Various strategy of management and clonal selection effect on short rotation coppice willow biomass and manual harvesting productivity



The planting was established in April of 2011 when beginning research:

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All clones and species were planted simultaneously. Two thirds of shoots were cut in the beginning of 2012 and the other third in the beginning of 2013.

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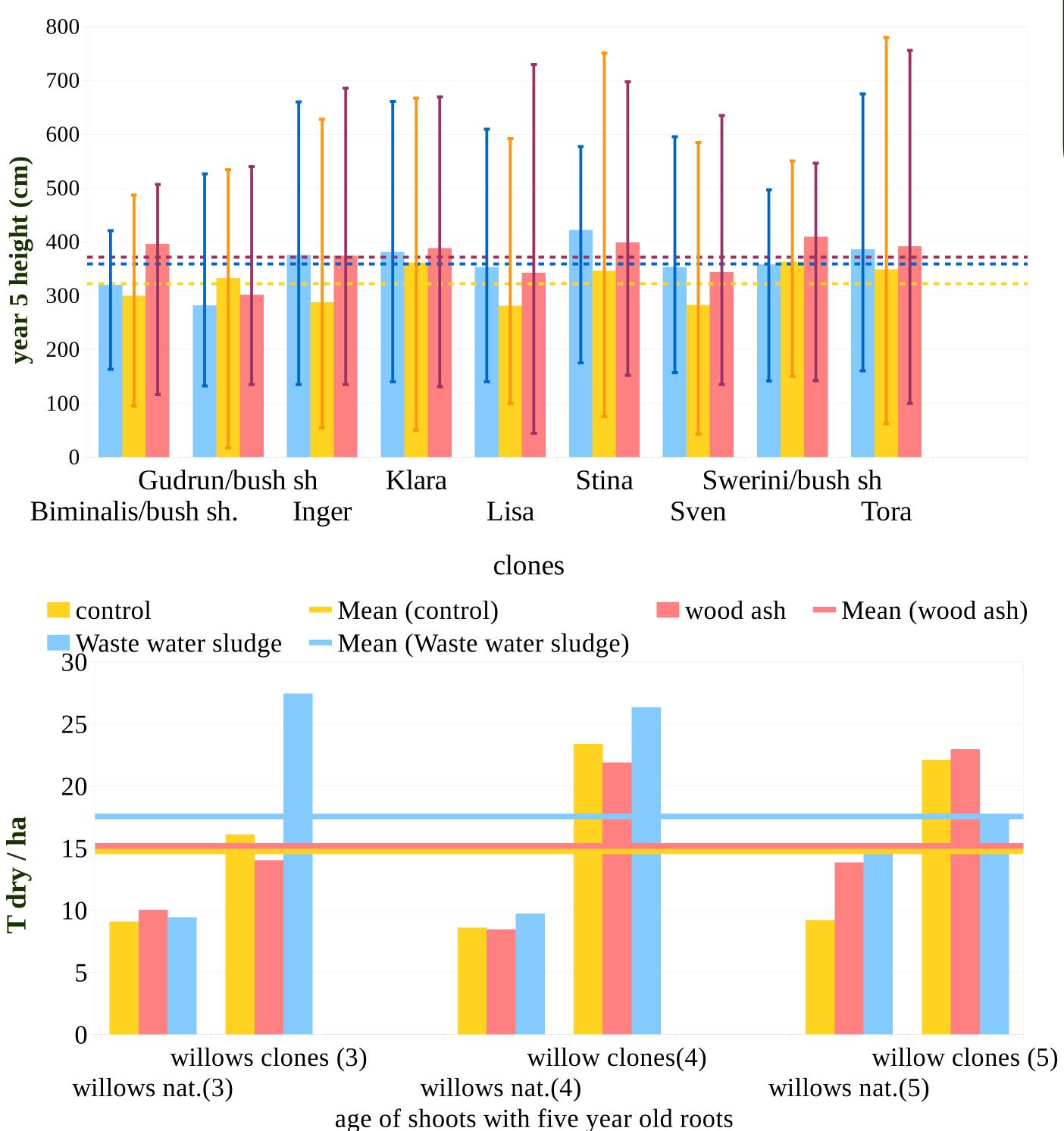
In the end of 2015 realizing the ENERWOODS project measurements were made on 5 year old shoots which are to be grown as trees.

Biomass was obtained from the shoots under the SRC plus project:

- <u>5 year old</u> not cut back, grows in tree-like shape, should be grown as single stand plantings for production of firewood assortment;
- <u>4 year old</u> were cut back once (theoretically for the extension of one extraction shoots) to increase the number of shoots from one planting spot and obbtain more chipping wood;
- <u>3 year old</u> cut back twice (for the extension of theoretically twice extracted shoots).

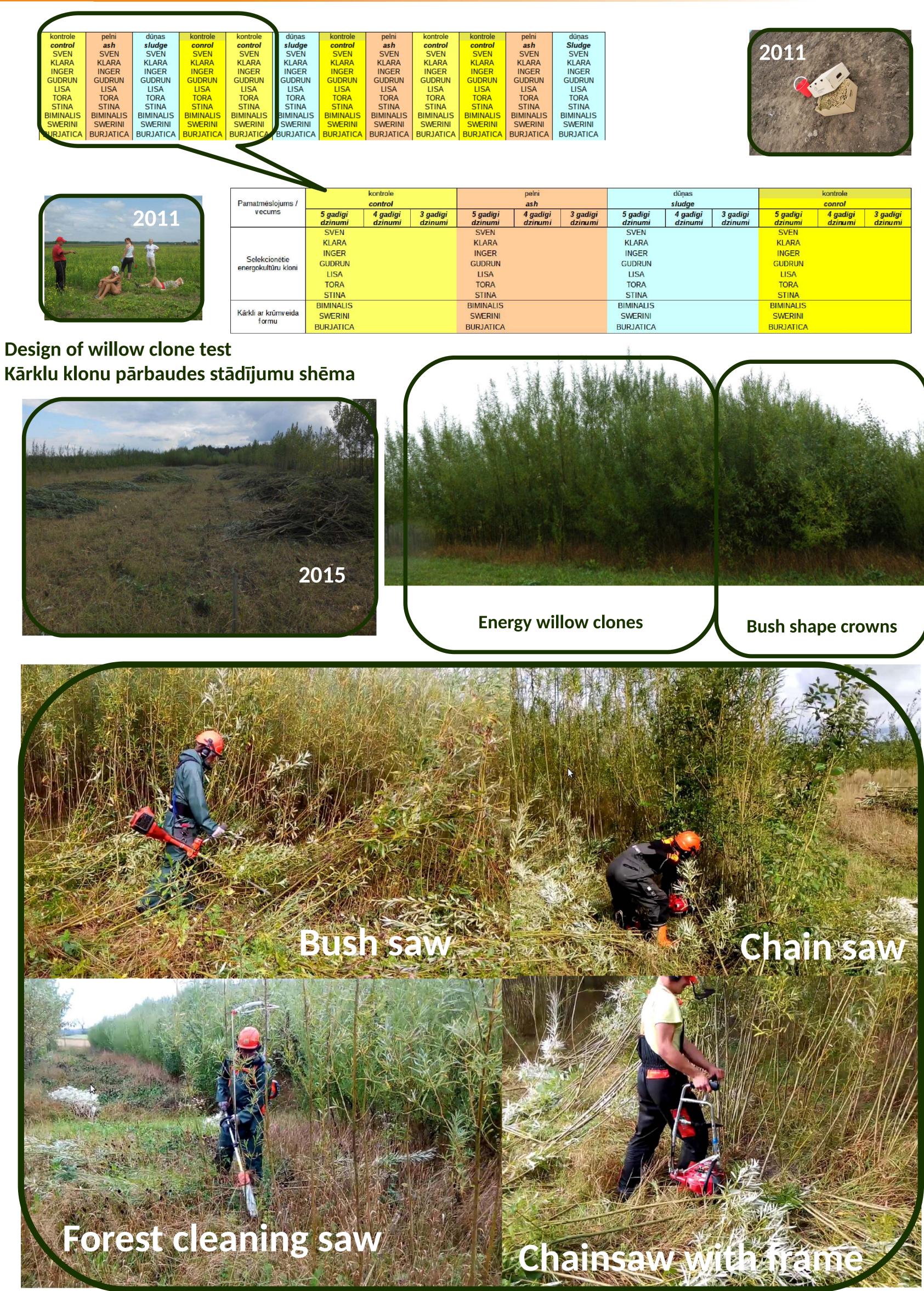
Th extraction of shoots was performed under the *SRC plus* project with 4 different hand tools and the time of useful varieties was registered!

sludge ---- Mean (sludge) — control ---- Mean (control) — wood ash ---- Mean (wood ash)



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Harvesting methods

