The article examines the study of the features of cuttings for rooting and rooting of cuttings of the genus Spiraea L. as promising species and decorative forms for landscaping in the conditions of an urbanized environment, growing on the territory of the "Podillia" Botanical Garden of VNAU. In particular, Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess", Spiraea japonica 'Little Princess', Spiraea betulifolia, and Spiraea nipponica were studied. According to the results of vegetative reproduction on the territory of the botanical garden "Podillia" of the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University in 2021-2022, it was established that the use of growth stimulants during spirea cuttings contributed to their faster rooting and ensured better plant survival compared to the control.

Species of spirea that grow on the territory of the botanical garden "Podillia" of the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University belong to the following sections: Calospira, Glomerati, Chamaedryon, Spiraria. The largest number of plants is the Calospira section, which includes plants of the species Spiraea japonica (Spiraea japonica L.), Spiraea bumalda (Spiraea bumalda L.) and Spiraea alba (Miq.) Zab.

The results of the research indicate that the grafting ability of the cuttings is largely determined by the biological feature of the species and also the use of growth substances. The highest rooting in the control group was observed in Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess", and the lowest in Spiraea nipponica. The use of the growth stimulator "Kornevin" increased the level of rooting of cuttings for all researched species by 15% compared to the control group. The use of the drug "Heteroauxin" also contributed to the improvement of the rooting of spirea cuttings, the rooting rate of which is 90-100%, depending on the studied taxon. The use of growth stimulants in our experiment contributed to the formation of the largest length of main roots in spirea cuttings.

**Key words:** cuttings, ornamental plants, rooting, callus tissue, growth stimulators.

**Table. 4. Lit. 17.**

**Statement of the problem.** Leafy tree-shrub plants are among the most widespread plants of the world flora [1, 3, 4, 6]. Leafy tree-shrub plants in the "Podillia" Botanical Garden of the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University are placed both in the main exposition and in the architectural-exposition area. In the arboretum, which is the heart of the botanical garden, a collection of many species of trees and shrubs is planted. The plants of these collections give seeds and cuttings, which are planted in greenhouses and winter gardens for further sale. The area of the botanical garden reaches 51.1 hectares, where about 20 forest associations, simulating the types of Podil forests, as well as a dendrological area with a nursery, a pathological department, a department of floriculture and medicinal plants grow successfully. In modern green construction, decorative forms of leafy plants are an important additional component, the use of which significantly increases the effect of garden and park compositions. Leafy plants enrich the air with oxygen, restrain strong gusts...
of wind, soften the climate, absorb noise coming from the streets, clean the air from
dust. Recently, in connection with the mass greening of settlements and industrial
enterprises, there is a shortage of planting material of decorative leafy plants adapted
to specific soil and climatic conditions. Therefore, specialists of nurseries face great
challenges in terms of increasing the assortment and volume, improving the quality of
the material produced for landscaping and reducing its cost price.

In order to increase the volume and improve the quality of planting material,
there are various methods of mass propagation with the aim of introducing it into
wide production practice [2, 5]. In addition to seed reproduction, leafy plants are
characterized by vegetative reproduction - reproduction from shoots, branches and
roots. Tree-shrub breeds can be propagated vegetatively in the following ways:
dividing bushes, cuttings from stumps, root and stem cuttings, and grafting. Seed
reproduction is often complicated due to the low quality and long germination of
seeds of some species, as well as the slow growth of seedlings. Decorative forms of
plants during seed reproduction mostly do not transmit or only partially transmit the
decorative features of the mother plant. In most ornamental forms, the seeds do not
mature or form, or are dissimilar. Therefore, vegetative propagation of valuable
forms and varieties is widespread in the practice of gardening, which ensures the
identity of the propagated organisms. In addition, the period of growing planting
material is shortened, since the growth of tree and shrub species occurs much faster
during vegetative propagation than during seed propagation [6, 7].

The method of propagation of valuable forms and varieties of tree-shrub plants
by green cuttings under a film cover in conditions of high humidity, which is
supported by automatic installations, is widely used. At the same time, the correct
preparation of cuttings and their care is of great importance. Rooting of cuttings
depends on species, terms, methods and conditions of cuttings. Cuttings are carried
out either in the spring before the beginning of growth, that is, in the bud swelling
phase (it occurs in the forest-steppe zone at the end of April), or in the summer (in
June) during the period of intensive growth. In this case, a significant part of the
cuttings takes root in the same year. With later grafting, only callus tissue appears in
the first year, and roots in the following year. The age of the mother plants from
which the cuttings are taken is of great importance for the formation of roots in
cuttings. The younger the plants, the faster and better the scion takes root. The age of
the cuttings is also important. Two-year or three-year shoots take root better than
one-year ones [10].

**Research and publication analysis.** Nowadays, the topic of increasing the
comfort of the environment of human activity is becoming more and more relevant.
The concept of the comfort of life in the city includes social comfort and the comfort
of the environment (urban buildings, natural and landscape components) [8, 16].

One of the most important components of the natural landscape component is a
well-chosen assortment of trees and shrubs for landscaping. In modern conditions of
urbanization, greening in cities and settlements makes it possible to solve a whole set
of problems: improving the microclimate and gaseous composition of the
atmosphere, reducing noise pollution, giving the city an aesthetic appearance \[1, 2\]. Therefore, creating stable and long-lasting plantations, expanding the assortment of plants used for landscaping is a rather important task \[3, 5\]. Some of the relevant species for urban landscaping are species of the genus Spiraea, such as: \textit{S. japonica}, \textit{S. chamaedrifolia}, \textit{S. betulifolia}, \textit{S. bumalda} "Golden Flame", \textit{S. salicifolia}, \textit{S. media}, \textit{S. bumalda} "Anthony Waterer", \textit{S. hipericifolia} \[4, 6\]. The genus Spirea (\textit{Spiraea L.}) in the modern concept includes shrubs and semi-shrubs from the family \textit{Rosaceae Juss.}, subfamily \textit{Spiraeoideae Agardh.}, tribe \textit{Spiraeae DC} \[7, 9\].

The genus \textit{Spiraea L.} (Spiraea) belongs to the Rose family (\textit{Rosaceae Juss.}), subfamily \textit{Spiraeoideae Agardh.}. It includes about 80-100 species of trees and shrubs found throughout the world, particularly in North America, Europe and Asia. The hybrids that spirea can produce are characterized by their resistance, as well as their ability to surpass, in terms of their decorative qualities, parental traits \[4, 12\]. The spirea genus (\textit{Spiraea}) includes about 100 species. This is a decorative deciduous shrub of the family of roses (\textit{Rosaceae}). Due to the high level of decorativeness and unpretentiousness in cultivation, they can be used in the most diverse elements of green construction.

Propagation of spirea is associated with the need to increase the number of seedlings of this culture for their use in landscaping cities and towns. Spireas reproduce quite easily by seeds, as well as vegetatively. You just need to remember that varieties, hybrids and decorative forms of spirea should be propagated exclusively vegetatively: by dividing the bush, layering, green and lignified cuttings. Vegetative propagation of woody plants using cuttings treated with growth stimulants has recently become widespread \[11\].

The process of root formation of cuttings depends on many factors, namely: the season and place of taking the source material, the method of harvesting and processing the cuttings, the composition of the substrate, the microclimate in which the rooting process takes place, the care of the planted cuttings, and the biological characteristics of the species that is propagated by cuttings \[6, 17\].

**Material and methods of research.** The research objects were the processes of growth and development of species and decorative forms of the genus Spiraea L.

The aim of the study was to determine the characteristics of cuttings for rooting and rooting of cuttings of the genus Spiraea L. as promising species and decorative forms for landscaping in the conditions of an urbanized environment, growing on the territory of the "Podillia" Botanical Garden of VNA. The research was conducted in the period 2021-2022. The object of the research was the species and decorative forms of the genus \textit{Spiraea L.} The ability of vegetative reproduction was determined by rooting the cuttings according to the appropriate methods.

Research on the effect of growth stimulants "Kornevin" and "Heteroauxin" was carried out according to the methodology of R. H. Turetska. The cuttings took 60 pieces of each species, 20 pieces treated with heteroauxin, 20 pcs. root vegetable and 20 pcs. was isolated as a control sample (plants were kept in distilled water). Cuttings were processed in accordance with the recommendations of manufacturers of growth
stimulants. Cuttings were processed at a temperature of +18...+22 °C. The cuttings were rooted in the greenhouse, and soil from a mixture of sand, sawdust and garden soil was used as a substrate for rooting. Before planting the cuttings, the surface of the substrate was leveled and moistened. During the entire period of rooting of the cuttings, the necessary microclimate was ensured by fine-dispersed irrigation: temperature regime and humidity of the substrate and air. The number and percentage of surviving plants, the number and quality of rooted plants, the average number of roots per plant and the average length of roots were determined during the records. The measurement was carried out using a ruler. During the experiments, 2 species and 2 decorative forms of the genus *Spiraea* L. were studied.

**Research results and their discussion.** According to the results of the vegetative reproduction on the territory of the botanical garden "Podillia" of the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University in 2021-2022, it was established that the use of growth stimulants during spirea cuttings contributed to their faster rooting and ensured better plant survival compared to the control (Table 1).

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The research results showed that the survival of cuttings is largely determined by the biological feature of the species and the use of growth substances. The highest rooting in the control group was observed in *Spiraea japonica* "Golden Princess", and the lowest in *Spiraea nipponica*. Accordingly, the share of rooted cuttings on the control variant was at the level of 70% in *Spiraea nipponica*. The maximum rate of rooting in the control was recorded in *Spiraea japonica* "Golden Princess" and it was 80%. *Spiraea japonica* 'Little Princess' and *Spiraea betulifolia* showed average values of rooting of cuttings in this version of the experiment (75%).

The use of the growth stimulator "Kornevin" increased the level of rooting of cuttings for all researched species by 15% compared to the control group. Thus, the rate of rooting ranged from 85% to 95% depending on the species. The use of the drug "Heterauxin" also contributed to the improvement of the rooting of spirea cuttings, the rooting rate of which is 90-100%, depending on the studied taxon. The maximum rate of rooting of cuttings was noted in the taxon *Spiraea japonica* "Golden Princess", which is evidenced by the rooting of all cuttings in this version of the experiment. The number of roots was determined in the cuttings that took root during the research. This indicator is important for understanding the adaptation and speed of rooting of new plants (Table 2).
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On variants without the use of rooting stimulants, the average number of roots on one cutting was in the range of 5.9±1.7 - 7.3±2.4 pcs. At the same time, the lowest indicator was recorded in Spiraea betulifolia, and the highest in Spiraea nipponica. On average, the use of the drug "Kornevin" increased the number of roots on one rooted cutting by 5.5-7.9 pcs. At the same time, the taxon Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess" reacted best to the application of the rooting agent. The average number of roots on one cutting was within 15.1±2.7 pcs. At the same time, the use of the growth stimulator "Heteroauxin" contributed to the formation of 6.4-9.2 pcs. more roots compared to the control. The highest average number of roots in a cutting was noted in Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess" when using the drug heteroauxin and was 16.4±2.6 pcs.

In the course of the study, a positive effect of treatment of spirea cuttings with growth stimulants on the biometric indicators of plants was established, namely, the average length of roots in rooted cuttings was determined in different variants of the experiment (Table 3).

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On the control variants without the use of stimulants, the average root length was in the range of 0.7±0.2 - 1.5±0.4 cm. At the same time, Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess" had the lowest value. The use of growth stimulants in our experiment contributed to the formation of the largest length of main roots in spirea cuttings. In the variants of the experiment with the use of Kornevin for the processing of cuttings, the average length of the roots was within the range of 2.1±0.2 - 2.7±0.4 cm. The maximum indicator was recorded in the taxon Spiraea japonica "Golden Princess", which indicates the active effect of treatment with growth stimulants and the corresponding reaction in the growth of the roots of this species.
particular species. Table 3 also shows that the maximum average length of the main roots was noted in *Spiraea japonica* "Little Princess" when using the drug "Heteroauxin" - 3.4 cm. The difference with the control was 1.9 cm. The minimum average root length when using Heteroauxin was recorded in *Spiraea betulifolia* at the level of 2.2±0.5 cm.

Also, the research program provided for determining the growth of rooted cuttings. After all, the further dynamics of growth and development of the cuttings testifies to the success of their rooting and the success of adaptation to the growing conditions. The increase in the length of the rooted cuttings of the investigated spirea species is presented in Table 4.

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According to the results of the study, spirea cuttings took root better under the influence of "Heteroauxin", their growth on average for all studied species ranged from 1.2 to 5.1 cm. Cuttings treated with "Kornevin" showed a slightly worse result, the length of the cuttings increased in on average by species by 0.6-4.3 cm. Cuttings of the control group took root the worst, their growth on average was from 0.5 to 2.8 cm. In general, on the basis of the conducted research, a high tolerance of the studied spirea species to the use of growth stimulants was revealed. Their use for processing cuttings before planting had a positive effect on the speed of rooting and the formation of the underground and above-ground parts of spirea cuttings.

**Conclusions and prospects for further research.** The soil and climatic conditions of the studied territory of the botanical garden "Podillia" of VNAU are generally favorable for the cultivation of most species of the genus *Spiraea L.*, including for their creation and use in various types of garden and park compositions. According to the results of vegetative propagation on the territory of the botanical garden "Podillia" of the Vinnytsia National Agrarian University, it was established that the use of growth stimulants during spirea cuttings contributed to their faster rooting and ensured better plant survival compared to the control.

In addition, during the study, a positive effect of treatment of spirea cuttings with growth stimulants on their biometric indicators was established. The use of growth stimulants in our experiment contributed to the formation of the largest length of main roots in spirea cuttings. The obtained research results determine the relevance of conducting research in the future, studying the prospects of vegetative eproduction of decorative species using stimulating drugs in closed ground conditions.
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АНОТАЦІЯ
ОСОБЛИВОСТІ ВЕГЕТАТИВНОГО РОЗМНОЖЕННЯ ВИДОВОГО РІЗНОМАНІТТЯ РОДУ SPIRAEA L. В УМОВАХ ЗАКРИТОГО ГРУНТУ НА ТЕРИТОРІІ БОТАНІЧНОГО САДУ «ПОДІЛЛЯ» ВНАУ
У статті розглядається дослідження особливостей живцювання на вкорінення та приживання живців роду Spiraea L. як перспективних видів і декоративних форм для озеленення в умовах урбанізованого середовища, що зростають на території Ботанічного саду «Поділля» ВНАУ. Зокрема, вивчили Spiraea japonica «Golden Princess», Spiraea japonica «Little Princess», Spiraea betulifolia, Spiraea nipponica. За результатами проведення вегетативного розмноження на території ботанічного саду «Поділля» Вінницького національного аграрного університету у 2021–2022 рр. встановлено, що використання стимуляторів росту під час живцювання спіреї сприяло більш швидкому їхньому укоріненню та забезпечувало кращу приживлюваність рослин, порівнюючи з контролем.

Види спіреї, котрі зростають на території ботанічного саду «Поділля» Вінницького національного аграрного університету належать до таких секцій: Calospira, Glomerati, Chamaedryon, Spiraria. Найчисленнішою за кількість рослин є секція Calospira, до складу якої належать рослини виду Спірея японська (Spiraea japonica L.), Спірея Бумальда (Spiraea bumalda L.) і Спірея біла (Spiraea alba (L.) Moench).

Результати досліджень свідчать про те, що приживлюваність живців значно визначається біологічною особливістю виду, а також використанням ростових речовин. Найвища укорінюваність у групі контрольу прослідковувалася у Spiraea japonica «Golden Princess», а наявна – Spiraea nipponica. Використання стимулятора росту «Корневин» збільшило рівень укорінюваності живців у всіх досліджувальних видів на 15 %, порівнюючи з контрольною групою. Заострювання препарату «Гетероауксин» також сприяло покращенню вкорінення живців спіреї, частка укорінюваності яких складає 90–100 %, залежно від досліджуваного таксона. Використання стимуляторів росту в нашому досліді сприяло формуванню найбільшої довжини основних корінців у живців спіреї.

Ключові слова: живцювання, декоративні рослини, укорінення, калюсна тканина, стимулятори росту.

Табл. 4. Літ. 17.

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