

FIREARMSWOOD PRESS FORMINGMODEL 870, 12-16-20 GAUGE FORE-ENDS

Production reported that about 50 of 200 Model 870 Fore-ends have been press formed to assess process control and product quality. Each Fore-end is being measured and inspected before and after pressing; to date, all have been of acceptable quality. Plans are being made to move equipment into production areas for trial operation by Production operators. Planning, moves and re-connection will be completed in early 1974.

After about two months of successful operation, procurement of equipment for full production will be started.

SHOTGUNSMODEL 1100, 20 GAUGE LIGHTWEIGHT SHOTGUN

R & D reported that three prototype Model 1100, 20 gauge lightweight skeet shotguns are being made for testing. These guns will have:

- . Ejection port size reduced in width for front 2/3 of length.
- . Thicker wall at top radius of Receiver.
- . Revised Locking Block and Breech Bolt Assemblies.
- . Short Barrel Extension.

Testing is to be completed by January 1, 1974 and design can be released then if results are satisfactory. Assuming these changes provide a satisfactory skeet gun, it appears that announcement in January, 1975 would be possible. Detail schedules and economics are to be developed.

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