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EXPERIMENTS ON SUGAR BEET—BARN FIELD—continued.

ABSTRACT OF RESULTS ILLUSTRATING THE INFLUENCE OF THE DIFFERENT MANURES ON THE AMOUNT OF PRODUCE, AND ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE ROOTS. Average of the First Three Seasons, 1871, 1872, and 1873.

| | MANURES PER ACRE PER ANNUM. | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| | SERIES 1. | SERIES 2. | SERIES 3. | SERIES 4. | SERIES 5. |
| | Manures as below only, No Cross-dressing. | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 550 lbs. Nitrate Soda. | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts." | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake, and 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts." | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake. |
| PLOT 1 (SERIES I.), Farmyard Manure (14 Tons). | | | | | |
| Average produce per Acre:— | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. |
| Roots | 326 | 476 | 446 | 502 | 498 |
| Leaves | 86 | 169 | 161 | 192 | 128 |
| Total | 412 | 645 | 607 | 694 | 626 |
| Average Composition of the Roots:— | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. |
| Dry Matter | 17.49 | 16.11 | 16.56 | 16.23 | 16.66 |
| Mineral Matter (ash) in Dry Matter | 5.00 | 6.11 | 5.83 | 6.55 | 5.61 |
| Nitrogen in Dry Matter (1) | 0.83 | 1.24 | 1.53 | 1.52 | 1.24 |
| Sugar in Juice | 13.14 | 11.58 | 12.03 | 11.10 | 12.01 |
| Sugar in Roots, if 95, P. C. Juice | 12.48 | 11.00 | 11.45 | 10.55 | 11.41 |
| MEANS OF PLOTS 4, 5, and 6 (SERIES I.), Superphosphate, with or without other Mineral Manures, every year. | | | | | |
| Average produce per Acre:— | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. | Cwts. |
| Roots | 118 | 322 | 290 | 413 | 346 |
| Leaves | 28 | 102 | 76 | 165 | 76 |
| Total | 146 | 424 | 366 | 578 | 422 |
| Average Composition of the Roots:— | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. |
| Dry Matter | 18.63 | 15.93 | 17.43 | 15.93 | 17.66 |
| Mineral Matter (ash) in Dry Matter | 4.20 | 5.73 | 4.81 | 5.98 | 4.50 |
| Nitrogen in Dry Matter (1) | 0.54 | 1.20 | 0.87 | 1.52 | 0.83 |
| Sugar in Juice | 14.45 | 12.12 | 13.35 | 11.56 | 13.45 |
| Sugar in Roots, if 95, P. C. Juice | 13.73 | 11.51 | 12.68 | 10.98 | 12.78 |

(1) The percentages of Nitrogen relate to the first year only; but the percentage of Nitrogen has been determined in the Juice, in selected cases, each year; and the results confirm the indications of the nitrogen in the roots in the first year.

EXPERIMENTS ON MANGOLD WURZEL.—BARN FIELD (after SUGAR-BEET); commencing 1876.

The arrangement of the Plots is precisely the same as previously for Sugar-beet, excepting that Plot 9, which was unmanured for Sugar-beet, is now added as a manured Plot. With this exception the manures are also substantially the same as previously for Sugar-beet; in fact, precisely the same as for the Sugar-beet in 1872 and 1873. Seed, Yellow Globe; dibbled on ridges, rows 26 inches apart; plants 11 inches apart in the rows (2).

| PLOTS. | SERIES 1. | MANURES PER ACRE PER ANNUM. | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--|---|---|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | SERIES 2. | | SERIES 3. | | SERIES 4. | | SERIES 5. | | | |
| | | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 550 lbs. Nitrate Soda. | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts." | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake and 400 lbs. "Ammonia-salts." | As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake. | | | | | | |
| PRODUCE PER ACRE. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Roots. | Leaves. | Roots. | Leaves. | Roots. | Leaves. | Roots. | Leaves. | Roots. | Leaves. |
| | | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. |
| 1 | Farmyard Manure (14 Tons) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (1) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Without Manure (1846, and since) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | { 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulph. Pot., 200 lbs. Chloride Sodium } { (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 3½ cwt. Superphosphate | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulph. Potass | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | 3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulph. Pot., 364 lbs. Amm.-salts (2) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman.: part Superphos. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | { Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, and 400 lbs. } { ammonia-salts, no cross-dressing (2) | | | | | | | | | | |

(1) "Superphosphate of Lime"—in all cases made from 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1.7 (and water).
 (2) "Ammonia-salts"—in each case equal parts Sulphate and Muriate of Ammonia of Commerce.
 (3) Plot 9 sown on the flat instead of on ridges; plants ridged up afterwards; rows 22 inches apart, plants 10 inches apart in the rows.

EXPERIMENTS ON POTATOES.—HOOS FIELD; commencing 1876.

The Land had been under experiments with Wheat, differently manured, from 1856 to 1874; and was fallowed in 1875. Plots 1, 2, 3, and 4 had been unmanured for the Wheat. Plots 5 and 6 had received the same quantity of Ammonia-salts alone every year for the Wheat, as Plot 5 now receives for potatoes; Plot 6 now receiving the same amount of nitrogen, but as Nitrate of Soda, instead of Ammonia-salts. Plots 7 and 8 received the same amount of complex mineral manure and Ammonia-salts for the Wheat, as Plot 7 now receives for potatoes; and Plot 8 now receives the same complex mineral manures, and the same amount of nitrogen, but as Nitrate of Soda instead of Ammonia-salts. Plots 9 and 10 received the same complex mineral manures alone for the Wheat as Plot 10 is to receive for potatoes; Plot 9 to receive superphosphate only (3).

| PLOTS. | MANURES PER ACRE PER ANNUM. | PRODUCE PER ACRE. | | | | | |
|--------|--|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | 1876. | | 1877. | | 1878. | |
| | | Tubers. | Tops. | Tubers. | Tops. | Tubers. | Tops. |
| | | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. | Tons. cwt. |
| 1 | Unmanured | | | | | | |
| 2 | Farmyard Manure (14 tons) | | | | | | |
| 3 | Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (1) | | | | | | |
| 4 | Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, and 550 lbs. Nitrate of Soda | | | | | | |
| 5 | 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts (2) | | | | | | |
| 6 | 550 lbs. Nitrate of Soda | | | | | | |
| 7 | 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 3½ cwt. Superphos., 300 lbs. Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag. | | | | | | |
| 8 | 550 lbs. Nitrate of Soda, 3½ cwt. Superphos., 300 lbs. Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag. | | | | | | |
| 9 | 3½ cwt. Superphosphate | | | | | | |
| 10 | 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 300 lbs. Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. Sulph. Soda, and 100 lbs. Sulph. Mag. | | | | | | |

(1) "Superphosphate of Lime"—in all cases made from 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1.7 (and water).
 (2) "Ammonia-salts"—in each case equal parts Sulphate and Muriate of Ammonia of Commerce.
 (3) The complex mineral manure having been sown in October, 1874, but the wheat not put in, and therefore no crop taken in 1875, no mineral manures are sown afresh on Plots 7, 8, 9, and 10, for the first crop of potatoes, 1876