OLIVE NURSERY TREE – THE BASE OF QUALITY OLIVE PRODUCTION

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Olive nursery tree production in Croatia has a long tradition. During the history olive growing and nursery tree industry had its ups and down. A great advance in the olive nursery production has been made with the introduction of new technology of olive growing and with the preference of autochthonous cultivars. During the last decade of the 20th century domestic production of olive maiden trees achieved 80% of domestic demands, with the tendency of increase. In the paper olive nursery tree production has been analysed in the new situation of association process between EU and Croatia, especially from the viewpoint of nursery production enlargement and cultivar assortment.