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ROTATION AND FUMIGATION WOBURN BUTT CLOSE

(W/RN/15)

This experiment, started in 1969, is designed to study different ways of using nematicides in a three-course rotation and to determine the effects on crop yield and incidence of pathogenic nematodes.

Design

3 series each of 2 blocks of 3 plots split into 7. One phase of a 3-course rotation, potatoes, barley and sugar beet is present in each series.

Treatments

Each crop tests all combinations of:—
Whole plots: N fertiliser (kg N)

Potatoes and Sugar beet	Barley
75	38
150	75
225	113

Sub-plots:

Fumigants

(a) None

(b) Dichloropropane/dichloropropene

('D-D' at 448 kg): before potatoes

before sugar beet before barley before all crops

Plus 2 reserve sub-plots:

one no fumigant:

one allocated in 1970 to dazomet at 224 kg before all crops after no treatment in

1969.

NOTE: 'D-D' has been injected into ploughed or cultivated soil in autumn or early winter. Dazomet has been applied and rotary cultivated in before the 'D-D' injection except in December 1971 when it was worked in the following day. In 1971 and 1972 all sub-plots were rotary cultivated, in 1970 and 1973 only dazomet-treated sub-plots were cultivated following application.

Standard manuring

Barley: 310 kg (0-20-20)
Potatoes: 1050 kg (0-14-28)
Sugar beet: 1050 kg (0-14-28)
1971: 13 kg B₂O₃ as 'Solubor'
1972 & '73: 7 kg B₂O₃ as 'Solubor'

Liming

1971-73: 2.5 t magnesian limestone in autumn before

sugar beet.

Varieties

Barley: 1969 Zephyr

1970-73 Julia (dressed with ethirimol 1972 and 73)

Potatoes: 1969 King Edward 1970-73 Pentland Crown

Sugar beet 1969-73 Klein E

Weedkillers

Barley: 1969-72 Ioxynil with mecoprop

Potatoes: 1969-73 Linuron: alone 1971 and 1973 and with

paraquat in 1969, 70 and 72.

Sugar beet: 1969-70

and Phenmedipham; and paraquat in 1972

1972-73

Other chemicals applied

Fungicides Potatoes 1969-73 Mancozeb

Insecticides Potatoes and

Sugar beet 1969-73 Demeton-s-methyl

Plot area harvested

Barley 0.00052

Potatoes 0.00052 - 0.00104Sugar beet 0.00057 - 0.00156

Soil series Cottenham series