

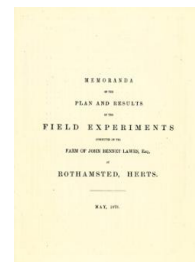
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BROADBALK FIELD.

EXPERIMENTS ON THE GROWTH OF WHEAT YEAR AFTER YEAR ON THE SAME LAND; WITHOUT MANURE, AND WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF MANURE. Previous Cropping—1839, Turnips, with Farnyard Manure; 1840, Barley; 1841, Peas; 1842, Wheat; 1843, Oats; the last four Crops Unmanured. First Experimental Wheat Crop in 1844. Wheat every year since; and, with some exceptions, nearly the same description of Manure on the same Plots each year—especially during the last 21 years. Unless otherwise stated, the Manures are sown in the Autumn before the seed. (Area under experiment, about 13 acres.)

PLOTS.	Manures, per acre, per annum.	PRODUCE PER ACRE.				PLOTS.	
		Average per Annum, 20 Years, 1852-1871.		Twenty-ninth Season, 1872.			
		Dressed Corn.	Total Straw.	Dressed Corn.	Total Straw.		
Quantity, Bushel.	Weight per Bushel.	Quantity, Bushel.	Weight per Bushel.	Quantity, Bushel.	Weight per Bushel.		
0	Superphosphate of Lime (three times as much as on No. 5 and succeeding Plots)	17½	58½	17½	58½	0	
1	Sulphates of Potass, Soda, and Magnesia (twice as much as on No 5 and succeeding Plots)	15½	58½	107	57½	1	
2	Farnyard Manure (14 tons every year)	35½	60	32½	60½	2	
3	Unmanured continuously	14½	57½	10½	59	3	
4	Unmanured for Crop of 1852, and since; previously Superphosphate (made with Muriatic Acid), and Sulphate Ammonia	15½	58½	11½	57½	4	
5 (a and b)	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwt. Superphosphate of Lime Ⓞ	17	58½	12½	60	5 (a and b)	
6 (a and b)	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwt. Superphos., and 200 lbs. Ammonia-salts Ⓞ	28½	59½	20½	60½	6 (a and b)	
7 (a and b)	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwt. Superphos., and 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts	85½	59½	23½	60½	7 (a and b)	
8 (a and b)	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwt. Superphos., and 600 lbs. Ammonia-salts	38½	59	35½	60½	8 (a and b)	
9 { a } { b }	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwt. Superphos., and 550 lbs. Nitrate Soda Ⓞ	36½	58½	40½	60	9 { a } { b }	
10 { a } { b }	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts alone, for 1845, and each year since; Mineral Manure in 1844	22½	57½	18	55½	10 { a } { b }	
11 (a and b)	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts alone, for 1845, and each year since (excepting 1846 and 1850); Mineral Manure in 1844, '48, and '50	25½	58	18½	55½	11 (a and b)	
12 (a and b)	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 3½ cwt. Superphosphate	28	57½	27½	59½	12 (a and b)	
13 (a and b)	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, and 366½ lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate of Soda	33½	59½	29½	59½	13 (a and b)	
14 (a and b)	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, and 200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate of Potass	33½	59½	30½	60½	14 (a and b)	
15 { a } { b }	400 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, and 280 lbs. Ⓞ Sulphate of Magnesia	37	59½	32½	59½	15 { a } { b }	
16 (a and b)	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulph. Pot., 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulph. Sod., 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag., 3½ cwt. Superphos., Ⓞ; 400 lbs. Amm.-salts, sown in Spring Ⓞ	32½	59½	30½	60½	16 (a and b)	
(10) { 17 (a and b) } { 18 (a and b) }	200 lbs. Ⓞ Sulph. Pot., 100 lbs. Ⓞ Sulph. Sod., 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag., 4½ cwt. Superphos., Ⓞ; 400 lbs. Amm.-salts, sown in Spring Ⓞ	34	59½	32½	60½	{ 17 (a and b) } { 18 (a and b) }	
19	{ 1852-64, 13 years, 200 lbs. Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag., 3½ cwt. Superphos., and 800 lbs. Ammonia-salts; average produce 39½ bush. Corn, 46½ cwt. Straw	32½	59	13½	59½	19	
20	{ 1865 and since, unmanured; average produce (7 years, 1865-71) 19½ bushels Corn, 16½ cwt. Straw	30½	58½	29½	59½	20	
21	3½ cwt. Superphosphate of Lime Ⓞ, 300 lbs. Sulphate of Ammonia, and 500 lbs. Rape-cake	15½ (12)	58½ (12)	25½ (14)	60½ (14)	21	
22	Unmanured continuously	15½ (16)	58 (16)	20½	59½	22	

(1) 300 lbs. per annum for Crop of 1858; and previously.
 (2) 200 lbs. per annum for Crop of 1858, and previously.
 (3) Superphosphate of Lime—in all cases, excepting for Plot 19, made from 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphuric acid sp. gr. 1.7 (and water).
 (4) The "Ammonia-salts," in all cases, equal parts Sulphate and Muriate of Ammonia of Commerce.
 (5) 9a 475 lbs. Nitrate Soda in 1852, 275 lbs. in 1853 and 1854, 550 lbs. each year since; 9b 475 lbs. in 1852; 550 lbs. each year since; 550 lbs. is reckoned to contain the same amount of Nitrogen as 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts."
 (6) For 1858, and previously—1½ time as much.
 (7) For 1872 and previously, made with Muriatic instead of Sulphuric Acid.
 (8) For 1872 and previously, 400 lbs. Sulphate Ammonia, sown in the Autumn.
 (9) For 1872 and previously, 300 lbs. Sulphate Ammonia and 500 lbs. Rape-cake, sown in the Autumn.
 (10) The Manures of Plots 17 and 18 are, year by year, transposed.
 (11) Made with Muriatic instead of Sulphuric Acid.
 (12) Average of 20 years' Mineral Manures, alternated with Ammonia-salts.
 (13) Average of 20 years' Ammonia-salts, alternated with Mineral Manures.
 (14) Plots 17 had the Ammonia-salts for the Crop of 1872.
 (15) Plots 18 had the Mineral Manures for the Crop of 1872.
 (16) Average of 19 years only; as in 1868, owing to a mistake in carting, the produce could not be ascertained.
 The Plots marked "(a and b)" are divided into duplicate portions, "a" and "b," respectively, which are manured alike; excepting that, for the crops of 1864-5-6 and 7, the "a" portions of plots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, and 17 (or 18), received a mixture of soluble Silicates in addition to the other Manures, but, hitherto, without any material effect; and for the crops of 1868, and since, cut straw (that produced in the previous season) has been applied (instead of Silicates) on the "a" portions of plots 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 17 (or 18).