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Delta13C

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The ratio of the stable isotopes carbon-13 and carbon-12, reported in parts per thousand. In plant tissues, this ratio varies between those plants that utilize the C3 carbon fixation pathway and those that utilize the C4 pathway.