

On December 10, seedlings with fully expanded cotyledons and stems about 2 inches high were abundant, and along roadways were conspicuously visible from moving vehicles. In grass and full sod, seedlings were found to be plentiful upon close inspection. Some longleaf cut-over tracts of 10 to 15 years standing in some instances are entirely open except for scattering seed trees and full grass cover. Counts in some typical areas of this sort show in general almost complete regeneration except with very scattering seed trees.

On one square rod 60 feet to the north side of two seed trees, 38 seedlings and 11 seeds (2 seeds good) were found. On the south side at the same distance 34 seedlings and 4 seeds (3 seeds good) were found. Both plots were in full grass sod and undoubtedly as many as 20 per cent escaped notice. State Warden Thompson reports (December 20) finding 68 seedlings and 26 seeds (16 seeds good) on a square rod midway between four seed trees spaced 250 feet apart, and on 4 plots of similar size at equal distances (125 feet) on the outside of the group he found a total of 94 seedlings and 24 seeds (6 good seeds), or an average of 23.5 seedlings and 6 seeds (1.5 good seed). Near seed trees without doubt maximum stands of several hundred seedlings per square rod may be found.