

**STRUCTURAL SPECIFICITY AND VITALITY OF AGROPOPULATIONS OF *AGROPYRON CRISTATUM*
(POACEAE) ON SPOIL DUMPS IN THE FOREST-STEPPE ZONE OF KUZNETSK BASIN**

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Based on multi-year (1991—2014) observations, data on productivity, projective cover, density, ontogenetic and morphological structure, and ecological and phytocoenotic strategy of *Agropyron cristatum* (L.) Gaertner in 5 artificial communities on levelled overburden dumps formed by Permian deposits are presented. It is concluded that *A. cristatum* is recommended for rehabilitation of lands disturbed by open-cut coal mining.

Key words: *Agropyron cristatum*, agrophytocenosis, agropopulations, ontogenetic structure, productivity, monitoring, Kuznetsk basin.