

## **Wrocław Meat breed pigeon raised at Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences**

### **Summary**

The scheme, aim and stages of creating the new breed of Wrocław Meat pigeon, raised at Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences were presented. The studies on the growth of pigeons demonstrated that the highest growth rate of young pigeons of that breed was observed at the period from hatching up to the 21st day of life, and then, it considerably decreased. At the age of 4 weeks, the pigeons of the discussed breed obtained insignificantly lower values of body weight before slaughter and of carcass weight, and higher values of dressing percentage, dry matter and protein content when compared to the pigeons of King and Strasser breeds at the same age.

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