

# EVALUATION OF THE NUTRITIONAL QUALITY OF NATURALLY DRIED MULBERRY LEAVES

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## **Abstract**

*Nowadays, in addition to silk production, sericulture has acquired new values. Thus, it should be emphasized the important purpose that larvae or pupae have as sources of proteins for some animal species (fish, birds, and mammals). On the other hand, the nutritional qualities of the mulberry leaves make them increasingly used in feeding different species of farms animals (sheep, goats, cattle, pigs, rabbits, gallus type fowl, quail, fish, etc.). In turn, the quality of leaves is also influenced by several factors related to soil and climate conditions, to season, to mulberry variety, to harvesting and storage, etc.*

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