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MONEY ON TREES? YES

Money could grow out of trees if Davis countyans would give it a chance.

That's the message advertised by Bruce Plum of Fairfield, district forester, in his annual report on forestry activities in Davis county last year.

Pine trees can, in time, yield the woodlot producer some money. Thinnings can produce greens, later fence posts, and then pulpwood. "At present," Plum said, "a pulpwood mill in southeast Iowa is importing pine pulpwood from South Dakota. They are paying a premium for Iowa - grown pine."

Last year there were 25,000 pine trees planted in Davis county. Those planting during the year were Phil Babcock, John Robinson, James Bailey, Howard Grey, Robert Boatman, Dr. R. E. Rasmussen, Norman Hansen, Carlon Cary, Harry Wagler and Lloyd Wheeler.

Plum says the county has a large number of acres "which can profitably be devoted to raising pine trees." He explained that "pine plantations will make an additional crop, provide off-season work, and improve the value of a farm for sale purposes.

"A potential buyer of a farm would place more value on a crop of pine than on an eroded or brushy acre."

There was only one timber-management plan drawn in Davis county in 1960, Plum notes. He urges farmers to "put your lazy acres" to work for profit.