

# Forecasting of Yield of *Rubus Caesius* Berry-Field in the Forests of the Steppe Pridonye

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*The article deals with research of specificities of forecasting of yield of *Rubus caesius* in the main groups of forests of the steppe Pridonye [1].*

*Relevance of the research is due to the fact that, in natural forests of the steppe Pridonye the *Rubus caesius* is widely spread. According to data of the previous researches, there are the following factors, that influence growth and fruiting of wild *Rubus caesius* berry-field: type of forest, crown density and weather conditions. At the same time, the issue of forecasting of yield of *Rubus caesius* in forests of the steppe Pridonye remains open.*

*As the result of this work, it was established by authors, that the most quantity of flowers of *Rubus caesius* per square meter is approximately the same in all groups of types of forest of the studied territory (65–86 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>), except oak ravine thalweg forests, where this value is significantly lower (40–43 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>). At the same time, the most quantity of sets were founded in black poplars near the riverbed (47–63 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>) and birch steppe sandy banded forests (48–60 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>), and the lowest – in oak ravine thalweg forests (21–22 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>). Long-time average annual weight of a berry on all sample plots under review is almost the same and ranges within the frame of 0,8–0,9 g. The only exceptions are the sample plot 2 and the sample plot 8, where this value is 1,0 g and 1,2 g respectively.*

*Besides that, the authors received forecasting data of yield of *Rubus caesius* berry-field in the main groups of types of forests of the steppe Pridonye. To hold accuracy analysis of obtained forecasting values there was also calculated and given long-time average annual yield of *Rubus caesius* on the sample plots under review according to data of field researches 2012–2017 years.*

*The results of comparative analysis represent that the obtained forecasting values in all cases exceed data of actual yield. At the same time, it should*

*be noted, that values, that have been calculated by quantity of sets per square meter of berry-fields by using coefficient of long-time average annual fruitfulness of fruits setting turned out more similar to actual data. Using for calculation the data of flowering has shown large differences from real values.*

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