

RESEARCH REGARDING THE NUTRITION OF SHEEP DEPENDING ON AGE AND PRODUCTION IN THE NORTH-WEST OF ROMANIA

Maurescu Cristina*, C. Man*, D. Mierlitii*, I. Chereji*

Abstract.

The largest part of pastures is used in a free-grazing system. This grazing system is proven not to be competitive on a series of reasons: no maintenance work can be applied because animals are on the fields most of the time; the selective consumption of plants (the animals choose young plants, with high nutritional values and avoid the ones in an advanced state of vegetation, which have lower nutritional value) leads to the disappearance of valuable species and the proliferation of the less valuable ones, which, as they are not consumed, they reach maturity and produce seeds; formation of holes and anthills etc.