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INTENSIVE BARLEY FOLLOWED BY WHEAT AFTER INTENSIVE BARLEY

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This experiment, started in 1961, was designed to provide a comparison each year between barley immediately following a two-year break from cereals and barley 2, 3... years after the break. Barley in a four-course rotation (one phase only), continuous barley, continuous winter wheat and continuous spring wheat were also included.

From 1969 winter wheat was the only cereal grown and the experiment was used to study the effects of different sequences of pre-cropping with barley on yields and incidence of take-all (*Gaeumannomyces graminis*) in wheat; break-crops (fallow and beans) were introduced in certain sequences.

Since 1973 only one quarter of the experiment has been continued, primarily for studies on the phenomenon of take-all decline.

Design

Two replicates of 40 treatments in four blocks of 20 (with certain interactions confounded). Later the experiment was analysed as two blocks of 40.

In 1971 each strip of 40 plots was divided across the plots for a test of lime.

In 1973 only two replicates of 10 plots were retained.

Treatments

(1) Crop sequences

Treatment	1961	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	
1	0	BE	В	B	B	B	В	B	WW	F	WW	WW	WW	
2	WS	0	BE	В	B	B	В	В	WW	WW	WW	F	WW	
3	0	WS	0	BE	В	B	В	В	ww	WW	WW	F	BE	
4	BE	0	WS	0	BE	B	В	B	WW	WW	WW	WW	F	
5	WS	BE	0	WS	0	BE	B	B	ww	WW	WW	WW	WW	
6	WS	WS	BE	0	WS	0	BE	B	ww	WW	WW	WW	WW	
7	В	В	B	В	B	В	B	В	WW	WW	WW	WW	WW	
8	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	WS	ww	WW	WW	WW	WW	
9	WS	WW	WW	WW	WW	WW	WW	F	ww	WW	WW	WW	WW	
10	BE	WW	P	В	BE	WW	P	В	F	WW	ww	ww	ww	

0 = Oats, BE = Spring beans, B = Barley, WW = Winter wheat, WS = Spring wheat, F = Fallow

(2) Nitrogen (kg N as 'Nitro-Chalk')

1961-68	1969 & 70
None (NO)	75 (N3) to former N0 plots
38 (N1)	126 (N5) to former N1 plots
76 (N2)	176 (N7) to former N2 plots
114 (N3)	226 (N9) to former N3 plots

Applied to continuous cereals and to winter wheat and barley in treatment sequence 10.

Nitrogen treatments were discontinued in 1971.

(3)	Lime	
	1971	Each strip of 40 plots was split across all plots for a test of none
		(U) v. ground chalk at 12.6 t (L).

Standard applications Cereals and beans 1961-68	37.5 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 75 kg K ₂ O as (0-14-28) cereals combine drilled, beans placement drilled. Oats and noncontinuous spring wheat: 56 kg N as 'Nitro-Chalk'.
Potatoes	
1963	125 kg N, 125 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 225 kg K ₂ O as (10-10-18).
1967	145 kg N, 145 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 225 kg K ₂ O as (13-13-20).
Winter wheat	
1969	140 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 280 kg K ₂ O as (0-14-28) ploughed in. 40 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 40 kg K ₂ O as (0-20-20) combine drilled.
1970	120 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 240 kg K ₂ O as (0-14-28) ploughed in. 35 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 70 kg K ₂ O as (0-14-28) combine drilled
1971-73	35 kg P ₂ O ₅ , 70 kg K ₂ O as (0-14-28) combine drilled 125 kg N as 'Nitro-Chalk' top dressed.
Spring beans	
1973	55 kg P ₂ 0 ₅ , 110 kg K ₂ 0 as (0-14-28)
Liming	
1961	3.0 t ground chalk
1966	3.1 t ground chalk
1971	See treatment above
1973	10.0 t on half plots not limed in 1971 and 2.5 t overall.

Weedkillers

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Oats, barley, winter and spring wheat:	1961-63	MCPA with TBA
Oats, barley, spring wheat:	1964	MCPA with dichloroprop
Winter wheat:	1964 &	
	1965	Mecoprop with 2,4-D
Oats:	1965	MCPA with dicamba
Barley:	1965	Mecoprop with 2,4-D
Barley, winter and spring wheat & Oats:	1966-68 1966	Ioxynil with mecoprop
All plots:	1968	Aminotriazole with ammonium thiocyanate in autumn 1967.
Winter wheat:	1969-73	Paraquat in preceding autumn
	1969	Ioxynil, bromoxynil with dichlorprop
	1970-73	Terbutryne and related triazines
_	1970	Dichloroprop
	1972 &	
	1973	Dicamba, / mecoprop with MCPA

Other chemicals applied

Beans: 1961, 1963, 1966, 1967 Demeton-S-methyl

1965 Menazon 1973 Phorate

Potatoes: 1963 Tops burnt off with B.O.V.

1967 Mancozeb

Varieties

Barley: 1961-68 Proctor

Winter wheat: 1962-67, 1969, 1973. Cappelle

Spring wheat: 1970-72 Joss Cambier
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Spring beans: 1961-66 Tick 1967 Tarvin 1973 Minor

Oats: 1961-66 Condor Potatoes: 1963 & 1967 Majestic

Areas harvested

Yields were taken for barley, winter and spring wheat only

1961-70 & 1973 0.00563 - 0.005 (1968 S. wheat: 0.00761)

1971 & Sub-plot area

1972 harvested 0.00266 - 0.00269

Soil series Batcombe and Hook series.