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Areas considered for treatment must fall within the above-listed guidelines and follow Forest Management Plan FMP criteria. Evolution of forest site productivity estimation Several indicators have been tested and are being used for different forest types, but stand height seems to be the most widely used, accepted and versatile site productivity indicator for even-aged forests ; ; ; ; ; ; . In forestry, however, the geocentric approach may not always be practical, affordable or sufficiently accurate for management applications.

Site index curves may be indexed by stand height at a fixed age the traditional approach or one or more of the function parameters may be used directly as an indicator of site productivity.

For the first three, foresters select trees to cut or leave based largely on crown position Nyland, 2002, p. These goals might be related to visual retention, or to maintain a few good-growing trees, as well as ecological reasons cited above.

Foresters can use available stocking or relative density guides to monitor when the stocking rises above some predetermined threshold. The focus is on the trees that have the greatest potential for growth. Drawing on the work of , we explain the idea using simple graphics rather than offering

the full derivation of formulas.

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