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continuous monitoring of applicable agri-environmental indicators is a key of valuation of the impact of agriculture on environment. Therefore, this paper will give an overview of current data and state of agri-environmental indicators in Republic of Macedonia and accordingly an analysis and evaluation of the sustainable development in the country.

Keywords: agri-environmental indicators, agriculture, environment, agricultural impact, agricultural monitoring

The role of plant biotechnology methods in sustainable agriculture

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Plant biotechnology is set of different scientific approaches and methods that are utilized to improve and modify plants for human and environmental benefit. Plant biotechnology can be used to meet the increasing need for food by improving yields, improving the nutritional quality of crops and recuing the impact on the environment. Plant biotechnology can assist to creation of varieties resistant to frost, droughts and floods, pests and disease, and other abiotic and biotic stresses. Similarly, development of plant biotechnology methods is a reach source of possibilities for creation of new agricultural genotypes, thus enriching the agricultural biodiversity.

This paper presents several *in vitro* methods with successful application results and particular concern for improvement of the biodiversity of horticultural crops, important for Republic of Macedonia. Utilization of the benefits of plant biotechnology will bring “economically sustainable” and “environmentally sound” agricultural production that shall be “socially equal”. It is a straight contribution of plant biotechnology to the sustainable agriculture.

Keywords: plant biotechnology, sustainability, agriculture, in vitro methods, horticultural crops

In situ and *Ex situ* gene conservation of domestic animals in the Republic of Macedonia

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The breed structure, population trend and size of native sheep, goat and cattle breeds in the Republic of Macedonia requires further evaluation, inventarization and characterization in order to preserve and develop proper livestock biodiversity conservation strategies. Conservation of animal