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## Dry Matter Production of *Hevea* Clone PB 260

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*The study on the  $d_{ry}$  matter production of PB 260 was made on one-year-old to jive- and three quarter-year-old trees during the immature phase and on eight-and-a-half-year-old to nineteen-and-a-half-year-old trees during the mature phase. All trees were located within the same vicinity on similar soil type, terrain and provided with similar management practices.*

*Tree  $d_{ry}$  weight of four-year-old PB 260 at 109 kg was much higher than the dry weight reported for clones of older vintage, GTI, PB 86 and LCB 1320, of similar age.*

*At maturity, comparison of tree  $d_{ry}$  weight of PB 260 with other clones reported elsewhere was confounded by the high variability of the latter, attributed mainly to site differences.*

*Using the Curve Expert version 1.36 (Hyams, 1995), total  $d_{ry}$  matter produced by PB 260 inclusive of cumulative branch litter, seed-fall and latex production was estimated at 205 tonnes per hectare at eleven years and 300 tonnes per hectare at twenty year safter planting. Overall, the  $d_{ry}$  matter production reported by other researchers for other clones has mainly not been computed on the same basis, differing in the inclusion and exclusion of certain tree components.*

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