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Comparing yield potential of Czech and Bulgarian red clover varieties

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Table 1. Total production of green matter, hay, and seed of the tested varieties in the first year of use

Фиг. 1. Добиви от зелена маса (t.ha^{-1}) на изследваните сортове от единично окосяване през 2014

Fig. 1. Green matter yields (t.ha^{-1}) of the tested varieties by individual cutting in 2014

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Kirilov A., Stoycheva I., Gerchev G. Milk production of sheep fed with sunflower meal and soybean grain. *Journal of Mountain Agriculture on the Balkans*, 2015, 18, No. 6, pp. 947-955.

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