

SHOTGUNS - contd.MODEL 1100 AUTOLOADING SHOTGUNMahogany Stocks & Fore Ends - 20 Gauge

The dried mahogany planks were received in Ilion May 15. Stock and Fore End preliminary operations should start in May and gun assembly in July. The production quantity is fifteen hundred (1500) 20 gauge guns.

Marketing reported that several hundred orders have been received. Six (6) samples have been furnished field representatives.

Production requested an opinion on the future of mahogany Stock and Fore End production. Marketing stated that the 1965 forecast is fifteen hundred (1500) 20 gauge guns. Field reaction will determine the future program. There has been no adverse reaction to the one hundred and fifty (150) guns provided in 1964.

The possibility of extending the use of the lighter weight mahogany to the 12 and 16 gauge line was discussed. The program initially was to provide a lighter weight 20 gauge gun. Possible problems in obtaining walnut might warrant a broader offering of mahogany to obtain customer reaction.

Committee Action

The Committee recommended that R & D again review the advisability of using mahogany in 12 and 16 gauge guns.

As soon as Marketing has a field reaction, the forecast for 1966 is to be developed with Production.

This item will be dropped until the September Committee Meeting.