

QUANTIFICATION DES TRACES DES LOMBRICS....

SUMMARY . -

A new method to measure the activity of soil fauna is described. The quantitative television microscope allows distinction and quantification of the castings of two earthworms species. The relative quantity of materials returning to deep soil layers, can be determined, as well as the degree of porosity which determines the ability of the soil microfauna to colonize the different layers.

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