Use with other wood wastes.
281	General	Roofing felt, paper	Use of wood wastes.
159	General	Pulp, fiberboard, particle board agricultural use	Review of possible uses as part of wood residues from full-tree logging.
110	General	Pulp, particle board, fiberboard	FAO review on utilization of tops and other waste wood.
176	General	Pulps	Review of the literature on the pulping of tops and branches.
60	Thuja plicata	Essential oils	Discussion on extraction and distillation of conifers.
170	General	Fiber source (continuous)	Cellulose forestry concept.

TABLE 23

References on the Pulping of Tree Tops or Thinnings

Reference	Wood species	Pulping process
181	Pinus sylvestris	Kraft
86, 277	P. elliottii	Kraft
48, 86, 81	P. taeda	Kraft
48	P. palustris	Kraft
48	P. echinata	Kraft
48	P. caribaea	Kraft
216	P. pinaster (thinnings)	Kraft
	1	Neutral sulfite semichemical
		Groundwood
271	P. radiata (thinnings)	Kraft
183	P. radiata (thinnings)	Kraft
		Sodium bisulfite
	Picea glauca	Kraft
181	P. excelsa	Kraft
	P. mariana	Kraft
310, 311	P. mariana	Sulfite
302	P. rubens	Ammonia base sulfite
164	P. rubens	Nitric acid
59, 182	Tsuga heterophylla	Sulfite
302	Betula papyrifera	Kraft
302	Acer rubrum	Kraft
34	Abies amabalis	Kraft
151	A. balsame a	Groundwood
98	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Kraft
53	P. menziesii	Sulfite (calcium, sodium, magnesium,
		and ammonia base)
		Neutral sulfite semichemical
85	Eucalyptus globulus	Neutral sulfite semichemical
	(thinnings)	Soda
17	E. globulus (thinnings)	Cold soda, sulfate, NSSC, groundwood
85	E. rostrata (thinnings)	NSSC, soda
17	E. camaldulensis	NSSC, cold soda, groundwood
▼	(plantation wood)	
263	E. elacophora (thinnings)	Cold soda, kraft, NSSC, groundwood
17	E. sideroxylon	Cold soda, kraft, NSSC, groundwood
215	Araucaria klinkii	Kraft

TABLE 24
Utilization of Unmerchantable Top of Bole -Pulps other than Kraft

Refer- ence	Wood species	Use	Comment
145	Picea rubens	Pulp, sulfite	Pulp comparable to bole pulp.
284	Chamaecyparis obtusa, C. pisifer a, Pinus densiflora	Pulp, sulfite fiberboard	Suitable for pulp manufacture.
302, 309, 307	Picea rubens	Pulp, sulfite, nitric acid	Pulps produced generally comparable to bole pulps.
164	P. rubens	Pulp, nitric acid	Strength properties comparable to bole pulp.
202	P. sitchensis	Pulp, sulfite	Pulp lower in strength and yield compared with pulp from butt part of boles.
55	Pinus caribaea P. echinata P. palustris P. taeda	Pulp, sulfite	Strength slightly lower than that of bole pulp.
54	P. banksiana	Pulp, sulfite	Pulps compare favourably with bole pulps.
151	Picea sp. Abies sp.	Pulp, mechanical	Pulp quality satisfactory; pulp slower drainage and fiber length somewhat lower.

TABLE 25
Utilization of Unmerchantable Top of Bole -Kraft Pulp

Refer- ence	Wood species	Comment
256	Pinus sp.	Champion Co. and Texas Leaf Lumber Co. produced pulp in 1939; selected tops only were used.
78	Thuja occidentalis	Pulp strength slightly lower than that of bole pulp.
241	Pinus palustris P. caribaea	High quality of pulp, high in burst and low in tear, compared with bole pulp.
54	P. banksiana P. contorta var. latif-	Pulp compares favourably with bole pulp.
225	Pinus sp.	Approximately 10% lower in strength than bole pulp.
35	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Tops gave pulp with maximum burst and tensile, vs. bole pulp.
177	P. menziesii	Mixed with other wood wastes and branches, gave pulps with strength properties equal to those from boles for corrugating medium
163	Fagus, Populus sp.	In combination with other logging wastes; pulps suitable for wrapping but not high quality paper. High knot content compared with bole.
284	Chamaecyparis obtusa, C. pisifera, Pinus densiflora	Suitable for pulp manufacture.
3	Picea, Pinus sp.	Pulp comparable to that from boles.
202	Picea sitchensis	Pulp lower in strength and yield compared with bole pulp.
92	Pinus palustris	Higher burst factor, lower tear, compared with bole pulp.
33	P. echinata	Yield slightly lower, burst and tensile somewhat lower than bole pulps.

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282	Tsuga heterophylla	Screened pulp yield somewhat lower, burst and tear factor slightly lower, tensile strength comparable to bole pulps.
142	T. heterophylla	Compared with pulp from the bole, kraft pulp from the tops was 5% lower in yield, 20% lower in tear factor, and equal in burst factor and breaking length.
285	Pinus densiflora, Fagus sieboldi, Quercus crispula	Pulp slightly inferior, yield slightly low compared to bole pulp.

Compared with pulp from boles, pulp from unmerchantable tops of boles from the same wood species are reported to be inferior to, equal to, or superior in various critical pulp quality characteristics. Because of the inconsistencies in results reported for the yield and strength characteristics of pulps derived from tops, the technical literature was reviewed with a view to understanding those factors which might be expected to have a bearing on the quality of pulps which might be expected from the various parts of tree boles. Table 26 gives a number of the more critically important factors which have been found to give, or which might affect, pulp yield and quality.

TABLE 26

Various Factors Relating to the Yield and Strength of Pulp from

Unmerchantable Top of Bole

-- General

Do Com-		
Refer- ence	Wood species	Factors relating to pulp strength or yield.
27	28 angiosperms 8 gymnosperms	Compression wood gives shorter fibers.
65	General	Compression wood gives lower yield and strength compared with normal wood.
70	General	Compression wood gives higher lignin and lower alpha-cellulose content, compared with boles.
105	General	Compression wood of tops increases with wind blow. Boundary trees are not suitable for selection because of one-sided crowns resulting from prevailing winds.
107	General	Juvenile wood is higher in compression wood (42%) compared with mature wood (7%) and lower in pulp yield and tear. The strength increases from pith to bark.
153	General	Fiber length inc. with dec. tree taper. This should be kept in mind in the selection of trees for sampling.
197	Picea excelsa	The effect of knots on pulp yield and strength; fiber length inc. and fiber width dec. with inc. latewood and sp. gr.
72	General	Percentage cellulose inc. from pith to bark, reaching a constant after 6-8 years.
312	General	Tension wood gives lower lignin, higher cellulose, higher pulp yield. Compression wood gives higher lignin, lower cellulose, and presumably lower pulp yield.
103	Picea sp.	Tops of suppressed trees were found to have a high sp. gr.

A number of studies (Tables 27 and 28) relate directly or indirectly to the yield and strength of pulps from unmerchantable tops of boles.

TABLE 27

Factors Relating to the Yield and Quality of Pulps from Unmerchantable Tops -- Coniferous Species.

Refer- ence	Wood species	Comment Fa	ctors relating to pulp strength or yield
274	Pinus radiata	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	No relationship between fiber length and tear.
8	P. radiata	12 yrs.	Tear did not relate to fiber length.
272	P. radiata	•••••	Compression wood higher in lignin, lower in pulp yield. Kraft pulp somewhat weaker and sulfite pulp appreciably weaker.
107	P. radiata		Dec. in tear factor in pulp sequence: kraft, bisulfite, neutral sulfite, and neutral sulfite - bisulfite.
54	P. banksiana	• • • • • • • • • •	Pulp yield dec. from stump to apex because of dec. in sp. gr.
63	P. resinosa	•••••	Sp. gr. did not correlate with other parameters.
184	P. merkusii	••••••	Sp. gr., cellulose content inc. from pith to bark; % cellulose and sp. gr. higher on medium than on poor sites.
31	P. palustris	3 0- 35 yrs.	Top has lower cellulose content.
94	Pinus sp.	Scandinavia	Tops give 2% lower yield by sulfite process.
247	Pinus sp.	Sweden	With inc. fiber length of pulp, dry density inc. With kraft pulp, tear factor inc. as fiber length inc. Tensile strength dec. as wood sp. gr. inc.
313	P. taeda	670 trees	Alpha-cellulose content constant from stump to apex.

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109	P. taeda		Juvenile wood contains 42% compression wood, whereas mature contained only 7%.
214	P. sibirica	7 trees	Cellulose inc., lignin dec., from pith to bark. Hemicelluloses dec. from stump to apex.
221	Picea abies	0 5 2 2 5 4 4 5 4 6 9	Cellulose dec. from stump to apex.
56	Picea sp.		Induced compression wood gives lower yield, greater fiber length.
94	Picea sp.	Scandinavia	Tops give 2% lower yield by sulfite process.
247	Picea sp.	Sweden	Tear factor dec. as fiber length inc. for sulfite. Tensile strength dec. as wood sp. gr. inc.
35	Pseudotsuga menziesii	• • • • • • • • • • •	Burst inc. and tear dec. from stump to apex.
18	Pseudotsuga menziesii		The nearer the river, the higher the % latewood and the longer the fibers.
98	Pseudotsuga menziesii		Younger trees lower in alpha-cellulose, lower in tear and higher in burst.
531	Pseudotsuga menziesii		Tops give lower tear and lower per- centage screenings.
190	Cedrus sp.	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	From pith to bark, cellulose inc. and lignin dec.
190	Cupressus sp.		From stump to apex, cellulose inc. and lignin dec.
25	Abies sp.		Compression wood lower in cellulose, higher in lignin.
239	Araucaria cunninghamii	7 trees, 29 years	Good pulp from tops.

TABLE 28

Factors Relating to the Yield and Quality of Pulps
from Unmerchantable Tops
--- Deciduous Species.

Refer- ence	Wood species	Factors Relating to Pulp Strength and Yield
232	Populus sp.	Cellulose inc. from pith to bark.
193	Querous sp.	Cellulose inc., lignin inc. from pith to bark. Lignin inc., uronic acids inc., from stump to apex.
25	Quercus robur	Strength dec. from pith to bark, from stump to apex.
25	Carpinus betulus	Strength inc. from pith to bark.
25	C. betulus	Strength dec. from stump to apex.
127	Populus sp.	1-year-old growth gave low pulp yield.
172	P. robusta	Fiber always 2-4% lower in ave. length on the south side of a tree.
198	Betula sp.	Tension wood gives higher yield but lower strength.
219	Fagus sylvatica	Reaction wood contained less lignin (15.38%) than normal wood (21.33%).

Within-tree Variations of Specific Gravity

As mentioned in a recent review (156) on the pulping of pines in the southern United States, "The most practical and common way of characterizing wood quality is by specific gravity". In the case of *Pinus elliottii* (226), for example, it is reported that, as the specific gravity of wood decreases, the tensile strength and burst factor increase and the tear decreases. This trend towards higher burst factor with lower specific gravity is also reported for *P. taeda* and *P. palustris* (62). Tables 29 and 30 give the variation in specific gravity from pith to bark and from stump to tree apex for a number of wood species. For most woods, specific gravity decreases

from bark to pith and from stump to apex, for both coniferous and deciduous species. Some exceptions to this general rule are reported: Fraxinus angustifolia and F. excelsior; one example of Quercus sp. (80); not all of the results are in agreement for Pinus sp. (196), P. radiata, P. taeda, Pseudotsuga menziesii, Betula sp. and Quercus sp.

TABLE 29

Specific Gravity Variation within Trees
-- Coniferous Species.

			Wamintian in Si	pecific gravity
Refer- ence	Wood species	Comment	From pith to bark	From stump to apex
45	Abies sp.	Selection forest High forest	Dec. because of slow juvenile development Incr. because of dec. ring width	
21	A. alba	120 trees	•••••	Increase to crown, then decrease.
24	88 87	80-120 yrs.	Increase	Increase
147	A. lasiocarpa	6 trees	Min. sp. gr. at 50-70 yrs.	•••••
115	Cryptomeria japonica	56 yrs.	Sheath of high sp. gr. at 30-40 yrs.	Dec. to min. $1/3$ to $2/3$ up tree.
116	22	52 yrs.	Dec. in general	• • • • •
137	88 88	Japan		Inc. higher in crown than in bole
283	99 89	Japan		Inc.
57	Larix sp.	24 yrs.	Inc.	Inc.
213	88 88		Inc.	Inc.
47	Picea sp.	15-270 yrs.	<pre>Inc. due to narrowing ring</pre>	•••••
102	87 88	Germany	• • • • •	Dec.
103	\$\$ \$P	Germany	Inc. to 100 yrs., then fluctuates	

112	Picea sp.	Germany	Inc. in thinned stands.	• • • • •
195	17 17	50 yrs.	Dec. to sapwood, then inc.	Sapwood sp. gr. inc. to 10% of ht., dec. to 80 ft., then inc.
196	11 11	Sweden	Dec.	Dec.
259	17 07	S. Africa	•••••	Relatively constant.
265	99 99	Germany	Inc.	Dec. to crown, then inc
247	99 99	Sweden	Dec.	•••••
2	P. abies	1 tree	No change	• • • • •
155	. 88	•••••	• • • • •	Inc., also inc. with dec. taper.
21	P. excelsa	120 trees	• • • • •	Dec. to crown, then inc
114	88 88	30 yrs.	Dec. to min. at 25 -30 yrs.	Dec. to min. at 1/3 to 2/3 dist. up tree.
244	29 21	75 trees	Little change	Little change.
97	P. glauca	100 trees	• • • • •	Tendency to inc.
118	78 98	18 yrs.	43% variation in sp. gr.	between provenances.
36	P. sitchensis	G. Britain	Max. dec. to 20-25 yrs., then inc.	Slight dec.
43	Pinus sp.	80 trees	Inc.	Dec.
73	99 99	21 yrs.	· · · · · ·	Dec.
101	88 88	Germany	Inc.	Dec.
102	99 E9	Germany		Dec.
194	P9 09	48 yrs., 1 tree	Inc.	•••••
206	TP PP	southern pine	Inc.	
196	\$\$ \$P	Sweden	Dec.	Dec.
259	88 8E	S. Africa		Dec.
260	f7 ?Y	81 13	Inc. (independent of ring width)	• • • • •

(Table 29 continued)

265	Pir	nus sp.	Germany	Inc.	Dec. to crown, then inc.
54	P.	banksiana		Sp. gr. lower in suppressed trees	Decrease
280	**	11	120 trees, 24 yrs.	•••••	Decrease
20	Р.	echinata	l tree	Inc. to max at 100 yrs., then dec.	Dec.
32	88	11	2nd growth	••••	Dec.
55	* *	**	fast growth	••••	Dec.
185	**	tt	south. U.S.	Highest sp. gr. at 15-80 yrs.	Dec.
207	9 9	Ħ	south. U.S.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec. or remains constant; latewood sp. gr. inc. to bark.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec.; latewood sp. gr. dec.
313	P.	elliot t ii	south. U.S.	Inc.	Dec.
240	**	8 8	22 yrs.	••••	Dec. steadily
55	11	9.0	fast growth	• • • • •	Dec.
173	8 8	11	22 trees	••••	Dec.
185	11	Ħ	south. U.S.	Highest sp. gr. from 15-20 yrs.	Dec.
207	?1	11	south U.S.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec. or remains cons.; latewood sp. gr. inc. to bark.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec. latewood sp. gr. dec.
313	8 8	8 8	47 trees	Inc.	Dec. to 10 ft.
12	P.	longifolia	27-36 yrs.	Inc. rapidly	••••
184	Р.	merkusii	6 trees, var. sites	Inc.	
261	P_{\bullet}	nigra	Croatia	••••	Inc.
20	Р.	palustris	2 trees	Inc. to max. at 100 yrs., then dec.	Dec.
55	**	11	fast growth		Dec.

(Table	29	continued)
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Arrivation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
185	P. pal	ustris	south U.S.	Highest sp. gr. from 15 to 120 yrs.	Dec.
205	8 §	9 \$	\$\$ \$ \$	Large crowns and rapid gr	cowth give low sp. gr.
207	99	? 1	11 11	Earlywood sp. gr. dec. or levels off; latewood sp. gr. inc.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec.
				to bark.	nacewood sp. gr. dec.
3	P. pat	ula	S. Africa	Inc. same for all growth rates.	•••••
200	88	98	37 and 160 yrs.	Inc.	Dec.
262	8.8	88	370 yrs.	Inc.	••••
65	P. pin	aster	Australia	Inc.	• • • • •
9	P. rad	iata	36 yrs.	Inc. for 10 rings, then constant.	•••••
16	9.9	¥ 8	14 yrs.		Range from 0.30 to 0.4
61	PP	9 9	6 trees	Marked inc.	
121	9.9	**	210 trees	Inc. sharply, then slowly	Inc.
144	? ?	7 6	Australia	Inc.	
174	8.0	* 7	30-40 trees	Generally inc.	n • • • •
269	å ñ	9 ¢	Australia	Inc.	
166	¥ 0	**	22-52 yrs.	Marked inc., then levels off.	
107	7 8	61	Australia	Inc.	Dec.
129	P. res	inosa	35 yrs.	Inc.	Dec.
117	P. str	obus	5-39 yrs.	Dec., then inc.	Highest sp. gr. at bas
189	10 07		U.S.		Dec. to 16 feet, then constant.
169	P. syl	vestris	80-280 yrs.	Inc. to 160 yrs., then dec.	

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61	P	sylvest r is	Croatia	Inc.	Dec.
13	P.	taeda	South Africa	Inc., same for all growth rates.	
20	â â	8.8	4 trees	Inc. to max. at 100 yrs.	Dec.
55	**	**	fast growth		Dec.
L85	îï	şş	south. U.S.	Highest sp. gr. from 15-80 yrs.	Dec.
207	\$ 8	9 9	south. U.S.	Earlywood sp. gr. dec. or levels off	Earlywood sp. gr. dec.
				latewood sp. gr. inc. to bark.	Latewood sp. gr. dec.
313	**	T T	south. U.S.	Inc.	Inc.
39		eudotsuga nziesii	22 trees	Inc.	Inc.
51	8.8	**	16 yrs.	• • • • •	Dec. to crown, then inc
52	**	9.0	19 yrs.	Almost constant	••••
126	11	9.9	2 trees	• • • • •	Dec. to crown, then inc
148	\$ 9	7.0	60 yrs.	Inc.	No variation.
208	Ħ	11	100 yrs., 33 trees	Inc. to 60 years	
237	* 1	11	U.S.	Inc.	
245	11	ti	Canada	Inc.	Dec.
267	7 9	Ħ	3 trees	Inc.	Dec. rapidly, then slowly
269	ž å	11	Australia	Inc.	
224	11	11	Several		Dec. only slightly on good sites.
175		equoia empervirens	98 trees	No constant radial trend.	Dec. fairly rapidly.
276	T	suga hete ro- hylla	60 yrs., 39 trees	••••	Dec. to the top

TABLE 30

Specific Gravity Variation within Trees
-- Deciduous Species.

Refer-		Variations in specific gravity		
ence	Wood species	Comment	From pith to bark	From stump to apex
74	Dicotyledonous trees	•••••	Inc. to max., then dec.	
192	Exotics	New Zealand	In general, dec.	In general, dec.
210	Acer saccharum	Vermont	Open grown, inc.	Open grown, dec.
133	Alnus glutinosa	Lat vi a	• • • • •	No significant change.
243	Betula sp.	Germany, 5 trees	Inc.	Dec. to min. at crown, then inc.
264	11 11	Finland	Dec.	•••••
25	Carpinus betu- lus	•••••	Inc.	Dec.
255	Diplodiscus paniculatus	4 trees	Inc.	Dec.
67, 68	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	•••••	Inc.	Inc.
251	89 88	• • • • •	Inc.	•••••
7	Fagus sp.	80 yrs.	Considerable var.	Dec. significantly.
40	97 97	80 yrs.	••••	Dec. to crown, then inc.
44	11	Switzerland	Dec.	•••••
212	98 PP	•••••	Sp. gr. high with large crown.	•••••
248	tt tt	Bulgaria	Sp. gr. difference greate between sites.	er within a site than
132	Fraxinus sp.	Latvia	•••••	Inc.
204	F. americana	••••	Inc. (sp. gr. inc. with ring width)	•••••
19	F. angustifolia	Croatia	Dec.	Inc.
19	F. excelsior	Croatia	Dec.	Inc.

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188	Gonystylus bancana	30 trees, 3 sites	Inc.	•••••
83	Liriodendron tulipifera	23 trees	Sp. gr.	••••
211	Lithocarpus densiflora	U.S.	•••••	Little variation.
168	Populus sp.	12 trees	No. constant trend	Uniformly inc.
66	Populus X euramericana	10 yrs.	Inc.	Inc. more rapidly up tree
69	F\$ \$\$	20 trees	Inc.	Inc.
93	Populus X marylandica	20-24 yrs.	Dec., then inc.	Inc.
93	Populus X regenerata		Inc., but only at base	Sp. gr. dec. to 6 m., constant, then dec.
42	Quercus sp.	13-155 yrs.	Dec.	• • • • •
80	88 88	Germany	Dec.	Constant to crown, them i
104	88 88	Germany	Dec.	•••••
119	**	Croatia	Dec.	Dec.
158	88 88	France	Dec.	•••••
209	91 11	5 species, 82 trees	•••••	Dec. uniformly
248	H H	0 0 0 0 0	Sp. gr. difference great between sites.	er within a site than
189	Q. alba	U.S.	Dec.	Dec.
25	Q. robur		Dec.	Dec.
37	Shorea albida	Sarawak	Inc. rapidly to 6-8", then constant.	•••••
180	S. leprosula	old trees	• • • • •	No. diff to 50-ft.
248	Ulmus sp.	Bulgaria	Sp. gr. difference great between sites.	ter within a site than

Within-tree Variations of Fiber Length

One of the factors which might have a bearing on the strength characteristics of pulps from unmerchantable tops of boles is fiber length (m). Tables 31, 32 and 33 give trends in fiber length within trees as reported in a number of studies. In general, fiber length decreases from bark to pith and from stump to apex, so that, compared with merchantable boles, unmerchantable tops would be expected to have somewhat shorter fibers, possibly of the order of 20 to 30 percent (123).

Recent reviews have been published by Nordman (77) and by Dinwoodie (75) on the relationship between various anatomical and chemical characteristics of wood fibers and their principal paper-making properties. It is apparent from this review that the relationship between fiber geometry, wood specific gravity, and the quality characteristics of a pulp are anything but unequivocal. The comment is made (75) that, "Relation-ships ascribed to fiber length variation may in fact be related, in large part, to some other variable".

TABLE 31

Variation of Fiber Length within Boles
-- General

Refer- ence	Comment	Variation in fiber length
11	General	Discussion of Sanio's laws. Fiber length inc. to a constant value from pith to bark, and inc. to a max, then dec., from stump to apex.
38	Populus tremuloides	No consistent relationships found for fiber-length variation.
74	Some dicotyledons	Fiber length inc. to a max., then dec. to the top.
79	Pinus sylvestris	Fiber length in general inc. from stump to apex, reaching a max. and then dec.
46	General	Fiber length inc. to 50 yrs., then remains constant from pith to bark, reaching a max. at 10 to 20 feet from stump.
94	General	Fiber length dec. from stump to top.
165	General (20-30 year old trees)	Fiber length inc. from pith to bark.
186	General	Fiber length inc. from pith to bark.
203	General	With a high stand density, fiber length inc. from pith to bark. With a low stand density, fiber length is uniform from pith to bark.
228	General	Fiber length inc. to a constant from pith to bark; inc. to a max., then dec., from stump to apex.
236	Conifers	Max. fiber length occurs higher from the ground in rings close to the bark.
250	Pseudotsuga men- ziesii (35 yrs.)	Fiber length inc. from pith to bark; dec. from stump to apex.
87	General	Longest elements usually occur in trunks rather than roots.

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242	General	Investigators must consider the overall picture of wood growth and not only the single factor of fiber length.
270	Pseudotsuga men- ziesii	Micellar angle is governed by cell length.
268	General	General review on fiber variation in a conifer stem.

TABLE 32

Variation of Fiber Length within Boles

-- Coniferous Species.

		Variation in fiber length				
Refer- ence Wood species From		From pith to bark	From stump to apex			
-1	Pinus banksiana	0 • • • •	Inc. to crown, then dec.			
162	88 88	Inc.	Inc. to 41 feet, then dec. to top.			
184	P. merkusii	Inc.	Higher 25% up tree than at base.			
9	P. radiata (36 years)	Inc., then levels off				
269	P. radiata	Inc.	a • a • a •			
274	P. radiata (12 years)	Inc.	• • • • •			
20	P. taeda	Inc. rapidly to 10 yrs., then slowly	Inc.			
23	89 88	Inc. at all heights.	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e			
123	98 99		Ft. from stump Fiber length mm 1 1.39 1.38 27 (max) 1.77 1.84 top 1.35 1.43			
123	\$\$ \$ \$	Inc.	Inc. to mid-stem, then dec.			
161	(65-69 yrs.)	Inc. to 10 yrs. rap., then slowly	्रहरू (स्थ्) 			

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273	P. taeda	Inc.	•••••
20	P. palustris	Inc. rapidly to 10 yrs., then slowly	Inc.
91	16 16	Inc. rapidly to 20 yrs., more slowly to 45-55 yrs.	
108	P. densiflora	Inc. to 8 yrs., then constant	Inc. to a max., then dec.
249	81 88	••••	Inc.
24	P. sylvestris	Sharply inc.	Dec.
199	11 11	Inc. to 35-45 yrs., then dec.	•••••
246	P. caribaea	Inc.	• • • • • •
269	P. pinaster	Inc.	••••
90	P. strobus	Inc. irregularly, no relationship to pulp strength.	•••••
124	P. elliottii	Inc. to 15-25 yrs., then slowly inc.	•••••
247	Pinus sp.	Inc.	•••••
21	Picea sp.	Inc. to 30 yrs., then variable	•••••
103	11	Inc. to 70 yrs., then var.	••••
106	? ; ? ?	Inc. to 20-30 yrs., then var.	Inc. to midstem, then dec.
247	tt tt	Inc.	••••
178	P. rubens	Inc.	•••••
234	Picea sp. (85 yrs.)	Inc. at all levels	•••••
244	P. excelsa (75 trees)	Little variation.	Little variation.
50	P. sitchensis (40 yrs.)	Inc. at all levels.	Inc. to max., then dec.
6	Abies concolor (1 tree)	Inc. rapidly, then slowly.	

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6	A. procera (1 tree)	Inc. rapidly, then slowly,	Inc.
24	A. alba (80-100 yrs.)	Inc.	
6	Pseudotsuga men- ziesii (2 trees)	Inc. rapidly, then slowly.	Inc.
91	P\$	Inc. rapidly to 20 yrs., then slowly	
167	ęş ęş	Inc. rapidly to 50 yrs., then varied irregularly	Inc. to 1/3 stem ht., then dec
245	\$\$ \$T	Inc.	Inc. to a ht. of 42 ft., then dec. to top.
14	Thuja occidentalis	Inc.	
99	\$\$ \$\$	Inc.	
171	Larix sp.	Inc. sev. years, then fluctuates.	Inc. from upper stem down to a max. at 20% of tree ht., then dec.
276	Tsuga heterophylla	Inc. to 60 yrs.	0 0 0 0 0
10	Araucaria cunning- hamii	Inc.	
15	Juniperus virginiana	Inc.	6 4 0 0 0 0

TABLE 33

Variation of Fiber Length within Boles

-- Deciduous Species.

Refer-		Variation in fiber length							
ence veret-	Wood species	From pith to bark			F	rom	stump	to	apex
5	Eucalyptus gigantia (12-inch dbh)	Inc.	0	5 4 4 9 4					
26	E. regnans	Inc. rapidly	۰						
220	Carya sp.	Inc. to 20-25 yrs., then variable.	•	e a e e e					

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80	Quercus sp.	Inc. to 50-60 yrs., then max.	Inc. to 5 m. ht., then dec.
29	Fraxinus sp.	Inc. to 30, then dec. slightly.	Varied with age of cambium.
264	Betula sp. (20 trees)	Inc.	•••••
227	B. pubescens B. verrucosa	Inc. to 40 yrs., then constan Inc.	t
230 231	Populus X euramericana (10 years)	Inc. to 6-8 yrs., then constant	•••••
229	P. nigra (39 trees)	Inc. rapidly for 15 yrs.	•••••
111	P. tremula	Inc. at all levels.	Variable with tree ht.
122	P. japano-gigans	Inc. to a constant.	Inc. to a max., then dec.
135	P. deltoides	Inc.	•••••
136	P. deltoides	Inc.	• • • • •
172	P. robusta	Inc. rapidly to 10 yrs., more slowly to 25 yrs., then variable.	

Effect of Dominance on the Quality of Pulps from Tops

Whether a species or tree is dominant, sub-dominant or suppressed may have an effect upon the yield and quality of pulp obtained from the tops. Dominance has been reported to favor greater fiber length (178, 235), reaching a maximum in co-dominants (276). For slow-growth Araucaria (157), fiber length was greatest in suppressed trees. Dominants of Picea abies, Larix sp., and Pinus mugo were found to have a large fiber diameter and cell-wall thickness (233).

A high specific gravity has been reported for suppressed trees of Picea sp. (46), Pinus, Picea, Betula and Populus sp. (125), Larix leptolepis

(118), Pinus banksiana (54) and Pseudotsuga menziesii (208). Similarly, low specific gravity has been reported for dominant trees of Larix leptolepis (113), Picea sp. (58), Picea excelsa (41), Cryptomeria japonica (115), Pinus sylvestris (41, 43), Abies sp. (21), Pseudotsuga menziesii (275), for Picea sp. generally (84, 106), and for Betula sp. (40).

Tops of suppressed *Picea* sp. were found to have a high specific gravity (103) and, in general, suppressed trees are reported to give high-strength pulps (95).

There are insufficient data to draw firm conclusions concerning the effect of dominance on the yield and quality of pulp from tops. It is clear from the effects of dominance generally on fiber characteristics and specific gravity, however, that pulp yield and quality may be affected by dominance, and this should be kept in mind in selecting trees for complete-tree utilization studies. Dominant trees with a high wind-throw on the tops, for example, would be expected to give tops high in compression wood, with low tear strength and low pulp yield. Stand density would be expected to affect pulp quality, a low stand density giving more branches, with tops containing a higher percentage of knots, compression wood and pulps with lower yield and strength (154, 157).

Reaction Wood

Chemical Composition

A number of papers have been published which report the chemical analysis of reaction wood for a wide variety of tree species. The results of tests on 15 gymnosperms are summarized below for Abies, Larix, Picea and Pinus sp. (64):

Lignin, normal wood 26.2-31.7% compression wood 37.0-40.8%

Cellulose, normal wood. 39.6-43.9% compression wood. . . 29.0-32.8%

Galactose, normal wood. 1-2% compression wood . . . 8-10%

The mannose content of compression wood is only 30-60% of that present in normal wood. The xylose content is higher in compression wood than in normal wood in some cases; lower in others, the difference being small.

Anatomical

A comprehensive review by Westing (278, 279) covers existing know-ledge on the subject of compression wood formation and function. Compression wood appears to be a geotropic response of a cambial layer, which expands in situ, righting an inclined stem and maintaining the inherent angle of the branches. Compression tissue is heavily lignified and possesses thick cell walls. Compression wood is weaker than normal wood, apparently because of the more horizontal or transverse orientation of the microfibrils of the secondary cell wall. Specific gravity of compression wood is higher than that of normal wood. The sharp transition between springwood and summerwood is not found in the compression area, where the transition is gradual (217). The tracheids of compression wood are shorter and the tips often distorted.

Compression wood in stand-boundary spruce trees was found to be related to one-sided crowns as a result of the pressure of prevailing winds (105). It is reported (217) that trees with moderate lean do not always show compression wood, but where the angle of lean is 5.5° or greater, compression wood is almost always present (217).

Mechanical Pulp

Conventional stone groundwood prepared from two Picea mariana trees containing 60 and 80% compression wood was of poor quality because of the large proportion of broken trachelds and small fragments (218).

Chemical Pulps

Kraft pulping studies of Abies balsamea containing varying amounts of compression wood indicated a decreasing yield of pulp with increasing amounts of compression wood. The pulps were poorly delignified and, consequently, required longer cooking times to lower yields compared with normal wood (286).

Compression wood from *Pinus radiata* gave sulfate pulps somewhat inferior to comparable pulps from sound wood, whereas the sulfite pulps were markedly inferior to those derived from normal wood (272). The chemical composition of normal and compression wood and pulps derived from them are shown in Table 34.

The quality of kraft and sulfite pulps obtained from normal and compression wood of *Pinus radiata* is shown in Table 35.

TABLE 34

Chemical Composition of Normal and Compression Wood and Pulps

from Pinus radiata. Reference: 272

				- 6.4 -
	Perman-ganate	52	11.8	
	Pento-san (%)	0.5	0,7	
Sulfite Pulp	Halse lignin (%)	10.6	0.7	3.73
Sul	Yield on o.d.	35	7.5	Х Х
	Perman- ganate No.	54.2	15.5	З,
	Pentosan (%)	8.3	8.7	2.76
Sulfate Pulp	Klason lignin (%)	11.6	2.8	2 6
Sul	Yield on o.d. wood (%)	40	87	
ರ	Pento-sans (%)	T & Z	10.0	
Mood	Klason Lignin (%)	34.4	24.2	Average fiber length (mm) Compression wood Normal wood
And the second s	Wood sample	Compression	Normal	Average fiber length (mm) Compression w

TABLE 35

Characteristics of Kraft and Sulfite Pulps from

Compression Wood and Normal Wood for Pinus radiata --

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Wood	Type of pulp	Freeness (Csf)	Bulk	Breaking length in km.	Burst	Tear	No. of double folds	Revs. Beating
Compression	Kraft	505	1.47	7.8	<i>L</i> 9	110	946	18,000
Normal		336	1.40	10.9	91	11.7	2306	18,000
Compression	Kraft	683	1.53	7.6	59	113	902	000,6
Normal		631	1.46	11.0	85	126	3089	000*6
Compression	Sulfite	438	1.61	3.2	13	34	2	•
Normal		611	1.47	6.4	38	29	150	•

It is apparent from the results shown in Table 35 that the quality of sulfite pulp is much less affected by the presence of compression wood than is the quality of sulfate pulp. The results shown in Table 29 would help account for the lower yield obtained from unmerchantable tops of boles compared with the same type of pulp from boles. The results given for normal and compression wood in Table 35 are not strictly comparable, since strength values are not given at the same freeness. Even allowing for this, however, there is less difference in the tear factor for pulps from normal and compression wood than might be expected on a basis of the difference in strength characteristics of pulp from tops and from comparable boles. It is probable that the strength data found for pulp from tree tops are the result of some interacting combination of compression wood, lower specific gravity, shorter fiber length, and a higher percentage of thin-walled fibers, tending to give pulps with high breaking length and burst factor, but with low tear factor.

Tension Wood

Hardwoods possess a righting mechanism more or less comparable to that of conifers, resulting in an asymmetric distribution of growth, usually but not always, on the upper side of inclined growth. Tension wood is low in lignin content and the fibers are characterized in cross section by a gelatinous, cellulosic inner zone within the secondary cell wall. Tension wood is difficult to detect in many hardwoods except by specialized means (278).

Chemical Composition of Tension Wood

Results of analytical studies show that the composition of tension wood from different species may vary widely, this variation being indicated in Table 36.

TABLE 36

Composition of Tension Wood (257).

And the state of t	Lignin	Content	Cellulos	e Content	Pentosa	n Content
Wood species	Normal	Tension	Normal	Tension	Normal	Tension
Populus tremuloides	17.6	16.5	51.0	56.3	19.9	18.5
Eucalyptus goniocalyx	23.2	13.8	42.9	62.1	19.3	11.0
Populus canadensis	23.2	21.6	40.9	49.2	16.1	12.8

Pulping Characteristics of Tension Wood (120)

Jayme et al. (128) found that the yield of kraft pulp from Populus sp. increased with increasing percentage tension wood. Clermont and Bender (59), using the NSSC process, obtained slightly higher yields from the tension wood than from normal wood of Populus tremuloides.

Compared with pulp from normal wood, chemical pulps from material high in tension wood are inferior in strength characteristics, particularly breaking length and burst factor, which are closely related to fiber bonding; the fiber walls in tension wood pulp are thicker and more resistant to beating, and the content of non-resistant polysaccharides is lower (71).

Tension wood of *Populus tremuloides* required a longer beating time to reach a given freeness compared with pulp from normal wood; the tear factor was higher, but the breaking length and folding endurance lower in NSSC pulps. Tension wood pulp from *Ulmus americana*, however, showed little difference in beating time or strength characteristics (59). Lower values for breaking length, folding endurance, bursting strength, and percentage stretch were reported by Jayme, *et al.* (128) for pulps from tension wood of *Populus* sp.

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

Based on the data presently available, it is not possible to present a single unified picture for the yield and quality of pulps from unmerchantable tops of boles. However, it is possible to draw a few generalizations. For many wood species the tops, compared with boles, will show the following differences:

Unmerchantable Tops Compared with Merchantable Boles

Characteristics	Coniferous sp.	Deciduous sp.
Known General Wood or Fiber Characte	eristics	
Specific gravity	Lower	Lower
Fiber length	Shorter	Shorter
Cell wall thickness	Thinner	Thinner
Wind throw	Higher	Higher
Percentage knots	Higher	Higher
Percentage reaction wood	Higher	Higher
Percentage lignin	Higher	Lower
Percentage alpha-cellulose	Lower	Higher
Pulp Characteristics		
Anticipated Quality Based on Known	Wood and Fiber Charact	eristics
Weight yield	Lower	Higher
Tear factor	Lower	Lower
Burst factor	Higher	Higher
Tensile strength	Higher	Higher
Beating time	Faster	Faster
Percent knotter and screen rejects	Higher	Higher

Some of the characteristics of the fiber in unmerchantable tops of boles are likely to be cancelling in their effects on pulp yield and quality. A high percentage of compression wood will tend to give pulps with a low breaking length, whereas low specific gravity and thin cell-wall fibers will tend to give pulps with a high breaking length. The actual breaking length of a pulp from a given sample of unmerchantable tops may then depend upon the relative effects of compression wood and specific gravity, and these differences, in turn, relate back to more basic factors which affect percentage compression wood and specific gravity, such as taper, dominance, growth conditions and rate, wind throw, etc.

The above broad generalization would be expected to be generally applicable to most *Pinus*, *Picea*, *Abies*, and *Tsuga* species. *Pseudotsuga menziesii* might be an exception. For both hardwoods and softwoods, these trends would be accented where the species is dominant or where wind throw is high and, for both softwoods and hardwoods, these effects would be least with kraft pulp and greatest with calcium-base sulfite pulp.

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