GROWTH TABLE FOR CORSICAN PINE IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM)*

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ABSTRACT

After its introduction at the start of this century, the Corsican pine has become an important forest tree in Flanders (Belgium). The total area covered by Corsican pine is about 11.000 ha. Due to climatological factors it is virtually absent from the Wallone part of Belgium. Despite the crisis in 1984 - 1986, practical experiences with its vitality and disease resistance are generally positive. Compared to Scotch pine which is native to Belgium, its productivity and insensitivity for insect pests is large.

To quantify the productivity of Corsican pine, a growth table was constructed using a method developed by PALM and DAGNELIE. It was base on data from 321 temporarily and 80 permanent plots distributed over Flanders. Five yield classes were distinguished according to dominant height at 50 years. For each yield class, a series of tables as a function of treatment was constructed. Treatments were characterized by the mean annual circumference increment.

These tables allow to predict the growth of Corsican pines. Such predictions for the whole range of species are necessary for the development of a good forestry policy and for timber industries. The tables also provide information for any given Corsican pine stand that is helpful in practice: expected productivity, stand density, determination of the felling quantum.

The data show that the productivity of Corsican pine is very high. The very early culmination of the current annual volume increment and the rather constant level of the mean annual volume increment after culmination are interesting new findings. It is also shown that it is possible to work with long rotation periods. This offers good opportunities for the production of high quality wood and is also important for the social and ecological role of the forest.

Productivity is lowest on very dry and sandy soils. A high productivity on moderately dry sand and loamy sand soils and loamy soils make the Corsican pine one of the most valuable tree species for the Kempen in Flanders. Although

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productivity is very high on well drained sandy loam and loam soils, plantation of Corsican pine on these locations is not advised.

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PREFACE

Today forests have to serve multiple purposes. The new Flemish forestry legislation explicitly pays attention to the economical, social, ecological and scientific function of forests. In regions with a low forest index like Flanders (8 %) these

three function always have to be present at the same time. Nevertheless a dynamic forest policy should allow that some of the emphasis can be changed, depending on the type of the forest owner.

As a consequence, in public forests the emphasis may be on the social and ecological function. In private forests however, the owner will, primary, search for an acceptable financial revenue.

In the sandy lowlands of the Kempen, with a forest index of 29%, the needs differ strongly from those in Western Flanders with a forest index of 2.5%. This means that the emphasis laid on the three basic functions may change strongly between forests. Even in the Kempen, on places where traces of loam or organic material occur mixed in the topsoil, more varied and mixed forests can be obtained by means of a guided natural evolution. Where possible, this must be pursued. Since most forest soils in the Kempen belong to the poorest of Western Europe, the possibilities are rather limited. The choice of forest species adapted to these soils is very limited. Today only Scotch pine, Black cherry and Birch grow naturally on these locations. Forests based on these pioneer species evolve only after several generations into mixed forests. This means that for many forest owners, Scotch pine and Corsican pine are the only realistic alternatives.

Scotch pine is considered a native species in Flanders. The Corsican pine however was introduced around the turn of the century. Based on the good growth results of the early plantations the species became widespread in the Kempen after 1950. Today 5.238 ha of Corsican pine forests exist in the Kempen of Limburg, this is 9.8% of the forests in the province of Limburg.

It is known that the Corsican pine is a fastgrowing species, with a yield of twice that of Scotch pine. These figures have never been exactly quantified.

The first growth tables for Corsican pine in Flanders were made in 1976 by R. GOOSSENS and F. DUFRANE. Between 1984 en 1990 more data have been collected so more detailed and complete tables can be presented in this paper.

Because of the largely positive experiences, the Corsican pine can be classified as a species well adapted to Flanders. As a consequence the plantation of Corsican pine forests is stimulated by a financial aid of 40.000 BF/ha by the government. If planted on suited soils and with the use of the new management perceptions given in this paper the Corsican pine can continue to play an important role in multiple use forests in Flanders. Therefore these growth tables serve both a scientific and a practical purpose.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Corsican pine (*Pinus nigra* Arn. var *Corsicana*) is native in the Mediterranean area. Since the turn of the century and especially after 1940, the Corsican pine has been intensively planted in Flanders as an alternative for Scotch pine. In the

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scientific work that was carried out by LISEC in the previous decades the emphasis was on Corsican pine with as most important topics:

- integrated afforestation with studies of the Root Growth Potential, inoculation with growth stimulating ectomycorrhiza, planting density, ground tillage and fertilization;
- genetical improvement;
- study of the vitality of trees and forests;
- entomology;
- thinning;
- matching species to soil;
- management tables.

In this article some of the most important results of this research will be cited and situated in the traditional management of Corsican pine forests in Flanders.

2. MANAGEMENT OF CORSICAN PINE FORESTS IN FLANDERS

2.1. Distribution

Most Corsican pine forests were planted on dry sandy soils in the provinces of Antwerp and Limburg. Soil studies carried out by LISEC in the seventies (BAY-ENS, 1984) revealed that in Flanders, Corsican pine grows best on not too wet soils (class b) irrespective of texture. On sand, loamy sand and sand loam, the wetter classes c and d are also very suitable for Corsican pine (see also chapter 5).

Growth of Corsican pine in the Netherlands differs strongly from the growth in Flanders because of the more windy and colder climate. These climatic conditions are the reason why Corsican pine is not so widespread in the Netherlands. Also the Belgian Ardennes are too cold for the growth of this species. The forest statistics of 1970 (NIS, 1970) reports 10.000 ha Corsican pine in Belgium, 89% of which is found in Flanders. More recent data are not available. Based on infrared-photo analyses of the province of Limburg F. DUFRANE (1990) has calculated that the area covered by Corsican pine forests in Limburg has increased with ca. 8% between 1970 and 1990. If this can be extrapolated for Belgium the total surface today is 11.000 ha and each year 300 ha of Corsican pine forests are planted. Between 1985 and 1987 the reforestation diminished strongly because of distrust based on the vitality-crises in the Corsican pine forests. Research carried out by LISEC (ECTORS en MEULEMAN, 1989), F. DUFRANE (1990) and the RUG (ROSKAMS, 1989) revealed this crisis was primarily due to the extreme low winter temperatures in '83-'84, '85-'86 and '86-'87. Today the confidence of most foresters in Corsican pine is restored.

2.2. Afforestation

The first afforestations were carried out with 2 or 3-year old planting stock of different provenances of Corsica and with the Flemish 'provenance' Koekelare. Most planting in Flanders and increasingly more in the Netherlands is done with Koekelare. Provenance tests carried out by LISEC revealed that the English 'provenances' Ampthill and Sherwood are promising (MEULEMAN, 1987). Since widening the genetical potential is desirable, prolonged research of this topic is necessary.

At first the planting density was very high, 8 - 10.000 plants/ha. More recently stockings of 4 to 6.000 plants/ha are more common. LISEC-tests revealed that production after 19 years was at a maximum with the even lower planting density of 2.700 plants/ha (BERBEN, 1978). Extremely low planting densities (ca. 1.500 plants/ha) tested by LISEC in cooperation with the "Dienst Waters en Bossen", gave very promising results. Until now such plantings are prohibited by high mortality after planting and by higher fire risks when the grass-vegetation stays too long. The research programme 'integrated afforestation', which was started by LISEC in 1984, aims to develop new nursery-technics to reduce mortality and speed up canopy closure. By using these technics forestry rentability but also the ecological value of new plantings can be improved (LISEC, 1989). The ecological value of low density-plantations is primarily due to a better humification because of an increased development of the shrublayer. This shrublayer does not exist in traditional Corsican pine plantations younger than 40 to 50 year, due to shading. As a matter of fact for these low density plantations carefully selected seeds are required.

Reforestation results are best when a complete ploughing of the soil is carried out. The very expensive destumping can be avoided if the former forest was established with a low density plantation, especially when the distance between the rows was ca. 3 m. Planting after partial ground tillage (local stirring of the ground, rowploughing etc.) is only useful if their are no grasses or ferns or other harming vegetation.

Corsican pine seems to have regeneration problems in our regions. Good natural regeneration was found only in the Antwerp Kempen (VANDENBROUCKE, 1991). In contrast Scotch pine gives an uncountable number of offspring even in rather young stands. These seedlings are not seldom a threat for Corsican pine plantations as young Scotch pine (< 30 years), even the bad provenances, grows faster.

2.3. Thinning and clearcut

Thinning is one of the most important management tools of today's forestry. Immediately after planting, with e.g. 2.700 plants/ha, the trees do not touch each other, nor with their crowns, nor with their roots. The trees start to compete for light after canopy closure with the following result:

- natural pruning of the lower branches because of the heavy shade. This does not improve wood quality because death branches remain on the tree without breaking for many decades;
- some trees overdominate other trees, these so called 'sprinters' are not always the best shaped or most resistant. Many overdominated trees die in the end;
- the remaining trees keep competing for light and space, so the stand becomes very dense. In these circumstances harmful fungi (e.g. Brunchorstia) can proliferate freely. Another consequence is the development of very small living crowns, which leads to instable stands which are easily damaged by wind, snow and ice. These stands also make inefficient use of the production factors light and carbondioxide;
- because of the high density of the stand, a deep shade reigns under the crowns so litter decomposition and development of a shrublayer is obstructed.

Traditionally the first thinning does not take place before the stand is 25 or even 30 years. Sometimes this first thinning is preceded by a clearing intervention by which only the dying or overdominated trees are taken away. In the meantime the branches of the remaining trees are pruned to a height of 2 m to make the stand accessible. Until the stand reaches the age of 40 thinning takes place every 3 years. Later the periodicity of thinning becomes 6 years. Although the first thinning eliminates heavily deformed or forked trees, even when they belong to the upper layer, most thinnings are very conservative and only the dominated trees are felled (DUFRANE, 1989). Research carried out by LISEC in cooperation with the "Dienst Waters en Bossen" revealed that thinning early and strongly can highly improve the quality of the later thinned products (BERBEN en GEEBELEN, 1977).

The act of thinning is often called an art. Although this statement may be partially true, we believe it is more important to give the manager unbiased criteria on which the thinning activity can be based. It should be clear that thinning prescriptions are directly related to the management goal. Our advise holds true for a management based on the production of quality wood and a long revolution:

- stand density should be compared to the data in the growth tables;
- on rich locations thinnings have to start at the stand's age of 18 year, on the poorer locations at 24 years. At this occasion the surface has to be reduced from 35 m² (at maximum) to 25 m². This may be done selective by or systematic by since the genetic quality of the stands is generally good and homogeneous. The next thinnings (until the age of 40) have to reduce the surface at intervals of three years to 25 30 m². Later this can be increased to 35 m². In general each thinning may take away up to 30% of the surface without causing any problems

for the stability (BERBEN, 1989; FABER, 1971). Such strong thinnings do not reduce timber quality since the wood density (g/cm³) is but very slightly influenced by the width of the growth rings (SCHALCK, 1967);

- the height/diameter ratio should always be kept below 75 80 for older stands, and below 80 - 100 for younger stands (MEULEMAN, 1990);
- in unstable stands thinnings have to be done very carefully, e.g. with an interval of 2 years instead of 3. After the stand has regained its stability thinnings may become increasingly strong. Most coniferous trees have crowns reacting by an increase in vertical growth (more living crowns) after thinning, opposite to most deciduous trees who react by a more horizontal growth (longer branches) (ZEIDE, 1991).

Corsican pine stands older than 70 years are hard to find in Flanders because of:

- the species has only recently been introduced in Flanders;
- on better soils the trees are of good commercial dimensions after 70 years, so the manager often wants to sell them then.

After clearcutting a second generation of Corsican pine is often planted. This is done because of the lack of valuable alternatives for economically inspired forestry, but also because of the high ecological and recreational value of older Corsican pine stands. In fact both the economical, ecological and recreational value of these stands can be optimised by prolonging the revolution time and by the production of heavy timber logs. Meanwhile these stands can progressively be transformed into more complex and mixed stands. Attention has to be given to the following points :

- valuable seed carriers should be present in the immediate vicinity;
- the stand should be of good quality and stability (see also chapter 5);
- highly skilled managers are a necessity because managing these stands is more difficult than managing even aged and homogeneous stands;
- the exploitation has to be done very carefully without damaging the seedlings;
- no harmful species (e.g. Prunus serotina) may be present in high quantities;
- even in these progressively transformed stands pioneer species like Corsican and Scotch pine will disappear because of the shady conditions. If the presence of these species is desired, regeneration in homogeneous blocks of 0.3 to 0.5 ha is necessary.

3. WHY GROWTH TABLES ?

The most important aims of growth tables are the following :

- providing test criteria for existing stands;
- using the tables as the bases for stearing schemes;
- rentability studies for a single stand or for a whole region;
- choice of species;
- stating felling quantities as imperative by the legislation;
- gaining insight in the actual management practice. Answering questions like: where are Corsican pine stands found? What is the initial stocking after planting? What are the thinning characteristics? How long is the revolution time?

Growth tables are a model for the reality of a specific stand. So the tables will seldom be 100% accurate.

4. METHODOLOGY

In 1985 J.BERBEN started the collection of data for this growth table. In 1989 the work was taken over by B. MEULEMAN and collaborators. The data were complemented by F. DUFRANE, part of the computing was done at the Centre de Biometrie, Gembloux (G. CARLETTI and R. PALM).

4.1. Classical method

Most existing growth tables are based upon long term observations of stands growing under different growing conditions. These data were only partially available.

4.2. Applied method

These growth tables are based on a method developed by R. PALM (DAGNELIE et al., 1988). Test stands were chosen carefully to guarantee that all soil types and age classes are present. A once only inventory was made in each stand. This was done by measuring each tree in circular plots of 0.04 ha (see figure 1) at a rate of 1 plot/ha.

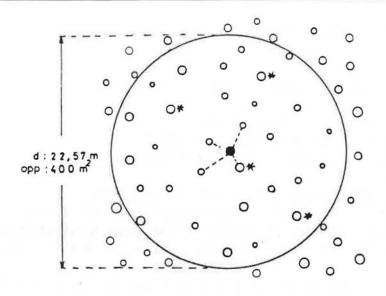


Figure 1: plot

central point

O-- 4 trees nearest to the central point

○ * 4 biggest trees

In each plot the following parameters were measured:

- stand age;
- dominant height (mean height of the 4 biggest trees);
- mean breast circumference (mean circumference of the 4 trees nearest to the central point);
- each individual circumference;
- diameter increase in the previous 5 years (mean of 4 cores taken with the Pressler device);
- data on the localization of the stand (soiltype, height above sealevel ...).

Since some stands were measured before the thinning, others after the thinning and others just between two thinnings, the average result is considered to describe the situation just between two thinnings.

Based on these measured parameters some secondary parameters were derived and a set of relations for a theoretical stand were calculated. The first and most important one was the relation between age and dominant height. Based on this function the plots were divided into 5 production classes, characterized by their dominant height at the age of 50 years. This was done because the dominant height at a certain age is known to be determined by the species and the characte-

ristics of the location (including soiltype and climate) and not by the management. Subsequently a set of functions was calculated in order to predict the other stand characteristics based on circumference, age and dominant height.

4.2.1. Number of plots

321 plots were treated as mentioned above. These plots were distributed over Flanders (see figure 2). We tried to take them in different age classes (see figure 3) and on different soiltypes (see figure 4). Probably most of the testplots were of the provenance Koekelare. These data were complemented with the data of 60 permanent testplots in the province of Limburg.

Thus, the growth tables are based on 381 plots, ca. 2.000 random samples for the diameter growth and ca. 700 random samples for the other parameters.

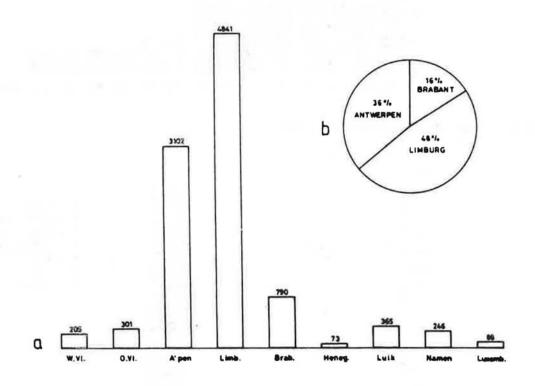


Figure 2: a) occurrence of Corsican pine stands in Flanders b) plots used for these growth tables

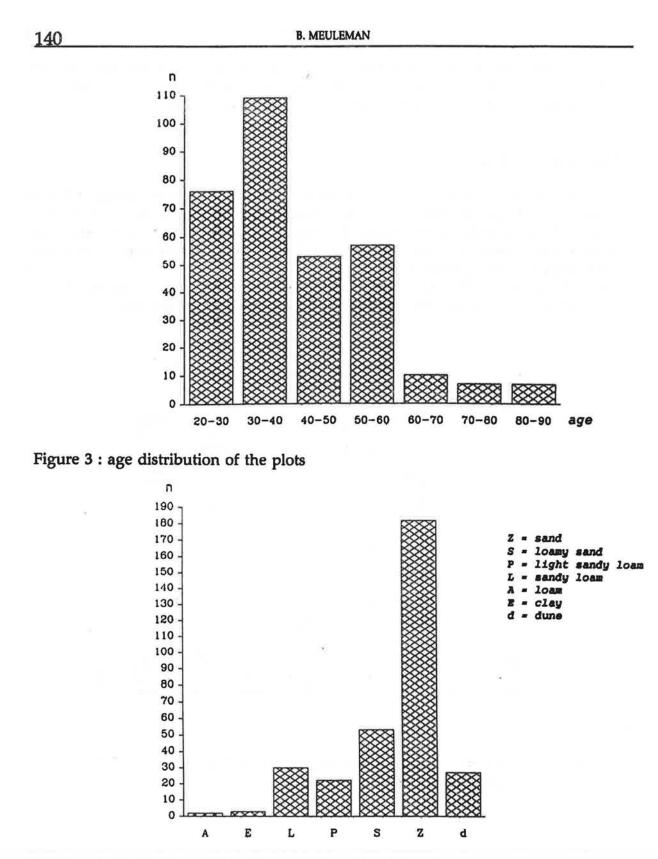


Figure 4 : distribution of the plots over the texture classes

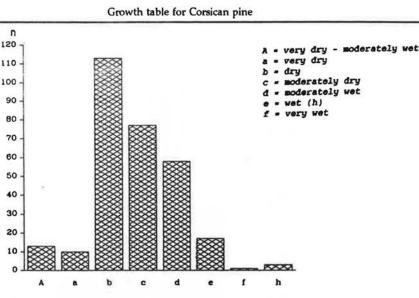


Figure 5 : distribution of the plots over the drainage classes.

4.2.2 Height

* height function for all yield classes

Several functions were fitted to the data. In the end we chose for a linear relation:

 $HD = 0.3388 \times L + 4.84$

with : HD = dominant height (m) L = age (year) $(R^2 = 0.74)$

Five yield classes characterized by their dominant height at the age of 5 years were defined i.e. 15, 18, 21, 24 and 27 m (see figure 6). For each plot the exact yield class was calculated as follows :

$$I_{\rm o} = \frac{H_{\rm a}}{H_{\rm a gem}} x \, I_{\rm o gem}$$

(function 1)

with : I0 = yield class of the stand;

Ha = current dominant height of the stand at the current age I0gem = mean yield class of all the stands (actually 21.78 m) Hagem = mean dominant height at the current age

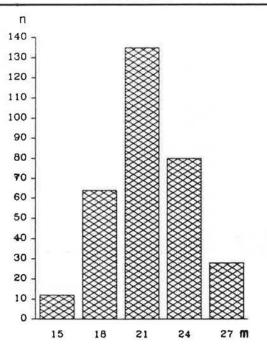


Figure 6 : Distribution of the plots over yield class

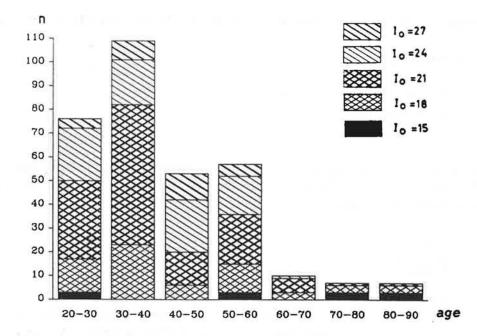


Figure 7 : distribution of the stands over yield class per age class.

It should be clear that this linear relation is only applicable in a restricted age interval (between age 25 and 65). Since we found no older stands on the best soils

we decided to use this relation for the yield class 24 and 27 m.

* height function for the lower yield classes

For the yield classes 15, 18 and 21 m a non linear relation was calculated:

$H_{\rm D} = b_0$	$\left[1 - exp\left[-\left(\frac{L - b_2}{b_1}\right)^2\right]\right]$	(function 2)
with the	following coefficients :	

Io	bo	b1	b2
15 m	24.796	74.615	- 21.902
18 m	28.044	74.615	- 25.608
21 m	31.290	74.615	- 28.686

Figure 8 gives the change of the dominant height with age for each yield class.

4.2.3. Circumference

To be able to predict the mean circumference of a stand from its age and the dominant height, the following relation was calculated:

$$MC_{130} = -18.461 + 3.01809 x H_{\rm D} + 0.88154 x L \left(R^2 = 0.90\right)$$
 (function 3)

with : MC130 = mean circumference at breast height (1.30 m)

Figure 9 gives the distribution of the testplots according to their mean circumference.

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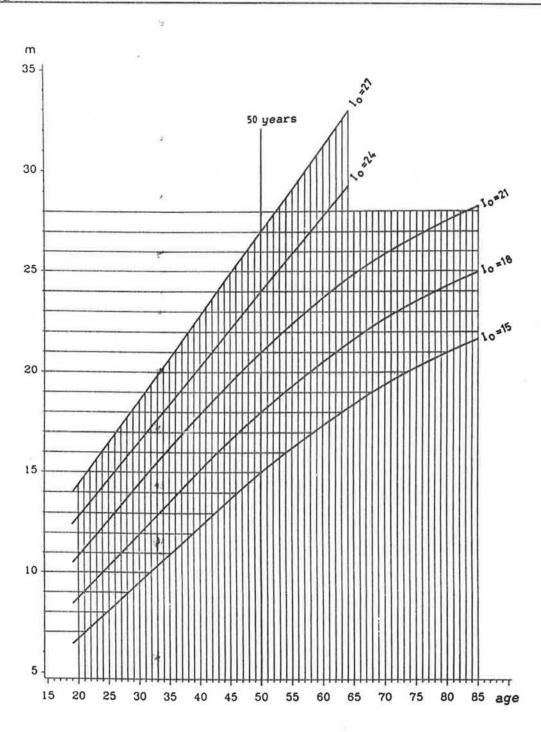


Figure 8 : dominant height as a function of the age.

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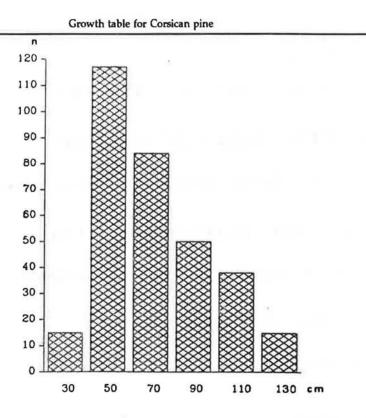


Figure 9: distribution of the test plots according to their circumference at breast height (1.30m)

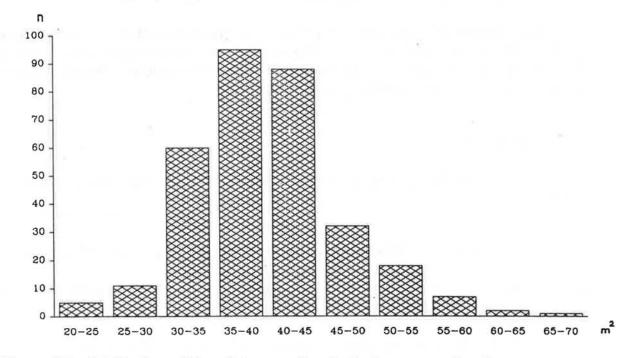


Figure 10 : distribution of the plots according to their mean surface/ha

4.2.4. trees per hectare

The number of trees per hectare was calculated as follows :

$$log_e NT = 14.726 - 1.83601 x log_e MC_{130} (R^2 = 0.93)$$
 (function 4)

The distribution of the circumferences was characterized as follows:

 $log_e ECT_{130} = 0.4863 + 0.5116 log_e MC_{130} (R^2 = 0.50)$ (function 5)

with : ECT130 = standard deviation of the circumference.

$$G1C_{130} = -1.8661 + 0.302677 \log NT (R^2 = 0.22)$$
 (function 6)

with : G1C130 = coefficient of asymmetry

B2C130 = 2.8888

(function 7)

with : B2C130 = coefficient of flattening.

With the number of trees per hectare and functions 6 and 7 it is possible to calculate the surface per hectare. As figure 10 shows we generally observed very high surfaces per hectare. We checked these observations and concluded that most Corsican pine stands in Flanders are poorly thinned.

4.2.5. Diameter growth

The diameter growth of a single tree in the previous 5 year was predicted as follows :

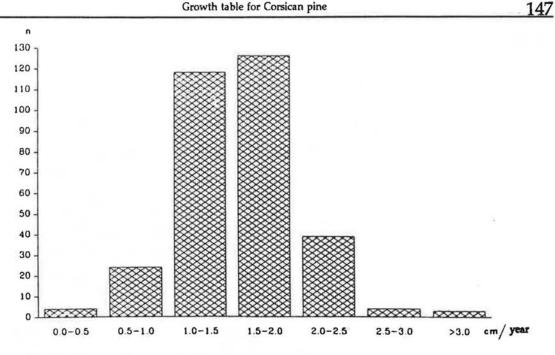
(function 8)

$$E_{130} = -0.012661 \times L + 0.010421 \times C_{130} - 0.37216 \times \log_e MC_{130} + 2.5282 \ (R^2 = 0.16)$$

with : E130 = diameter growth in 5 years (radius in mm) of the model tree with circumference MC130 in a stand with mean circumference MC130.

Figure 11 shows the diameter growth classes which were actually observed.

Growth table for Corsican pine



distribution of the testplots according to their mean annual diameter Figure 11 : growth.

4.2.6. Cubing

To be able to calculate the volume of a stand we used a function with dominant height of the stand and diameter at breast height as input (1.30 m) (J.BERBEN et al., 1983). (function 9)

$$VC_{22} = -0.80282 \times 10^{-3} + 0.27264 \times 10^{-4} \times C_{130}^2 - 0.15316 \times 10^{-2} \times H_{\rm D} + 0.24858 \times 10^{-5} \times C_{130}^2 \times H_{\rm D}$$

(R² = 0.9577)

Table 1 gives the volume according to this formula, tables 2, 3 and 4 give other types of volume tables.

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Table 1: Timber volume under circumference 22 cm based on circumference at breast height (C130) and the dominant height (HDOM) (BERBEN et al, 1983).

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Table 2:	Timber volume under circumference 22 cm based on circumference at
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Table 3 :

Timber volume under circumference 22 cm based on circumference at breast height (C130) and total height (BERBEN et al, 1983).

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Table 4: Timber volume under circumference 22 cm based on circumference at breast height (C150) and total height (BERBEN et al, 1983).

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4.2.7. Set up of the growth table

The formulas 1 to 9 were used to make the growth tables. For the lower yield classes (15, 18 and 21 m) the non-linear function was used. For the yield classes 24 and 27 we used the linear function, so we had to stop the calculations at the age of 65 as the estimation becomes biased.

For each yield class a set of tables was calculated according to different fixed annual diameter growth levels. The fixed diameter growth corresponds to the management goal. A low annual diameter increment corresponds with the production of a great number of small stems and short rotations. For the production of heavy sawlogs a greater annual diameter increment is necessary with longer rotations. The level of the annual diameter increment can, between certain limits (see table 6), be guided by the type of thinning. The total annual volume production is not affected by the level of the annual diameter increment.

Table 5 :	Realistic diameter increment classes for Corsican pine. For each of
	these combinations a different growth table was constructed.

		mean a	nnual in cren	nent of cirum	ference (cm)		
yield class	1,25	1,50	1,75	2,00	2,25	2,50	2,75
15	*	•	*				41
18	+	*	*	•			
21		•	*	+	•		
24		*	*	*	*	•	
27			*	•	*		•

The tables start at the age of 25 years, except for the lowest yield classes were this would lead to inconsistences. For the younger stands the tables give data each 3 years. After the age of 40 data are given only each 6 years. This corresponds with the thinning periodicity. In some tables this change of periodicity may lead to irregularities.

a) stand characteristics at age 23.5

To build up a table the stand characteristics are calculated at the age of 23.5 years. The yield class is calculated with function 1 (for the highest yield classes) or with function 2 (for the lower yield classes). Subsequently function 3 was used to calculate the mean circumference and function 4 to calculate the number of Using functions 4, 5 and 6 the diameter class distribution of the trees/ha. hypothetical stand is calculated.

b) growth in the next 1.5 years

For each individual tree in the diameter class distribution the diameter increment in the next 5 years can be calculated by means of function 8. We assume the growth in the next 1.5 years to be 1.5/5 or 30 % of the growth in the next 5 years. The height increment is calculated with function 1 or 2. We assume the number of trees/ha is constant in the next 1.5 years, i.e. no thinning. Also the surface/ha and the volume/ha are calculated (function 8).

c) stand characteristics at age 25 before thinning

Based on the calculations in b), the number of the trees/ha, the circumference, the dominant height, the surface/ha and the volume/ha are calculated.

d) stand characteristics at age 26.5

In the same way as for the stand characteristics at the age of 23.5 years -see a)- the stand characteristics at the age of 25 years can be calculated. An exception must be made for the mean circumference. The mean circumference is calculated by adding 3 times the mean annual diameter increment which was chosen depending on the management goal. This increment is realized partially by the biological increment (the standing trees grow thicker) and partially by the technical increment. The technical increment is the increment due to thinning. This increment can be positive or negative. If thinning only takes away dominated trees, the technical increment is positive. If also dominant or subdominant trees are felled the technical increment can become negative. It is important to mention the number of trees/ ha is smaller at the age of 26.5 compared to the situation at the age of 23.5. The difference is made by the thinning.

e) growth in the previous 1.5 year : See b)

f) stand characteristics at age 25, after thinning

In the same way as in c) the stand characteristics at the age of 25 years can be calculated using data in d) and e). The stand characteristics differ from these calculated in c). Most striking is the smaller number of trees/ha in d). The difference in number between c) and f) is the number of trees removed by thinning.

To build up the table for the age of 28 an analogous reasoning as above can be made. This has to be done for each yield class and for each fixed diameter increment.

5. DISCUSSION

The following observations made during this research were most striking :

- The high surfaces/ha. After verification we can state without any doubt that many stands have surfaces of 50m² and more. We doubt this is favorable for a good and sane growth but it also reveals that Corsican pine tolerate high densities better than Scotch pine;
- The high volumes/ ha. Several stands had a standing volume of over 500 m³;
- The early culminating current annual increment (CAI). This observation was verified too. Figure 12 gives the actual observed data for a non-thinned stand at the age of 32 years. The data were obtained by taking cores of every tree and measuring the annual rings till the pith and by measuring the length of the internodes (height increment).
- The culmination point of the mean annual volume increment (MAVI) is specific for the different yield classes :

yield class	maximal MAVI
15	76 years
18	70 years
21	64 years

After this culmination point the MAVI remains rather constant for a long period. For IO = 21 m the MAVI culminates at the age of 64 years, at the age of 88 years the MAVI is only 3 % lower. Hence long revolution periods seem to be acceptable if the vitality of the stand is good. This means that the production of heavy saw logs (C130 1.50 to 2.00 m) and the guided natural transformation of the stands is possible in Flanders. The age of culmination of the MAVI is not affected by the thinning regime;

- The **fixed annual diameter increment levels** correspond to different treatments. But one can not say the lower increments correspond with low thinning and the

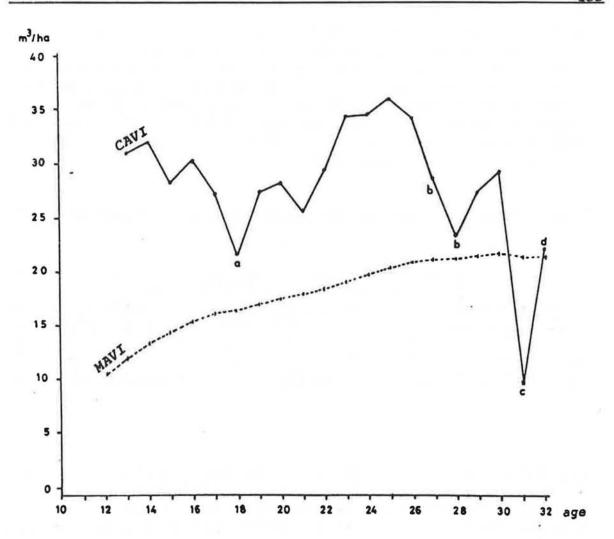


Figure 12:

Evolution of the current (CAVI) and mean (MAVI) annual volume increment in a teststand which was never thinned.

a) The extraordinary dry summer of 1976 with 214 mm precipitation during the vegetation season while 450 mm is normal;
b) The extraordinary cold winters of '84, '85 and '86 with minimal temperatures of -22°;
c) The 3 dry summers of '89 (290 mm), '90 (276 mm) and '91 (259 mm);
d) The CAVI is always difficult to measure in the last year.

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higher increments with heavy thinning. Each increment level corresponds to the type of management keeping the increment constant during the whole live of the stand. To realize this, the thinning regimes have to change as the stand grows older. To be able to realize the lowest annual diameter increment the young stand has to be thinned so that only a small proportion of trees with big dimensions are felled. To realize the biggest increment in the young stand a great number of small trees are to be felled. This changes completely as the stand gets older. Table 6 illustrates this.

Table 6 : Nature of the thinning under different management regimes (I0 = 15m)

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		1.25cm		1.75cm
age	n	circumference (cm)	n	circumference (cm)
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76 jaar	83	87	61	100

In table 6 one can see that the two most extreme management types use the same type of thinning at the age of 52 year. The age at which the type of thinning has to change to realize the fixed management goal depends on the yield class. The better the yield class, the sooner the thinning type has to be changed. The ranking is shown below :

yield class	age
15 m	52
18 m	43
21 m	40
24 m	39
27 m	37

One can call a stand young before the age at which the thinning type has to change and adult after this point.

- The change in thinning type is more pronounced for the lowest annual increment levels (see table 7).
- Table 7: Thinning characteristics for the most extreme annual diameter increment levels (ADIL)

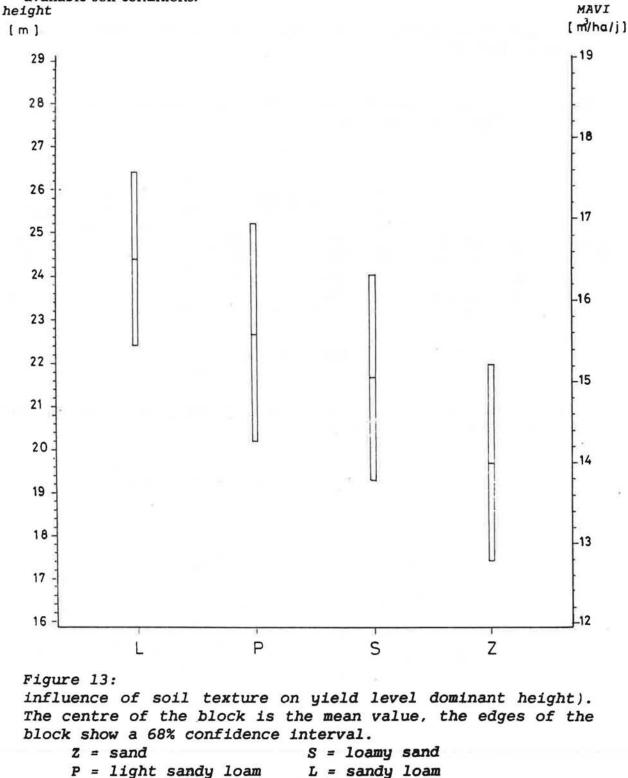
	young	stand ADIL	adult stand ADIL			
thinning characteristics	low	high	low	high		
number felled trees/ha felled surface/ha circumference felled trees*	17% 18% 104%	24% 17% 85%	13% 12% 94%	15% 11% 88%		

- * as % of the mean circumference before thinning.
- Table 8 shows clearly that the principal stand is heavily pillaged if in the young stand most of the dominant trees are felled.
- Table 8 : Characteristics of the principal stand at age 88, different treatments yield class.

				` yield	class				
	N	15 AD			m DIL	· 21 m ADIL			
	principal stand	1.25	1.75	1.25	2.00	1.50	2.25 .		
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- Figure 13, 14 and 15 give a view of the preferences of Corsican pine for the available soil conditions.



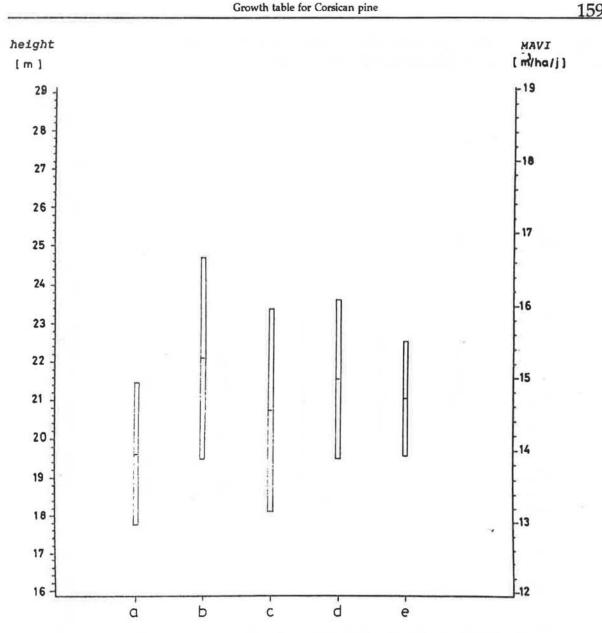


Figure 14:

influence of drainage class on yield level. The centre of the block is the mean value, the edges of the block show a 68% confidence interval.

c = moderately dry a = very dry b = dryd = moderately wet e = wet

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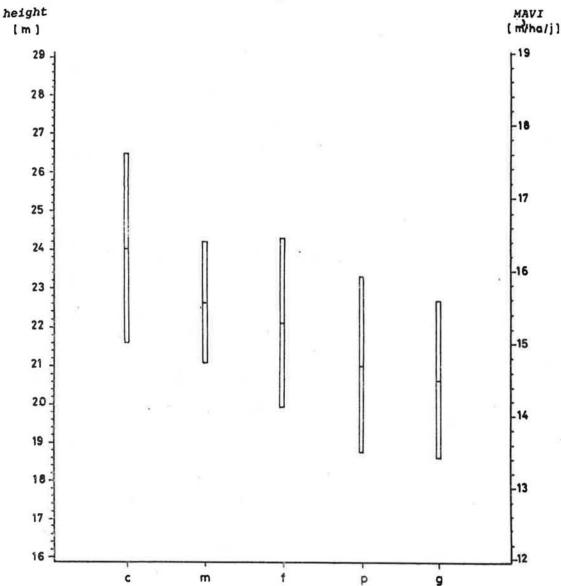


Figure 15:

influence of profile development on yield level. The centre of the block is the mean value, the edges of the block show a 68% confidence interval.

The results for the soils without profile developement are biased. In principle Corsican pine grows well on soils without profile developement. In our samples however most of these soils were too wet.

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- Some of the results of these study and also the tables disagree with the publications of FABER (1987) and HAMILTON and CHRISTIE (1971). This might be due to differences in climatic conditions or in the observed provenances.

6. GROWTH TABLE FOR CORSICAN PINE IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM)

For each yield class different tables are given depending on the treatment (annual diameter increment levels).

Abbreviations:

L	age
HDOM	dominant height
10	yield level (dominant height at age 50)
N	number of trees/ha
OMTR	circumference at 1.50m (cm)
G	surface (m²/ha)
v	volume/ha (m3)
LJGA	current annual surface increment/ha (m²/ha/year)
GJGA	mean annual surface increment/ha (m ² /ha/year)
LJVA	current annual volume increment/ha (m3/ha/year)
GJVA	mean annual volume increment/ha (m3/ha/year)
VTOT	total produced volume (m3/ha)

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L	HDOM		Pre-thin	ining			Thing	ing			After thi	inning			I	ncremer		L	
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34	10.7	2901	41	41.0	240	444	44	7.1	42	2457	40	33.9	198	2.59	1.44	20.16	8.38	285	34
37	11.5	2457	44	40.9	256	347	47	6.4	41	2110	44	34.5	215	2.34	1.51	19.26	9.26	343	37
40	12.3	2110	48	40.9	271	502	43	7.9	51	1608	49	33.0	220	2.13	1.56	18.47	9,95	398	40
46	14.0	1608	57	43.9	322	338	58	9.6	70	1270	57	34.3	252	1.81	1.59	17.06	10.88	500	46
52	15.5	1270	64	43.7	347	240	64	8.3	65	1030	64	35.4	282	1.56	1.59	15.91	11,46	596	52
58	16.9	1030	72	43.6	371	177	70	7.2	62	853	72	36.4	309	1.37	1.56	14.84	11.81	685	58
64	18.2	853	79	43.6	392	134	76	6.4	57	719	79	37.2	335	1.21	1.53	13.82	12.00	768	64
70	19.4	719	86	43.7	412	103	81	5.7	53	616	87	38.0	359	1.08	1.49	12.86	12.07	845	70
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Yield table 15/1.25 yield class 15m - diameter increment 1.25cm

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Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

Yield table 15/1.50 yield class 15m - diameter increment 1.50cm

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1	284	8.36	19.94	1.43	2.55	202	34.1	42	2308	40	6.9	41	495	242	41.0	41	2803	10.7	34
	341	9.21	18.91	1.50	2.28	220	34.8	46	1936	39	6.2	44	372	259	41.0	46	2308	11.5	37
	395	9.88	18.03	1.54	2.06	228	33.5	53	1423	47	75	42	513	275	41.0	50	1936	12,3	40
	494	10.75	16.58	1.57	1.74	260	34.9	62	1094	67	9.1	57	329	327	44,0	61	1423	14.0	46
	587	11.29	15.45	1.56	1.50	291	36.1	71	869	62	7.8	65	225	353	43.9	70	1094	15.5	52
	674	11.62	14.45	1.54	1.31	319	37.0	80	708	59	6.9	72	161	378	43.9	78	869	16.9	58
1	755	11.80	13.53	1.50	1.17	345	37.9	89	589	55	6.2	79	119	400	44.1	87	708	18.2	64
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	1031	11.72	10.38	1.35	0.82	426	40.6	124	325	46	4,4	108	46	472	45.0	122	371	22.0	88

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3	224	7.24	21.19	1.33	2.89	185	33.5	38	2710	39	7.6	34	773	224	41.1	37	3483	9.8	31	
3	284	8.34	19.74	1.43	2.52	206	34.3	43	2173	38	6.7	38	537	244	41.0	42	2710	10.7	34	
3	339	9.17	18.59	1.50	2.22	225	35.1	48	1784	37	5.9	43	389	262	41.0	47	2173	11.5	37	
- 4	392	9,81	17.65	1.53	1.99	234	34.0	57	1270	44	7.1	42	514	278	41.1	52	1784	12.3	40	
4	489	10.64	16.18	1.55	1.68	268	35.4	67	953	63	8.7	58	317	331	44,1	65	1270	14.0	46	
. :	580	11.15	15.08	1.54	1.44	299	36.6	77	744	59	?5	66	209	358	44.1	75	953	15.5	52	
5	665	11.46	14.16	1.51	1.27	328	37.7	88	598	56	6.6	74	146	384	44.3	85	744	16.9	58	
e	745	11.64	13.33	1.48	1.14	354	38.6	98	492	54	5.9	83	106	408	44.5	95	598	18.2	64	
	820	11.72	12.57	1.44	1.04	378	39.3	108	412	51	5.5	92	80	429	44.8	105	492	19.4	70	
7	891	11.73	11.84	1,40	0.96	399	40.1	118	351	50	5.0	100	61	449	45.1	116	412	20.4	76	
. 8	958	11.69	11.18	1.36	0.89	419	40.8	129	303	48	4.6	109	48	467	45.4	126	351	21.2	82	
	1022	11.61	10.57	1.33	0.84	436	41.3	139	264	47	4.5	119	39	483	45.8	136	303	22.0	88	

Yield table 15/1.75 yield class 15m - diameter increment 1.75cm

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L	HDOM		Pre-thir	ning			Thinn	ing			After thi	nning			I	ncremer	nt		L
		N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	LJGA	GJGA	LJVA	GJVA	VTOT	
28	11.3	3192	39	41.2	243	512	43	7.8	48	2680	38	33.4	195	2.87	1.47	22.82	8.67	243	22
31	12.3	2680	43	41.1	260	395	46	7.0	46	2285	42	34.1	214	2.58	1.58	21.85	9.95	308	31
34	13.2	2285	46	41.1	277	312	50	6.4	44	1973	46	34.7	233	2.34	1.65	21.00	10.92	371	34
37	14.2	1973	50	41.1	294	250	53	5.9	43	1723	49	35.2	251	2.14	1,69	20.23	11.68	432	37
40	15.1	1723	53	41.2	310	375	49	7.5	54	1348	- 55	33.7	256	1.97	1.71	19.54	12.27	491	40
46	16.9	1348	63	44.0	365	262	64	9.1	76	1086	62	34.9	289	1.71	1.71	18,24	13.05	600	46
52	18.5	1086	70	43.9	392	190	71	7.9	71	896	70	36.0	321	1.49	1.68	17.11	13.52	703	52
58	20.1	896	77	43.9	417	144	77	7.1	67	752	77	36.8	350	1.32	1.65	16.04	13.78	799	58
64	21.4	752	84	43.9	440	111	82	6.3	63	641	85	37.6	377	1.18	1.60	14.99	13.89	889	64
70	22.6	641	91	44.0	461	88	88	5.7	59	553	92	38.3	402	1.07	1.56	13.97	13.90	973	70
76	23.7	553	99	44.1	479	70	94	5.1	55	483	- 99	39.0	424	0.97	1.51	12.99	13.83	1051	76
82	24.5	483	106	44.3	496	57	99	4.6	52	426	107	39.7	444	0.89	1.46	12.07	13.70	1123	87
88	25.3	426	113	44.6	512	48	105	4.4	50	378	114	40.2	462	0.82	1.42	11.20	13.53	1190	88

Yield table 18/1.25 yield class 18m - diameter increment 1.25cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

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Growth table for Corsican pine

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L	HDOM		Pre-thin	ning			Thinn	ing			After thi	nning			I	ncremen	ıt		
		N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	LJGA	GJGA	LJVA	GJVA	VTOT	
28	11.3	3192	39	41.2	243	599	39	7.7	46	2593	39	33.5	197	2.87	1.47	22.82	8.67	243	
31	12.3	2593	43	41.1	262	441	43	6.8	43	2152	43	34.3	219	2.55	1.58	21.63	9.93	308	
34	13.2	2152	48	41.1	280	335	47	6.1	41	1817	48	35.0	239	2.29	1.64	20.65	10.87	370	
37	14.2	1817	52	41.2	298	261	51	5.6	40	1556	52	35.6	258	2.08	1.68	19.80	11.60	429	0.0000
40	15.1	1556	56	41.3	315	375	48	7.0	51	1181	59	34.3	264	1.90	1.69	19.05	12.16	486	COLOR
46	16.9	1181	67	44.1	371	252	64	8.6	72	929	68	35.5	299	1.64	1.69	17.74	12.88	593	000000
52	18.5	929	76	44.1	399	177	71	75	68	752	77	36.6	331	1.43	1.66	16.64	13.32	693	
58	20.1	752	84	44.2	425	130	79	6.7	64	622	86	37.5	361	1.27	1.62	15.65	13.56	786	
64	21.4	622	93	44.4	449	99	86	6.1	61	523	95	38.3	388	1.15	1.57	14.70	13.67	875	

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Yield table 18/1.50	
yield class 18m - diameter increment	1.50cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

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L		t	cremen	In			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LIVA	GJGA	LIGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	243	8.67	22.82	1.47	2.87	200	33.6	40	2510	43	7.6	36	682	243	41.2	39	3192	11.3	28
3	307	9.91	21.42	1.57	2.51	222	34.5	45	2030	42	6.6	41	480	264	41.1	44	2510	12.3	31
3	368	10.83	20.31	1.63	2.24	244	35.2	50	1678	39	6.0	45	352	283	41.2	49	2030	13.2	34
3	426	11.52	19,39	1.66	2,02	264	35.9	55	1412.	38	5.4	49	266	302	41.3	54	1678	14.2	37
4	482	12.05	18.60	1.68	1.83	272	34.8	63	1043	47	6.6	48	369	. 319	41,4	59	1412	15.1	40
4	586	12.74	17,31	1.66	1.58	307	36.1	74	80.5	68	8.2	65	238	375	44.3	\mathcal{D}	1043	16.9	46
5	684	13.15	16.29	1.63	1.38	340	37.2	84	641	65	7.2	73	164	405	44.4	82	805	18.5	52
5	776	13.38	15.36	1.59	1.24	370	38.1	94	523	62	6.5	82	118	432	44.6	92	641	20.1	58
6	863	13.48	14.49	1.55	1.12	398	38.9	105	436	59	5.9	91	87	457	44.8	102	523	21.4	64
7	945	13.50	13.70	1.50	1.03	423	39.7	115	370	57	54	= 100	66	480	45.1	112	436	22.6	70
1	1023	13:46	12.97	1.46	. 0.95	445	40.3	125	317	56	\$2	109	- 53	501	45.5	123	370	23.7	76
. 8	1096	13,37	12.23	1.42	0.89	466	41.0	135	276	- 52	4,7	118	41	518	45.7	133	317	24.5	82
1	1166	13.25	11.59	1.38	0.84	483	41.6	146	242	52	45	128	34	535	46.1	143	276	25.3	88

Yield table 18/1.75 yield class 18m - diameter increment 1.75cm

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Growth table for Consican pine

L		t	ocrement	L			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	V	G	OMTR	N	[
2	243	8.67	22.82	1.47	2.87	202	33.7	40	2432	41	7.5	34	760	243	41.2	39	3192	11.3	28
3	307	9.89	21.23	1.57	2.48	226	34.7	46	1919	40	6.5	39	513	266	41.2	45	2432	12.3	31
3	367	10.78	20.01	1.63	2.19	248	35.5	52	1556	38	5.7	44	363	286	41.2	51	1919	13.2	34
3	424	11.45	19,04	1.65	1.96	269	36.2	58	1289	36	5.2	49	267	305	.41.4	.56	1556	14.2	37
4	478	11.96	18.23	1.66	1.78	278	35.2	68	929	46	6.4	- 48	360	324	41.6	62	1289	15.1	40
4	580	12.61	16,96	1.65	1.53	314	36.6	79	704	66	7.8	-66	225	380	44,4	76	929	16.9	46
5	676	13.00	15.99	1.61	1.34	347	37.7	91	553	63	6.9	76	151	410	44.6	88	704	18.5	52
	767	13.22	15.14	1.57	1.21	378	38.6	103	447	60	6.3	86	106	438	44.9	100	553	20.1	58
(853	13.33	14.38	1.52	1.10	406	39.5	115	370	58	5.7	96	77	464	45.2	111	447	21.4	64
	935	13.36	13.69	1.48	1.02	431	40,3	126	311	58	5,4	106	59	489	45.7	123	370	22,6	20
	1013	13.33	13.02	1,44	0.96	4\$3	40.9	138	265	57	5.1	117	46	510	46.0	135	311	. 23.7	76
2	1088	13.26	12.37	1,40	0.90	475	41.7	150	230	52	4.6	128	35	527	46.3	147	265	24.5	82
1	1159	13.17	11.84	1.36	0.86	493	42.3	161	201	53	45	140	29	546	46.8	158	230	253	88

Yield table 18/2.00 yield class 18m - diameter increment 2.00cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

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Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After thi			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
25	259	10.36	24.49	1.66	2.88	210	33.6	40	2460	49	7.8	41	550	259	41.4	40	3010	12.6	25
28	329	11.76	23.36	1.75	2.57	233	34.3	44	2052	47	7.0	45	408	280	41.3	45	2460	13.7	28
31	396	12,79	22.41	1.81	2.32	254	35.0	49	1739	46	6.3	49	313	300	41.3	49	2052	14.8	31
34	461	13.56	21.57	1.83	2.11	275	35.6	53	1495	44	5,7	53	244	319	41.3	53	1739	15.8	34
37	524	14,15	20.84	1.84	1.93	295	36.2	58	1299	43	52	57	196	338	41,4	58	1495	16.9	37
4(584	14.60	20.15	1.84	1,78	301	34.9	.65	1010	55	6.6	53	289	356	41.5	62	1299	17.9	40
40	698	15.17	18.94	1.80	1.57	338	36.0	73	810	77	8.3	70	200	415	44.3	73	1010	19.8	46
52	805	15.48	17.87	1.75	1.39	372	37.0	82	665	73	7.4	78	145	445	44.4	81	810	21.6	52
58	906	15.62	16.86	1.70	1.24	403	37.9	91	556	70	6.6	86	109	473	44.5	90	665	23.2	58
. 6	1001	15.64	15.86	1.65	1.13	432	38.7	100	473	66	59	93	83	498	44.6	99	\$56	24.6	64
71	1091	15.58	14.93	1.60	1.03	457	39.3	109	407	64	5.6	101	66	521	44.9	108	473	25.8	20
70	1175	15. 4 6	14.01	1.54	0.95	481	40.0	118	355	60	5.1	108	52	541	45.1	116	407	26.9	76
8	1254	15.29	13.18	1.50	0.89	502	40.6	126	312	58	4.8	116	43	560	45.4	125	355	27.8	82
8	1328	15.09	12.37	1.45	0.83	520	41.2	135	277	56	4.4	123	35	576	45.6	134	312	28.6	88

Yield table 21/1.50 yield class 21m - diameter increment 1.50cm

Growth table for Corsican pine

L	5	t	ncremen	I			nning	After thi			ing	Thing			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	259	10.36	24.49	1.66	2.88	212	33.7	41	2384	47	7.7	38	626	259	41.4	40	3010	12.6	25
2	329	11.73	23.15	1.75	2.54	237	34.5	46	1939	45	6.8	43	445	282	41.3	45	2384	13.7	28
3	395	12.73	22.07	1.80	2.27	260	35.3	51	1610	43	6.0	47	329	303	41.3	50	1939	14.8	31
3	458	13,48	21.16	1.82	2,05	281	36.0	56	1360	42	5.4	51	250	323	41.4	55	1610	15.8	34
3	519	14.04	20.38	1.83	1.87	302	36.6	61	1165	41	5.0	56	195	343	41.6	61	1360	16.9	37
4	578	14.46	19,68	1.82	1.72	309	35.4	70	885	52	6.3	54	280	361	41.7	66	1165	17.9	40
4	689	14.99	18.51	1.78	1.51	347	36.6	80	697	73	7.9	71	188	420	44.5	78	885	19.8	46
5	794	15.28	17.50	1.73	1.34	381	37.6	90	564	71	7.0	80	133	452	44.6	88	697	21.6	52
5	894	15.41	16.57	1.67	1.21	413	38.5	100	467	68	6.4	89	97	481	44.9	98	564	23.2	58
6	988	15,44	15.70	1,62	1.11	442	39.3	111	393	65	5.9	98	74	507	45.2	109	467	24.6	64
7	1077	15.39	14.85	1.57	1.02	468	40.0	121	336	63	5.4	107	57	531	45.4	119	393	25.8	70
7	1162	15.28	14.07	1.52	0.95	492	40.7	131	291	61	5.0	117	45	553	45.7	129	336	26.9	76
8	1242	15.14	13.33	1.48	0.90	512	41.2	141	254	60	4.9	127	37	572	46.1	140	291	27.8	82
8	1317	14.97	12.61	1.43	0.85	530	41.8	152	224	58	4.5	136	30	588	46.3	150	254	28.6	88

Yield table 21/1.75 yield class 21m - diameter increment 1.75cm

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L HDOM Pre-thinning Thinning After thinning Increment L OMTR LIGA GJGA LJVA GJVA VTOT N G v N OMTR G v N OMTR v G 12.6 3010 40 41.4 259 699 36 7.6 44 2311 41 33.8 215 2.88 1.66 24.49 10.36 259 25 25 28 28 13.7 2311 46 41.3 283 476 41 6.6 42 1835 47 34.7 241 2.51 1.75 22.94 11.71 328 46 1.79 21.74 14.8 1835 52 41.4 306 340 5.8 41 1495 53 35.6 265 2.22 12.68 393 31 31 58 41.5 252 50 5.2 40 59 36.3 287 1.81 20,78 13.40 455 34 34 15.8 1495 327 1243 2.00 308 37 39 1.81 19.97 13.93 37 16.9 1243 64 41.7 347 192 55 4.8 1051 65 36.9 1.82 515 17.9 1051 69 41.9 366 268 54 6.0 49 783 75 35.9 317 1.67 1.80 19.28 14.33 573 40 40 44.7 73 7.6 71 37.1 355 1.47 1.76 18.17 14.83 682 46 19.8 783 83 426 176 607 86 46 607 45.0 458 122 83 6.9 69 485 98 38.1 389 1.31 1.70 17.23 15.11 786 52 52 21.6 95 884 58 23.2 485 107 45.2 488 87 93 6.1 66 110 39.1 422 1.18 1.65 16.36 15.24 58 398 15.60 15.27 64 398 119 45.6 516 66 104 5.8 66 332 121 39.8 450 1.09 1.60 977 64 24.6 1.55 14.83 15.23 25.8 332 130 45.9 115 5.3 62 282 133 40.6 477 1.02 1066 70 70 539 50 562 26.9 282 142 46.3 39 126 5.0 61 243 145 41.3 501 0.96 1.50 14.14 15.15 1151 76 76 82 1.46 13.50 15.03 1232 82 27.8 243 154 46.7 582 32 138 4.9 61 211 156 41.8 521 0.91 1.42 12.86 14.88 88 88 28.6 211 166 47.0 598 25 149 4.5 57 186 168 42.5 541 0.86 1309

Yield table 21/2.00 yield class 21m - diameter increment 2.00cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin	_	HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	Γ	
2	259	10.36	24.49	1.66	2.88	217	33.9	42	2242	42	7.5	34	768	259	41.4	40	3010	12.6	25
2	327	11.69	22.75	1.74	2.48	244	34.9	49	1739	41	6.4	40	503	285	41.3	47	2242	13.7	28
3	392	12.63	21.44	1.78	2.17	269	35.8	55	1392	39	5.6	45	347	308	41.4	53	1739	14.8	31
	453	13.32	20.43	1.80	1.95	292	36.6	62	1141	38	5.0	50	251	330	41.6	60	1392	15.8	34
	512	13.83	19.61	1.80	1.77	314	37.3	69	954	37	4.6	55	187	351	41.9	66	1141	16.9	37
÷.	569	14.21	18.94	1.78	1.63	323	36.3	80	697	48	5.8	55	257	371	42.1	73	954	17.9	40
4	676	14.69	17.86	1.74	1.43	361	37.6	93	533	70	7.3	75	164	431	44.9	89	697	19.8	46
:	778	14.95	16.98	1.68	1.28	397	38.6	106	422	66	6.6	86	111	463	45.2	102	533	21.6	52
-	875	15.09	16.22	1.63	1.17	429	39.5	119	343	65	6.1	98	79	494	45.6	115	422	23.2	58
. (968	15.13	15.52	1.58	1.08	459	40.4	132	285	63	5.6	110	58	522	46.0	128	343	24.6	64
•	1057	15,11	14.88	1.53	1.02	486	41.2	145	241	62	53	122	44	548	46.5	142	285	25.8	70
•	1143	15.04	14.28	1,49	0.96	509	41.8	1.58	206	63	5.2	136	35	572	47.0	1.55	241	26.9	76
1	1225	14.94	13.67	1.44	0.92	531	42.5	171	179	60	4.8	148	27	591	47.3	168	206	27.8	82
1	1304	14.82	13.17	1.41	0.89	550	43.1	184	157	60	4.7	162	22	610	47.8	182	179	28.6	88

Yield table 21/2.25 yield class 21m - diameter increment 2.25cm

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Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L	HDOM		Pre-thin	ning			Thinn	ing			After thi	nning			I	ncremen	ıt		L
		N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	LJGA	GJGA	LJVA	GJVA	VTOT	
25	14.7	2307	46	41.4	294	371	47	7.0	50	1936	46	34.4	244	2.58	1.66	24.43	11.76	294	2
28	15.8	1936	50	41.5	315	287	51	6.4	49	1649	50	35.1	266	2.33	1.73	23.54	13.02	365	28
31	16.9	1649	55	41.5	335	226	55	5.8	47	1423	55	35.7	288	2.13	1.77	22.78	13.96	433	31
34	18.0	1423	59	41.6	354	181	59	5.3	45	1242	59	36.3	309	1.96	1.79	22,15	14.69	499	34
37	19.1	1242	64	41.7	374	149	63	4.9	45	1093	64	36.8	329	1.82	1.79	21.61	15.25	564	37
40	20,3	1093	68	41.8	393	224	59	6.3	58	869	70	35.5	335	1,69	1,78	21.13	15.69	628	4(
46	22.5	869	79	44.6	457	161	77	8.0	82	708	79	36.6	375	1.51	1.75	20.35	16.30	750	46
52	24.7	708	88	44.6	494	119	85	7.1	79	589	88	37.5	415	1.35	1.70	19.79	16.70	868	52
58	27.0	589	96	44.8	531	91	93	6.5	77	498	97	38.3	454	1.22	1.65	19.37	16.98	985	58
64	29.2	498	105	45.0	568	71	101	6.0	75	427	106	39.0	493	111	1.60	19.03	17.17	1099	64

Yield table 24/1.50 yield class 24m - diameter increment 1.50cm

L	HDOM		Pre-thir	ning			Thinn	ing			After thi	nning			I	ncremen	ıt		L
		N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	LJGA	GJGA	LJVA	GJVA	VTOT	
25	14.7	2307	46	41.4	294	424	44	6.9	48	1883	47	34.5	246	2.58	1.66	24.43	11.76	294	25
28	15.8	1883	51	41.5	316	315	48	6.2	46	1568	52	35.3	270	2.31	1.73	23.36	13.00	364	28
31	16.9	1568	56	41.6	337	240	53	5.6	44	1328	57	36.0	293	2.09	1.76	22.50	13.92	432	31
34	18.0	1328	61	41.7	358	188	57	5.1	43	1140	62	36.6	315	1.92	1.78	21,80	14.62	497	34
37	19.1	1140	67	41.9	378	150	62	4.8	42	990	67	37.1	336	1.77	1.78	21.23	15.15	561	37
40	20.3	990	72	42.1	398	221	59	6.1	55	769	75	36.0	343	1.64	1,77	20,75	15.57	623	40
46	22.5	769	84	44.8	463	154	78	7.8	79	615	86	37.0	384	1.46	1.73	19.98	16.15	743	46
52	24.7	615	94	44.9	501	110	87	6.9	76	505	96	38.0	425	1.31	1.68	19.47	16.53	860	52
58	27.0	505	105	45.2	540	83	96	6.4	76	422	106	38.8	464	1.19	1.63	19.15	16.80	974	58
64	29.2	422	115	45.4	578	63	106	5.8	73	359	116	39.6	505	1.10	1.58	18.91	17.00	1088	64

Yield table 24/1.75 yield class 24m - diameter increment 1.75cm

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Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	cremen	Iı			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin	_	HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	294	11.76	24.43	1.66	2.58	248	34.6	47	1832	46	6.8	41	475	294	41.4	46	2307	14.7	25
2	363	12.98	23.18	1.72	2.28	273	35.5	53	1493	45	6.0	46	339	318	41.5	52	1832	15.8	28
3	430	13.88	22.23	1.76	2.06	297	36.2	59	1242	43	5.4	51	251	340	41.6	58	1493	16.9	31
3	495	14.55	21.48	1,77	1.87	320	36.8	65	1050	41	.5.0	56	192	361	41.8	64	1242	18.0	34
3	557	15.06	20.87	1.76	1.72	342	37.5	71	901	40	4.5	61	149	382	42.0	69	1050	19.1	37
4	618	15.46	20,40	1,75	1.60	350	36,4	80	685	53	5.9	60	216	403	42.3	75	901	20.3	40
4	736	16.01	19.65	1.71	1.42	392	37.5	92	540	76	7.4	79	145	468	44.9	89	685	22.5	46
5	852	16.38	19.23	1.66	1.28	433	38.5	104	438	74	6.7	90	102	507	45.2	101	540	24.7	52
5	966	16.65	19.00	1.61	1.17	474	39.4	115	363	73	6.2	100	75	547	45.6	113	438	27.0	58
6	1079	16.86	18.88	1.56	1.09	515	40.2	127	306	72	5.7	. 111	57	587	45.9	125	363	29.2	64

Yield table 24/2.00 yield class 24m - diameter increment 2.00cm

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L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After this		11	ing	Thinn	_		ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LIGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
:	294	11.76	24.43	1.66	2.58	250	34.7	48	1784	44	6.7	40	523	294	41.4	46	2307	14.7	25
	363	12.97	23.03	1.72	2.26	276	35.6	55	1423	43	5.9	45	361	319	41.5	53	1784	15.8	28
	429	13.84	21.97	1.75	2.02	301	36.4	61	1164	41	53	50	259	342	41.7	59	1423	16.9	31
	492	14.48	21.18	1.76	1.83	325	37.1	68	971	40	4.8	56	193	365	41.9	66	1164	18.0	34
	554	14.98	20.56	1.75	1.68	347	37.7	75	823	39	4.5	61	148	386	42,2	72	971	19.1	37
	614	15.36	20,08	1,74	1.56	356	36.8	85	615	51	5.6	60	208	407	42.4	79	823	20.3	40
3	731	15.89	19.39	1.69	1.39	399	38.0	98	479	74	7.2	81	136	473	45.2	95	615	22.5	46
3	845	16.25	19.07	1.64	1.26	441	39.0	112	384	73	6.6	93	95	514	45.6	108	479	24.7	52
	959	16.53	18.90	1.59	1.16	481	39.8	125	315	73	6.1	105	69	554	45.9	121	384	27.0	58
	1072	16.74	18,85	1.54	1.08	523	40.7	138	264	71	5.6	117	51	594	46.3	134	315	29.2	64

Yield table 24/2.25 yield class 24m - diameter increment 2.25cm

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Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	294	11.76	24.43	1.66	2.58	252	34.8	49	1737	42	6.6	38	570	294	41.4	46	2307	14.7	25
2	363	12.95	22.86	1.72	2.24	279	35.8	56	1358	41	5.8	44	379	320	41.6	53	1737	15.8	28
3	428	13.80	21.73	1.75	1.99	305	36.6	63	1093	40	5.2	49	265	345	41.8	61	1358	16.9	31
3	490	14.42	20.89	1.75	1.80	329	37.4	71	901	38	4.6	55	192	367	42.0	68	1093	18.0	34
3	\$51	14.90	20.29	1.74	1.65	352	38.1	78	756	38	4.2	61	145	390	42.3	75	901	19.1	37
4	611	15.27	19.83	1.73	1.53	363	37.2	90	556	49	5.4	62	200	412	42.6	83	756	20.3	40
4	726	15.78	19.20	1.68	1.37	405	38.4	105	427	73	7.0	83	129	478	45.4	100	556	22.5	46
5	839	16.14	18.91	1.63	1.24	447	39.4	119	339	72	6.4	96	88	519	45.8	115	427	24.7	52
5	952	16.42	18.81	1.58	1.14	490	40.4	134	277	70	5.8	109	62	560	46.2	129	339	27.0	58
6	1066	16.65	18.90	1.53	1.07	530	41.1	148	230	73	5.7	124	47	603	46.8	144	277	29.2	64

Yield table 24/2.50 yield class 24m - diameter increment 2.50cm

Growth table for Corsican pine

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L			crement	I			nning	After thi			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	V.	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	325	12.99	24.88	1.66	2.38	276	35.2	52	1564	49	6.4	49	314	325	41.6	51	1878	16.5	25
2	397	14.18	24.07	1.72	2.15	300	35.9	57	1325	48	5.8	54	239	348	41.7	56	1564	17.8	28
3	467	15.08	23.43	1.74	1.97	324	36.5	62	1137	47	5.3	58	188	371	41.8	62	1325	19.0	31
3	536	15.76	22.88	1.75	1.82	347	37.1	67	988	46	4.8	63	149	393	41.9	67	1137	20.3	34
3	603	16.31	22.45	1.74	1.69	370	37.6	72	867	45	4.5	67	121	415	42,1	72	988	21.5	37
4	670	16,74	22.09	1,73	1.58	378	36.4	80	684	59	5.9	64	183	437	42.3	77	867	22.8	40
4	798	17.36	21.46	1.69	1.42	422	37.4	91	555	84	75	84	129	506	44.9	89	684	25.3	46
5	925	17.79	21.12	1.64	1.29	467	38.3	101	460	82	6.9	93	95	549	45.2	100	555	27.8	52
	1050	18.11	20.89	1.60	1.18	511	39.2	111	388	81	6.2	103	72	592	45.4	110	460	30.4	58
(1175	18.36	20.76	1.55	1.09	555	39.9	121	332	81	5.8	112	56	636	45.7	120	388	32.9	64

Yield table 27/1.75 yield class 27m - diameter increment 1.75cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
3	325	12.99	24.88	1.66	2.38	277	35.3	53	1526	48	6.3	46	352	325	41.6	51	1878	16.5	25
	397	14.16	23.93	1.71	2.13	303	36.1	58	1267	46	5.6	51	259	349	41.7	57	1526	17.8	28
	466	15.04	23.20	1.74	1.94	328	36.7	64	1069	45	5.2	56	198	373	41.9	63	1267	19.0	31
	534	15.71	22.60	1,74	1.78	352	37.3	70	916	44	4.7	61	153	396	42.0	69	1069	20.3	34
	600	16.23	22.15	1.73	1.66	376	37.9	76	794	43	4.4	66	122	419	42.3	75	916	21.5	37
	666	16.64	21,78	L.72	1.55	385	36.9	85	615	56	5.6	64	179	441	42.5	81	794	22.8	40
	793	17.24	21.22	1.68	1.39	431	37.9	97	491	82	7.3	85	124	513	45.2	95	615	25.3	46
	919	17.67	20.92	1.63	1.26	476	38.8	109	402	80	6.7	96	89	556	45.5	106	491	27.8	52
	1043	17.99	20.78	1.58	1.16	519	39.6	120	335	81	6.2	107	67	600	45.8	118	402	30.4	58
	1168	18.24	20.70	1.53	1.08	566	40.4	132	285	78	5.7	117	50	644	46.1	130	335	32.9	64

Yield table 27/2.00 yield class 27m - diameter increment 2.00cm

L	HDOM	-	Pre-thin	ning			Thian	ing			After thi	nning			I	ncremer	nt		L
		N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	N	OMTR	G	v	LJGA	GJGA	LJVA	GJVA	VTOT	
25	16.5	1878	51	41.6	325	389	44	6.2	46	1489	53	35.4	279	2.38	1.66	24.88	12.99	325	2
28	17.8	1489	58	41.7	350	277	50	55	44	1212	60	36.2	306	2.12	1.71	23.78	14.15	396	25
31	19.0	1212	65	41.9	375	205	55	5.0	43	1007	66	36.9	332	1.91	1.73	22.97	15.00	465	3
34	20.3	1007	71	42.2	399	155	60	4.6	42	852	73	37.6	357	1.75	1.73	22.34	15.65	532	3
37	21.5	852	78	42.5	423	122	66	43	42	730	80	38.2	381	1.62	1.72	21.88	16.16	598	3
40	22.8	730	84	42.7	446	175	65	55	55	555	90	37.2	391	1.52	1.71	21.51	16.56	662	4
46	25.3	555	100	45.4	517	118	87	7.1	80	437	104	38.3	437	1.37	1.66	20.97	17.13	788	4
52	27.8	437	113	45.7	562	83	98	6.5	79	354	117	39.2	483	1.24	1.62	20.74	17.55	913	5
58	30.4	354	126	46.1	607	61	111	6.0	79	293	130	40.1	528	1.15	1.57	20.68	17.87	1037	5
64	32.9	293	140	46.5	652	46	123	5.6	78	247	143	40.9	574	1.07	1.52	20.73	18.14	1161	6

Yield table 27/2.25 yield class 27m - diameter increment 2.25cm

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L		t	ncremen	I			nning	After thi			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	325	12.99	24.88	1.66	2.38	281	35.5	54	1454	44	6.1	42	424	325	41.6	51	1878	16.5	25
25	396	14.14	23.65	1.71	2.10	309	36.4	61	1162	43	5.4	48	292	352	41.8	59	1454	17.8	28
31	464	14.97	22,77	1.73	1.89	336	37.1	69	951	42	4.9	54	211	378	42.0	66	1162	19.0	31
34	530	15.60	22.11	1,73	1.72	361	37.8	76	794	41	4.5	60	157	402	42.3	73	951	20.3	34
3'	595	16.09	21.62	1.72	1.59	386	38.5	83	674	40	4.1	66	120	426	42,6	81	794	21.5	37
4(659	16.48	21.28	1.70	1,49	397	37.6	95	504	53	5.3	66	170	450	42.9	88	674	22.8	40
40	784	17.04	20.78	1.65	1.34	444	38.7	110	392	78	6.9	89	112	522	45.6	105	504	25.3	46
5	908	17.45	20.61	1.60	1.23	490	39.7	124	315	77	6.3	102	71	567	46.0	120	392	27.8	52
5	1031	17.78	20.66	1.56	1.14	537	40.6	139	259	77	6.0	115	56	614	46.6	135	315	30.4	58
6	1156	18.07	20.81	1.51	1.07	583	41,4	154	217	79	5.7	129	42	662	47.1	150	259	32.9	64

Yield table 27/2.50 yield class 27m - diameter increment 2.50cm

Yield table for CORSICAN PINE (Pinus nigra corsicana) in Flanders (Belgium)

L		t	ncremen	I		í	nning	After this			ing	Thinn			ning	Pre-thin		HDOM	L
	VTOT	GJVA	LJVA	GJGA	LJGA	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N	v	G	OMTR	N		
2	325	12.99	24.88	1.66	2.38	283	35.6	55	1420	42	6.0	41	458	325	41.6	51	1878	16.5	25
2	395	14.12	23.53	1.71	2.08	312	36.5	63	1114	41	5.3	47	306	353	41.8	59	1420	17.8	28
3	463	14.94	22.57	1.72	1.86	339	37.3	71	899	41	4.8	54	215	380	42.1	67	1114	19.0	31
3	529	15.55	21.88	1,72	1.70	365	38.0	79	742	40	4.4	60	157	405	42.4	76	899	20.3	34
3	593	16,03	21.40	1.71	1.57	391	38.7	87	624	38	4.0	66	118	429	42.7	84	742	21.5	37
4	656	16,40	21.07	1.69	1.46	403	37.9	100	460	51	5.2	67	164	454	43.1	92	624	22.8	40
4	780	16.96	20.63	1.64	1.32	450	39.1	116	354	76	6.8	91	106	526	45.9	110	460	25.3	46
5	903	17.37	20.53	1.59	1.21	497	40.1	132	282	76	6.2	105	72	573	46.3	127	354	27.8	52
5	1027	17.71	20.65	1.54	1.13	543	41.0	148	230	78	5.9	120	52	621	46.9	143	282	30.4	58
6	1152	18.00	20.85	1.50	1.07	591	41.9	164	192	77	5.5	136	38	668	47.4	159	230	32.9	64

Yield table 27/2.75 yield class 27m - diameter increment 2.75cm

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