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Production reported that the original steel master press form dies for the Model 870 Stock have required continual repair. Production the latter part of June and the first part of July was limited to the one machine having the stainless steel die. The second stainless die should be in production in August.

Due to late receipt of castings for dies, the Model 1100, 12-16-20 gauge press form Stock program is approximately one month behind schedule.

Preliminary work has started on the Model 742-760 stock press forming.

R & D reported that a recent high spot economic analysis indicates marginal return on investment for the Model 870 press Fore End development. In fact, the estimated \$6,800 labor and expense savings is not sufficient to justify this project on the usual basis. However, there are other collateral benefits for the development that might warrant continuation of this work. It would also allow for completion and testing of the minimal equipment as proposed in the project which will be submitted.

These are:

1. Improved product quality and esthetics
 - a. Uniform Fore End geometry with uniform custom checkering.
 - b. Clearer more translucent finish enhancing natural wood beauty.
 - c. Improved dent and scratch resistant Fore End compatible to that now produced on the Model 870 Stocks.

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