Summary

In a Mollisol at Itapetinga, a cacao-growing region of Bahia, Brazil (15° 14' S. 40° 15' W), at 269 m.a.s.l. and 930 mm of annual rainfall. between February 1988 and January 1989, DM production of CIAT accessions of 6 grasses and 24 forage legumes was evaluated. At planting, 22, 25, and 20 kg/ha of P, K, and Mg, respectively, were applied to both the grasses and the legumes. In addition, 100 kg/ha of N were applied to the grasses. Evaluations were made every 3 weeks in periods of maximum and minimum rainfall.

The grasses Panicum maximum CIAT 662 and 673 and Brachiaria brizantha CIAT 6387; and the legumes Stylosanthes guianensis CIAT 184 and 10136, Clitoria ternatea (local variety), Centrosema macrocarpum CIAT 5713, 5740, 5065, 5744, and 5737, C acutifolium CIAT 5568, and C. pubescens CIAT 438 had the highest DM production in the region.