## INFLUENCE OF SOWING DATE AND SEEDING DEPTH ON THE YIELD OF NEW CORN HYBRIDS IN THE STEPPE ZONE OF KABARDINO-BALKARIA

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Annotation. The paper presents the results of studies to determine the effect of the sowing time and the depth of planting seeds in the soil on the yield of promising maize hybrids of the Agriculture Institute of KBSC RAS selection under the conditions of irrigation of the steppe zone of Kabardino-Balkaria. So, the field germination of seeds of the Terek and Maisky-260MV hybrids is the highest when they are sown in the second decade of April at a depth of 10 cm (90,0 and 85,0%) compared to the timing of their sowing in the first decade of April at a depth of 5 cm (85,0 and 82,0%, respectively). The average grain yield of these hybrids was the highest (3,9 and 3,6 t/ha) at the second sowing date of 18-20.04. With an early sowing period (8-10.04), the grain productivity of Terek and Mayskiy 260MV decreases to 3,1 and 3,3 t/ha, respectively. Field germination and grain yield of the hybrid population Kabardinskaya 3812 against the background of the second sowing period when their seeds were planted to the depth of 10 cm. were the highest and amounted to 4,8 t/ha.

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