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Natural product industries in Lapland are studied in this thesis. Project histories including natural product industries are also discussed.. An example case of drying is explained. The basic knowledge for the thesis was collected from research and theses and magazine articles. The basic drying method and some drying methods are explained. There are three kinds of drying methods: sun drying and air drying and frost drying.

A current topic today is Everyman's right in respect to natural product industries. In addition one viewpoint where public forests could be used by companies is discussed.

The main disagreement was entrepreneurial activity defining what it or is not.. The other disagreement was the picking distance from the residence. Minor disagreements were camping out and lighting fires , littering and parking. As a solution making a contract was discussed.

Finally development ideas for natural product industry in Lapland development are given . One remarkable idea would be to carry out an inventory of Finnish forests. This knowledge could be used in the industries. For development we need to repair product processes and technology and improve information and display organic food products.

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