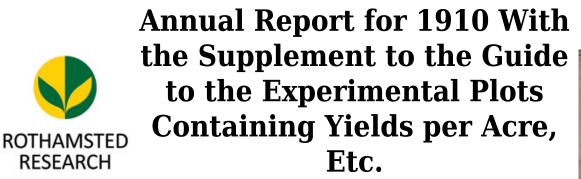
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# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1910.

HE season of 1910 was a very unfavourable one for most of our An exceptionally wet winter was followed by low crops. temperatures and great deficiency of sunshine in the summer, with the result that the corn crops yielded less than the average amount of grain, and that poor in quality. October, December and February were exceptionally wet months; fortunately there was in November (1909) a dry period which enabled the wheat to be sown and the root crops to be lifted. There was no severe cold during the winter except for a short spell at the end of January, with a minimum temperature of 15° on the 21st. April, May and June were good growing months with a normal rainfall and temperature, the wind being very continuously from the western quarter throughout the whole of the early part of the year. July and August were cold and sunless, but September, though still below the average in both temperature and sunshine, was dry, and enabled the harvest to be got in in good condition. The highest temperature of the year was 78<sup>5°</sup> on June 20th.

The wheat on Broadbalk Field was sown on November 26th and 27th, and though it died away a good deal during the winter, it grew somewhat rapidly from March onwards, and in the early summer looked fairly well. After June, however, it became very blighted, and showed an exceptional proportion of root-fallen stalks, though the plots as a whole were not so much laid as in many seasons. The yield on thrashing proved exceptionally low. The yield on the unmanured plots fell to 7'5 bushels per acre; only on three occasions during the 67 years of the experiment has it been lower. The yields all round were low, the highest being on the dunged plot, but that only produced 28 bushels per acre. The proportion of offal corn was again exceptionally high, though not to the unprecedented degree that prevailed in the previous year. The yield of straw was about the average, being more than double that of corn on nearly all the plots.

On the Half Acre Plot, without manure and fallowed in alternate years, the yield was little more than 9 bushels, not much better than on the unmanured continuous wheat plot, a result which might have been anticipated from the wet character of the winter.

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On the Hoos Field the barley was sown on March 21st; it made a poor start, and though it improved in the early spring, the eventual yield was much below the general average and even below that of the previous year. The proportion of offal grain was high and the weight per bushel low. The most noticeable feature was the exceptional increase produced by superphosphate, the plots without phosphoric acid fell to a very low level indeed. This prevails generally in the experiments; phosphoric acid has its maximum effect in wet and cold seasons. The straw also gave less than its average yield, although it was above the average of recent years. The last two wet seasons have made the barley plots excessively weedy, and they are now much worse than Broadbalk which has been got into a comparatively clean condition.

The permanent Grass plots in the Park also yielded much smaller crops than usual, and the proportion of the leguminous herbage was considerably below the average. The effect of lime on the half plots was not so marked as usual, though its value was very apparent to the eye on the plots on which the soil has become sour through continual applications of ammonium salts. On the limed portions of the plots the peat that had accumulated previously has almost entirely disappeared, and a close sward is beginning to form again.

The Mangold Field was sown on April 15th to 18th and a good plant was obtained on all the plots, except on those receiving nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia. These were resown on May 31st, and owing to the cool showery weather a fair plant was eventually obtained, which did not seem behind the rest at harvest. The yield was above the average, though by no means so good as in the previous year or in 1907. The effect of the usual attack of *Uromyces betæ* on the high nitrogen plots was very marked.

On Agdell Field the turn for clover and bare fallow came in 1910; a fair plant of clover showed after the winter, but grew very indifferently in the spring, and gave a poor yield. It was cut on June 21st, and was followed by an altogether exceptional aftergrowth; the second crop, cut on September 13th, was larger than the first, indeed nearly ten times as great in the case of the unmanured plot. The total of the two crops, first and second cut, is larger than on any previous occasion.

On Little Hoos Field wheat was sown, although barley had been taken in the previous year. This was done in order to break the sequence of the rotation, as it was often inconvenient to have the same crops on Agdell and this field in the same year. An even plant was obtained, but the yield was very disappointing; none of the

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plots produced three qrs. per acre, and many of them were below two. Naturally with these low yields the effect of the manurial residues was almost inappreciable.

The trials of the new nitrogenous fertilisers were repeated, but the yields in this field were all so low that much weight cannot be attached to the results. Both the nitrate of lime and cyanamide gave poor results, nitrate of soda being the most effective source of nitrogen applied.

For some years on the same field plots of mustard, vetches, crimson clover and rape have been grown and ploughed in, in order to ascertain which would have the best effect in preparing the ground for a subsequent straw crop. The last straw crop was in 1907; the green crops were repeated during 1908 and 1909, and wheat was again taken in 1910. After vetches a good yield of wheat was obtained, in fact this plot, with  $34\frac{1}{2}$  bushels of dressed grain per acre, yielded more wheat than any other experimental plot. As in the previous trial the value of the leguminous crops as a preparation for wheat was very marked, the yield of grain being 60 per cent. better after either vetches or crimson clover, than after rape or mustard. The yield of straw was even more favourable to the leguminous crops, and it was noticeable that on all these plots following green manuring there was none of the blight which characterised the wheat elsewhere.

In the Laboratory, the pot experiments, in which the continual growth of certain plants was compared with the growth of the same plants in rotation, have been carried a year further. The results are now being put together, but the experiment has been stopped as the method adopted does not promise to yield any definite answer to the question for which it was designed, *i.e.*, What is the effect of a plant upon the soil in which it grows whereby it makes the soil less fitted to support a second growth of the same plant?

The experiments upon Clover Sickness have also been continued, though no solution of the problem is yet in sight.

The investigations on the effect of heating and of antiseptics upon the fertility of soils, which were described in the last report, have been continued. Some trials were made in the field, though none of them yielded positive results, while other attempts towards the practical application of the previous investigations have not yet reached the stage for report. Mr. T. Goodey, M.Sc., of the Birmingham University, Mackinnon Student of the Royal Society, has been working on the zoological side of the problem, and he and Dr. Hutchinson have now accumulated a good deal of material regarding the life history and numbers of the protozoa associated with the soil.

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The investigations of the fatting and non-fatting pastures in Romney Marsh, which were begun in 1909 with the help of a grant from the Board of Agriculture, were found to require further data, and another series of observations were made during the early summer months of the past year. The material is now being worked up in the Laboratory, and the results will shortly be ready for publication.

Miss Brenchley continued her investigations of the effect of minute traces of various metallic salts upon the growth of plants in water cultures, a first account of which has been published. Miss Brenchley also collected a series of samples of barley at various stages of growth, in order to study the filling in of the grain upon the same lines as her work dealing with the wheat grain. It has only recently been found possible to begin the analyses of the samples in the Laboratory, but it is hoped to get the results ready in time to decide whether further material must be collected from the 1911 crop. Miss Brenchley further began a study of the weeds characteristic of the various soils in the south of Bedfordshire, and a first paper dealing with the weeds in this particular district is now going through the press.

Dr. Miller has been continuing his study of the nitrogenous compounds in air and rain, and during the summer paid a visit to three lighthouses on the extreme west of Scotland, in order to clear up certain points in connection with the samples of rain we are regularly receiving from this district.

The determinations of the amount of ammonia which can be absorbed from the atmosphere have been concluded, and the results are being prepared for publication.

The study of the soils of the south-east of England, originally begun at Wye, has for the last year or two been continued by Dr. Russell and myself at Rothamsted, and has at last been brought to a conclusion. The Board of Agriculture has undertaken the publication of the somewhat extensive report we have prepared, and it is expected that the book, which deals generally with the Agriculture of the south-east of England in relation to its soils, will be issued within a few weeks.

An acre of wheat upon the Home Farm, looking uniform to the eye, was harvested in 500 equal sized plots, each of which was threshed out separately. An acre of mangolds was similarly divided into 200 plots, and the yield of each weighed. The data thus obtained are being worked up in order to ascertain the experimental

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error attaching to field plots of particular sizes. This work has been supervised by Mr. W. B. Mercer, B.Sc., Vans Dunlop Scholar of the University of Edinburgh.

The following papers have been published during the year :--

 W. E. Brenchley. "The influence of Copper Sulphate and Manganese Sulphate upon the Growth of Barley." Annals of Botany. 1910. 24, 571.

It has been maintained that all substances toxic to plants act as stimuli at some stage of high dilution, but the author submitted this statement to a very careful test in the case of barley seedlings growing in water cultures without finding any evidence of stimulus, even down to dilutions of one of copper sulphate in ten million parts of water. A toxic effect is always manifest, though it is greatly masked when the copper solution is added to a solution of nutrient salts, and is not used in pure water. In this latter case seedlings are very susceptible, being perceptibly checked and even stopped in growth by the use of water which has been distilled from the ordinary copper vessels of the Laboratory. The apparent stimulus at higher dilutions may have been due to accidental variations, since the individuality of plants grown in water cultures is very marked, and large numbers must be taken in order to obtain smooth results. Manganese sulphate can hardly be regarded as toxic for barley, though in moderate concentrations (more than 1 per 10,000) there is retardation of growth. At lower concentrations (1 per 100,000 and downwards) there is distinct evidence of stimulus. Incidentally it was noted that at such concentrations as 1 in 10,000 manganese was taken up by the plant and excreted as peroxide on the surface of the leaves. As manganese is universally found in plant ashes, and has been considered by Bertrand and his co-workers to aid in the actions on the oxidases of the leaf, it obviously stands in a different position to toxic-substances like copper which have no normal physiological function.

E. J. Russell. "The Ammonia in Soils." Journal of Agricultural Science. 1910. 3, 233.

Considerable uncertainty attaches to the determination of ammonia in soils, because in the methods usually adopted the alkali attacks some of the organic compounds of nitrogen, and there is a continuous evolution of ammonia as long as the distillation is continued. Distillation with alcoholic potash at reduced pressures shows a sharp end point when the evolution of ammonia ceases, and with soils not too rich in organic matter the same end point is reached by a single distillation with magnesia and water at the same temperature. It

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is also shown that when ammonium salts are absorbed by soil some of the ammonia passes into a state of combination that is not broken up on distillation with alkali, though the exact compound formed was not identified. Only one or two parts per million of ammonia are found in ordinary soils, rising in very rich garden soils to five or six; the ammonia being kept down to this limit by the nitrifying organisms. Thus under field conditions the factor limiting the formation of nitrates is really the preliminary ammonia-producing process, and instead of the rate of nitrification, it is the rate of ammonia production which determines the amount of nitrogen available for the crop.

E. J. Russell. "The Effect of Earthworms in Productiveness." Journal of Agricultural Science. 1910. 3, 246.

Earthworms have generally been credited with increasing the productiveness of soil by decomposing the organic matter more rapidly than could the micro-organisms unaided. Russell considers that previous investigators have been misled by the nitrogen introduced in the bodies of the earthworms themselves; for when this is allowed for they seem to have no particular effect on the decomposition of organic matter and the production of nitrates. They have, however, considerable effect as cultivators, loosening and mulching the soil, and this may ultimately have an action upon its fertility, though experimental demonstrations would be difficult.

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## CROPS GROWN IN ROTATION. AGDELL FIELD.

# PRODUCE PER ACRE.

Year.	ear. CROP.		O. Unmanured.		M. Mineral Manure.		plete al and enous nure.
		5. Fallow.	6. Beans or Clover.	3. Fallow.	4. Beans or Clover.	1. Fallow.	2. Beans or Clover.
	LAST COMPLE	TE CO	URSE	(15th),	1904-1	7.	
1904	Roots (Swedes) Cwt.	16.8	6.4	151.2	171.4	318 <sup>.</sup> 6	203-2
1905 {	Barley Grain Bus. Barley Straw Cwt.	15 <sup>.</sup> 5 10 <sup>.</sup> 6	7 <sup>.</sup> 3 8 <sup>.</sup> 0	16 <sup>.</sup> 0 10 <sup>.</sup> 5	15 <sup>.</sup> 2 11 <sup>.</sup> 3	23°1 13°5	31 <sup>.</sup> 4 20 <sup>.</sup> 1
1906	Clover Hay Cwt.	-	4.1	_	41.0	-	9.5*
1907 {	Wheat Grain Bus. Wheat Straw Cwt.	16 <sup>.</sup> 3 21 <sup>.</sup> 4	21 <sup>.</sup> 4 27 <sup>.</sup> 1	19 <sup>.</sup> 1 28 <sup>.</sup> 6	36 <sup>.</sup> 8 49 <sup>.</sup> 6	25 <sup>.</sup> 1 35 <sup>.</sup> 3	29°3 35°1
	CURRENT	COURS	E (16t1	n), 1908	3		
1908	Roots (Swedes) Cwt.	21.6	6.4	179.0	235.8	39 <b>5</b> .4	314.0
1909 {	Barley Grain Bus. Barley Straw Cwt.	11 <sup>.</sup> 4 10 <sup>.</sup> 1	10 <sup>.</sup> 0 11 <sup>.</sup> 3	17 <sup>.</sup> 4 12 <sup>.</sup> 7	22 <sup>.</sup> 1 16 <sup>.</sup> 9	26 <sup>.</sup> 8 18 <sup>.</sup> 7	33 <sup>.</sup> 4 23 <sup>.</sup> 8
1910	Clover {1st crop Cwt. Hay {2nd crop Cwt.		1 <sup>.</sup> 6 15 <sup>.</sup> 8		24 <sup>.</sup> 1 40 <sup>.</sup> 0		32 <sup>.</sup> 2 44 <sup>.</sup> 5

\* The plant almost entirely failed on this plot, and new seed was sown broadcast on May 1st, 1906.

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## METEOROLOGICAL RECORDS, 1910.

		Rain.		Drainage through						
	Total	Fall.	No. of Rainy Days.	Drai	soil.		Bright Sun- shine.	Temperature.		
	5-inch Funnel Gauge.	Acre Gauge.	Acre Gauge.	20 ins. 40 ins. 60 ins. deep. deep. deep.			Max.	Min.		
Jan Feb March April June July August Sept Oct Nov Dec	Inches. 1 '989 3 '644 1 '134 1 '493 2 '082 2 '736 1 '909 3 '250 0 '798 2 '736 3 '728 5 '081	Inches. 2 183 3 780 1 235 1 581 2 164 2 806 1 996 3 379 0 889 2 830 3 930 5 357	No. 16 25 11 17 18 11 13 21 8 13 19 24	Inches. 1 <sup>1</sup> 24 3 <sup>6</sup> 33 0 <sup>6</sup> 48 0 <sup>0</sup> 15 0 <sup>1</sup> 58 0 <sup>7</sup> 21 0 <sup>3</sup> 75 0 <sup>7</sup> 59 0 <sup>1</sup> 22 1 <sup>4</sup> 24 3 <sup>2</sup> 265 5 <sup>3</sup> 13	Inches. 1 <sup>·</sup> 265 3 <sup>·</sup> 645 0 <sup>·</sup> 770 0 <sup>·</sup> 044 0 <sup>·</sup> 139 0 <sup>·</sup> 713 0 <sup>·</sup> 423 0 <sup>·</sup> 722 0 <sup>·</sup> 152 1 <sup>·</sup> 226 3 <sup>·</sup> 292 5 <sup>·</sup> 320	Inches. 1 <sup>·</sup> 230 3 <sup>·</sup> 525 0 <sup>·</sup> 734 0 <sup>·</sup> 054 0 <sup>·</sup> 164 0 <sup>·</sup> 719 0 <sup>·</sup> 397 0 <sup>·</sup> 693 0 <sup>·</sup> 145 1 <sup>·</sup> 222 3 <sup>·</sup> 199 5 <sup>·</sup> 277	Hours. 74·1 79·7 158·7 116·6 199·2 186·4 123·4 153·0 117·6 62·6 86·2 29·4	°F. 44'0 46'7 50'0 53'4 61'0 67'2 64'1 66'6 61'6 57'6 44'3 47'9	°F. 32'8 34'6 33'6 38'4 44'1 50'3 50'9 52'4 47'3 46'0 30'6 37'9	
Total or Mean	30 <sup>-</sup> 580	32 <sup>.</sup> 130	196	17 <sup>.</sup> 557	17.711	17.359	1386.9	664.4	498 <sup>.</sup> 9	

(See "Guide," page 16, Table IX.)

## MANGOLDS, BARN FIELD, 1910.

(See "Guide," page 11, Table VI.)

		Cross Dressings.								
Strip.	Strip Manures.	Ο.	N.	A.	A.C.	C.				
Surp.		None.	Nitrate of Soda.	Ammonium Salts.	Rape Cake & Ammonium Salts.	Rape Cake.				
1	Dung only	Tons. ∫R. <b>24 61</b> (L. 3 04	Tons. <b>31·33</b> 7·23	Tons. 23·12 7·29	Tons. <b>25<sup>.</sup>70</b> 2 <sup>.</sup> 76	Tons. <b>32<sup>.</sup>05</b> 4 <sup>.</sup> 26				
2	Dung, Super, Potash	∫R. <b>26<sup>.</sup>63</b> (L. 3 <sup>.</sup> 22	<b>31 58</b> 7 29	<b>28·37</b> 8·57	<b>36</b> · <b>10</b> 6·44	<b>37 26</b> 5 09				
4	Complete Minerals	$\begin{cases} R. & 5^{\cdot} 19 \\ L. & 0.85 \end{cases}$	{ <b>21 94</b> } { <b>24 12</b> } { 4 84 } 5 26 }	<b>19·39</b> 4·26	<b>29<sup>.</sup>98</b> 5 <sup>.</sup> 49	<b>29·90</b> 3·45				
5	Superphosphate only	(R. <b>5</b> . <b>81</b> (L. 0.93	<b>18<sup>.</sup>65</b> 3 <sup>.</sup> 84	<b>6'03</b> 2'39	<b>8·95</b> 1·97	<b>12.04</b> 1.92				
6	Super and Potash	{R. <b>4</b> · <b>38</b> L. 0·76	. <b>19<sup>.</sup>52</b> 3'76	<b>17<sup>.</sup>92</b> 3 <sup>.</sup> 50	<b>27 37</b> 5 07	<b>26 72</b> 1 95				
7	Super, Sulph., Mag.&Chloride Sodium	(R. <b>4</b> . <b>87</b> (L. 0.92	<b>22·07</b> 5·20	<b>18·46</b> 4·16	<b>24 88</b> 4 38	<b>29·03</b> 3·34				
8	None	∫R. <b>4<sup>.</sup>21</b> (L. 0 <sup>.</sup> 88	<b>9 56</b> 4 26	<b>5 27</b> 3 37	<b>7 49</b> 1 86	11.18 1.83				

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## HAY. THE PARK GRASS PLOTS, 1910.

Plot.	Manuring.	Yield of Hay per acre.				
		1st Crop.	2nd Crop.	Total.		
3) 12) 2 1 4-1 8 7 6 15 5 5 17 4-2 10	Unmanured Unmanured (1) Ammonium Salts alone (1) Superphosphate of Lime Mineral Manure without Potash Complete Mineral Manure As 7, 1869 and since (2) As 7, 1876 and since (3) Superphosphate and Potash, 1898 and since Nitrate of Soda alone Superphosphate and Amm. Salts Mineral Manure (without Potash) and Amm. Salts	Cwt. { 9.0 9.6 11.9 19.9 13.4 12.3 28.7 25.4 25.9 18.8 22.1 29.9 28.2	Cwt. 2'4 7'5 2'5 4'7 2'6 8'3 9'8 11'2 5'7 6'0 2'9 6'0 16'2	Cwt. 11 <sup>.4</sup> 17 <sup>.1</sup> 14 <sup>.4</sup> 24 <sup>.6</sup> 16 <sup>.0</sup> 20 <sup>.6</sup> 38 <sup>.5</sup> 36 <sup>.6</sup> 31 <sup>.6</sup> 24 <sup>.8</sup> 25 <sup>.0</sup> 35 <sup>.9</sup> 44 <sup>.4</sup>		
9	Complete Mineral Manure and Amm. Salts	44.2	14.8	59.0		
13 11-1	Dung and Fish Guano, once in 4 years Complete Mineral Manure and extra Amm. Salts	34°5 49°5	15 <sup>.</sup> 8	50°3 69°4		
11-2	As 11-1, and Silicate Soda	55.5	12.7	68.2		
16 14	Complete Mineral Manure and Nit. Soda=43 lb. N	29.0	6.0	35.0		
14	Complete Mineral Manure and Nit. Soda=86 lb. N	43.4	4.2	47 <sup>.</sup> 6		

#### (See "Guide," page 19, Table XI.)

Quick Lime (ground) at the rate of 2000 lb. per acre, applied to the South half of plots 1 to 4-2, 7 to 11-2, 13 and 16, in January, 1907.

(1) Received Farmyard Dung, 8 years, 1856-63. (3) Nitrate of Soda alone previously.

(2) Ammonium Salts alone, previous to 1869.

#### BOTANICAL COMPOSITION, PER CENT.

#### First Crop, 1910.

(See "Guide," page 20, Table XII.)

Plot.	Manuring.		Gramineæ.	Leguminosæ.	Other Orders.
		-	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
3	Unmanured	••••	67.5	2.6	29.9
4-1	Superphosphate of Lime		67.7	2.6	29.7
8	Mineral Manure without Pot	ash	50°5	3.2	46.0
7	Complete Mineral Manure		70 <sup>.</sup> 8	10'3	18 <sup>.</sup> 9
6	As 7, 1869 and since (2)		59.3	22.1	18.6
15	As 7, 1876 and since (3)		58.2	19 <sup>.</sup> 5	22.0

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#### WHEAT. BROADBALK FIELD, 1910.

		Dressed	l Grain.	Straw.	
Plot.	Manuring.	Yield.	Weight per Bushel.	Straw.	
1		Bushels.	lbs.	Cwt.	
2	Farmyard Manure	27.9	61.1	38.3	
3	Unmanured	7.5	60.0	9.3	
5	Complete Mineral Manure	10.0	59.8	10.2	
6	As 5, and single Amm. Salts	17.6	61.2	20 <sup>.</sup> 6	
7	As 5, and double Amm. Salts	25.6	61.2	34.7	
8	As 5, and treble Amm. Salts	27.7	59.9	45 <sup>.</sup> 0	
9	As 5, and single Nitrate Soda	23.7	61.6	30 <sup>.</sup> 4	
10	Double Amm. Salts alone	14.2	58 <sup>.</sup> 7	19.1	
11	As 10, and Superphosphate	20.0	59°5	27.7	
12	As 10, and Super and Sulph. Soda	26.3	60.8	32.6	
13	As 10, and Super and Sulph. Potash	25.3	61.3	34.0	
14	As 10, and Super and Sulph. Mag.	23.8	60.2	30.2	
15	Double Amm. Salts in Autumn, and				
	Minerals	20.4	60.9	27.8	
16	Double Nitrate and Minerals	23.6	61.1	45 <sup>.</sup> 9	
17 (	Minerals alone, or double Amm. Salts	) *26'4	*62.3	*30.2	
18 1	alone, in alternate years	j †10 <sup>.</sup> 0	†60 <sup>.</sup> 3	†11.3	
19	Rape Cake alone	19.2	60.2	23.5	
20 (1)	As 7, but excluding Superphosphate	21.6	61.3	27.6	
	••••				

#### (See "Guide," page 26, Table XIV.)

\* Produce by Ammonium Salts. † Produce by Minerals.
 (1) Commenced in 1906.

## BARLEY. HOOS FIELD, 1910.

#### (See "Guide," page 33, Table XVI.)

Plot.	Manuring.	Dressed	Dressed Grain.			
Plot.	Manuring.	Yield.	Weight per Bushel.	Straw.		
1 O 2 O 3 O 4 O	Unmanured Superphosphate only Alkali Salts only Complete Minerals	Bushels. 9 <sup>.</sup> 9 20 <sup>.</sup> 0 10 <sup>.</sup> 4 14 <sup>.</sup> 3	1bs. 54 <sup>.</sup> 0 54 <sup>.</sup> 7 53 <sup>.</sup> 8 53 <sup>.</sup> 8	Cwt. 6 <sup>·</sup> 8 9 <sup>·</sup> 4 8 <sup>·</sup> 0 11 <sup>·</sup> 0		
1 A	Amm. Salts onlySuperphos. and Amm. SaltsAlkali Salts and Amm. SaltsComplete Minerals and Amm. Salts	20 <sup>.</sup> 4	53°0	14'3		
2 A		27 <sup>.</sup> 5	52°6	21'6		
3 A		23 <sup>.</sup> 4	53°2	17'7		
4 A		38 <sup>.</sup> 6	54°8	24'7		
1 N	Nitrate of Soda alone	24·3	53°6	18°4		
2 N	Superphos. and Nitrate Soda	42·0	54°0	31°6		
3 N	Alkali Salts and Nitrate Soda	21·6	54°8	15°8		
4 N	Complete Minerals and Nitrate Soda	39·2	54°5	25°5		
1 C	Rape Cake alone	35 <sup>.</sup> 2	54°0	22°0		
2 C	Superphos. and Rape Cake	37 <sup>.</sup> 2	54°3	22°2		
3 C	Alkali Salts and Rape Cake	34 <sup>.</sup> 2	55°2	21°8		
4 C	Complete Minerals and Rape Cake	39 <sup>.</sup> 4	55°0	26°9		
7-1	Unmanured (after Dung, 1852-71)	14 <sup>.</sup> 5	53 <sup>.</sup> 9	11°2		
7-2	Farmyard Dung	43 <sup>.</sup> 0	55 <sup>.</sup> 4	32'9		

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### BARLEY. HOOS FIELD, 1910.

## (Previous Cropping: Potatoes, 1876-1901; Barley, 1902 and 1903; Oats, 1904; Barley, 1905 and since.)

Plot.	Manures applied to the Potatoes,	Dressec	l Grain.	Charles	Total Produce.	
Plot.	1876-1901. Unmanured since.	Yield.	Weight per Bushel.	Straw.		
		Bushels.	lbs.	Cwt.	lbs.	
1	Unmanured	6.5	53.5	5.0	944	
2	Unmanured 1882 to 1901, previously Dung only	11.4	53.1	8.3	. 1620	
3	Dung 1883 to 1901	15.2	52.0	17.1	2895	
4	Dung 1883 to 1901	15.6	52.2	15.4	2697	

(See "Guide," page 40, Table XIX).

# WHEAT AFTER FALLOW (without Manure 1851 and since). HOOS FIELD, 1910.

(See "Guide," page 41, Table XX.)

D	pressed Grain		. {	Yield—9 <sup>.</sup> 3 Bushels. Weight per Bushel—61 <sup>.</sup> 2 lbs.
S	traw	••• ••	•	10 <sup>-</sup> 1 cwt.
Т	otal Produce			1747 lbs.

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# COMPARATIVE TEST OF NITROGENOUS FERTILISERS. WHEAT (after Barley in 1909). LITTLE HOOS FIELD, 1910.

Plot.	Manuring.	Dressed Grain.	Offal Grain.	Straw.	Weight. per Bushel of Dressed Grain.	Propor- tion of Offal to 100 of Dressed Grain.	Propor- tion of Grain to 100 of Straw.
		Bushels.	lbs.	Cwt.	lbs.		
1)	Unmanured 1910	15 <sup>.</sup> 7	160	13 <sup>.</sup> 1	59 <sup>.</sup> 5	17 <sup>.</sup> 2	74 <sup>.</sup> 2
6j		15 <sup>.</sup> 1	100	14 <sup>.</sup> 1	61 <sup>.</sup> 6	10 <sup>.</sup> 7	65 <sup>.</sup> 0
2) 7)	Nitrate Soda only	27 <sup>.</sup> 0	238	36 <sup>-</sup> 1	59 <sup>.</sup> 9	14 <sup>.</sup> 7	45 <sup>.</sup> 8
	= 50 lbs. N	27 <sup>.</sup> 1	233	31 <sup>-</sup> 0	60 <sup>.</sup> 0	14 <sup>.</sup> 3	53 <sup>.</sup> 5
3)	Nitrate Lime only	18 <sup>.</sup> 6	282	32·3	58 <sup>-</sup> 5	25 <sup>.</sup> 9	37 <sup>.</sup> 9
8)	= 50 lbs. N	22 <sup>.</sup> 6	268	32·3	60 <sup>-</sup> 0	19 <sup>.</sup> 8	44 <sup>.</sup> 8
4 <u> </u>	Sulph. Ammonia only	27 <sup>.</sup> 1	135	28 <sup>.</sup> 6	61 <sup>.</sup> 0	8 <sup>.</sup> 2	55 <sup>.</sup> 8
9 ]	= 50 lbs. N	22 <sup>.</sup> 2	189	24 <sup>.</sup> 3	60 <sup>.</sup> 5	14 <sup>.</sup> 1	56 <sup>.</sup> 2
5	Cyanamide only	25 <sup>.</sup> 6	145	23 <sup>.</sup> 9	60°6	9 <sup>.</sup> 4	63 <sup>-</sup> 4
10	= 50 lbs. N	19 <sup>.</sup> 3	273	18 <sup>.</sup> 0	59°8	23 <sup>.</sup> 8	70 <sup>-</sup> 8

### WHEAT FOLLOWING GREEN MANURING.

## LITTLE HOOS FIELD, 1910.

Green Crops (ploughed in) 1904, 1905, 1906. Wheat, 1907. Green Crops (ploughed in) 1908, 1909. Wheat, 1910.

Crear Crear		Dressee	l Grain.	Straw.	Total	
Green Crop.		Yield.	Yield. Weight per Bushel.		Produce.	
		Bushels.	lbs.	Cwt.	lbs.	
Mustard	•••	19.6	63 <sup>.</sup> 5	15.3	2994	
Rape	•••	20.8	63.8	16.3	3188	
Crimson Clover		30.8	62.7	27.0	5037	
Vetches		34.4	62.4	34.7	6162	

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### LITTLE HOOS FIELD, 1904-1910.

# RESIDUAL VALUE OF VARIOUS MANURES.

## (See "Guide," pages 41 and 42.)

#### TOTAL PRODUCE-Grain and Straw, or Roots and Leaves, per acre.

Series and Plot.	Manuring.	Swedes 1904.	Barley 1905.	Man- golds 1906.	Spring Wheat 1907.	Swedes 1908.	Barley 1909.	Wheat 1910.
A 1 2 3 4 5	Unmanured Dung (ordinary), 1904 and 1908 ", ", 1905 and 1909 ", ", 1906 and 1910 ", ", 1907 only	Tons. 10 <sup>·3</sup> 13 <sup>·1</sup> 8 <sup>·8</sup> 8 <sup>·8</sup> 9 <sup>·8</sup>	lbs. 2323 4649 <b>3501</b> 2269 2402	Tons. 17 <sup>-</sup> 1 18 <sup>-</sup> 2 17 <sup>-</sup> 5 <b>18</b> <sup>-</sup> 2 14 <sup>-</sup> 9	lbs. 3650 4673 5393 5471 <b>6903</b>	Tons. 14 <sup>•</sup> 0 <b>19<sup>•</sup>1</b> 14 <sup>•</sup> 5 15 <sup>•</sup> 5 17 <sup>•</sup> 3	lbs. 3792 5128 <b>5544</b> 4057 4581	lbs. 2270 2572 2681 <b>2406</b> 2358
B 1	Dung (cake fed), 1904 and 1908	<b>15 7</b>	4177	19 <sup>•</sup> 4	4319	<b>22</b> • <b>4</b>	5362	2386
2	Unmanured	10 0	2417	16 <sup>•</sup> 2	4025	14 • 3	3862	2261
3	Dung (cake fed), 1905 and 1909	9 5	<b>5530</b>	18 <sup>•</sup> 5	5497	14 • 2	<b>6641</b>	2921
4	,, ,, 1906 and 1910	11 4	2772	<b>25<sup>•</sup>6</b>	6489	16 • 9	4400	<b>3502</b>
5	,, ,, 1907 only	9 4	2649	14 <sup>•</sup> 4	<b>9407</b>	19 • 0	4298	2369
C 1	Shoddy, 1904 and 1908	<b>14 7</b>	3656	21.0	4667	<b>19</b> 7	3969	2295
2	, 1905 and 1909	11 <b>1</b>	<b>4363</b>	23.6	4550	16 <sup>3</sup>	<b>4558</b>	2387
3	Unmanured	10 <b>6</b>	2588	17.7	4334	15 <sup>1</sup>	3850	2561
4	Shoddy, 1906 and 1910	10 <b>7</b>	2512	<b>24.2</b>	6231	19 <sup>1</sup>	4466	<b>3461</b>
5	, 1907 only	10 <b>3</b>	2615	16.9	<b>7495</b>	22 <sup>2</sup>	5448	2560
D 1	Guano, 1904 and 1908	<b>14</b> 6	2550	20°1	4056	<b>20</b> 9	3608	1742
2	,, 1905 and 1909	11 0	<b>5176</b>	19°7	4165	15 3	6834	2114
3	,, 1906 and 1910	10 9	2857	<b>25°6</b>	4846	15 9	4053	<b>3392</b>
4	Unmanured	10 6	2985	18°7	4618	17 4	4510	2739
5	Guano, 1907 only	10 6	2680	17°4	<b>7375</b>	15 7	4014	2374
E 1	Rape Cake, 1904 and 1908          ,,       1905 and 1909          ,,       1906 and 1910          ,,       1907 only          Unmanured	14 <sup>.</sup> 1	2674	17 <sup>.</sup> 8	3887	<b>19 7</b>	3750	2180
2		11 <sup>.</sup> 2	<b>4185</b>	17 <sup>.</sup> 9	4326	15 1	<b>5203</b>	2242
3		9 <sup>.</sup> 5	2645	<b>22<sup>.</sup>7</b>	4584	14 5	3866	<b>3486</b>
4		10 <sup>.</sup> 5	2734	19 <sup>.</sup> 4	<b>6619</b>	15 2	4661	2516
5		10 <sup>.</sup> 8	2769	19 <sup>.</sup> 5	4527	14 7	4155	2784
F 1	Unmanured	11.7	3132	22 <sup>.</sup> 9	4749	14·1	4814	3166
2	Superphosphate, 1904 and 1908	<b>12.2</b>	3025	23 <sup>.</sup> 2	5064	<b>16·9</b>	4726	3223
3	,, 1905 and 1909	10.2	<b>3949</b>	23 <sup>.</sup> 6	4956	14·6	<b>4973</b>	2922
4	,, 1906 and 1910	9.7	3913	<b>24<sup>.</sup>1</b>	5419	16·0	5280	<b>2682</b>
5	,, 1907 only	9.7	4221	23 <sup>.</sup> 6	<b>5698</b>	16·4	5641	3190
G 1	Bone Meal, 1904 and 1908	<b>12 9</b>	3176	23 <sup>•</sup> 1	5203	<b>16</b> · <b>7</b>	4445	3345
2	, 1905 and 1909	10 1	<b>3636</b>	22 <sup>•</sup> 1	5821	14·3	<b>4922</b>	3657
3	Unmanured	10 2	3495	20 <sup>•</sup> 6	5491	12·7	4247	3701
4	Bone Meal, 1906 and 1910	9 9	3450	<b>22<sup>•</sup>6</b>	6043	14·2	4711	<b>3263</b>
5	, 1907 only	9 2	3525	22 <sup>•</sup> 1	<b>6276</b>	19·9	5285	3512
H 1	Basic Slag, 1904 and 1908	<b>11 8</b>	4400	20 <sup>.5</sup>	6285	<b>13</b> ·8	4182	3564
2	,, 1905 and 1909	10 4	<b>4002</b>	21 <sup>.3</sup>	5930	13·6	<b>4530</b>	3596
3	,, 1906 and 1910	9 4	3662	<b>21<sup>.4</sup></b>	5860	13·6	4431	<b>3943</b>
4	,, 1907 only	9 1	3624	17 <sup>.0</sup>	<b>5816</b>	14·4	3860	3804
5	Unmanured	8 6	3293	17 <sup>.4</sup>	5933	11·4	4511	4005

The yields on the plots to which the manure was applied in any given year are printed in heavier type.

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