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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, and also previously for Swedes, 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 (?). Area under experiment about 8 acres. Roots all carted off; Leaves weighed, spread on the respective Plots, and ploughed in.

PLOTS.	MANURES PER ACRE PER ANNUM.	PRODUCE PER ACRE.									
		SERIES 1.		SERIES 2.		SERIES 3.		SERIES 4.		SERIES 5.	
		Roots.	Leaves.	Roots.	Leaves.	Roots.	Leaves.	Roots.	Leaves.	Roots.	Leaves.
FIRST SEASON, 1876. Seed dibbled, May 22-26. Crop taken up, Nov. 3-17.											
1	Farmyard Manure (14 tons)	19 12	4 9	25 2	7 5	29 19	7 12	31 9	10 5	24 9	5 19
2	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) ..	19 13	4 6	27 13	7 3	29 8	7 10	30 18	9 16	29 19	6 12
3	Without Manure (1846, and since)	6 10	1 14	20 13	5 12	14 3	4 10	19 19	7 7	17 4	4 15
4	{ 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 200 lbs. Chloride { Sodium (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	8 8	1 15	25 1	6 0	19 19	4 9	30 8	8 13	25 8	5 10
5	3½ cwt. Superphosphate	7 10	1 14	21 0	5 14	13 10	5 1	17 2	7 14	17 17	5 17
6	3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass	6 16	1 12	21 2	5 8	17 15	4 13	26 8	9 0	20 10	5 4
7	3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 36½ lbs. Am.-salts (?)	8 13	2 3	22 11	5 14	19 2	5 11	27 2	9 9	20 12	5 15
8	Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman., part Superphos.	5 9	1 10	15 16	5 3	11 17	4 16	18 2	7 11	15 12	4 18
9	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25 14	7 6	..	..	..	..
SECOND SEASON, 1877. Seed dibbled, June 4-6 (Plots 8 and 9, June 11th). Crop taken up, Nov. 14-23.											
1	Farmyard Manure (14 tons)	15 7	2 1	24 13	3 14	27 1	4 4	30 5	5 5	25 18	3 4
2	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) ..	16 14	1 19	26 8	3 12	26 18	4 6	28 15	5 9	24 12	2 19
3	Without Manure (1846, and since)	5 9	1 0	16 17	3 14	8 16	3 0	13 9	3 19	13 17	2 10
4	{ 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 200 lbs. Chloride { Sodium (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	6 16	1 3	21 10	3 10	16 10	2 2	27 9	3 8	21 14	1 17
5	3½ cwt. Superphosphate	6 1	0 19	20 5	3 1	12 2	2 10	15 3	3 8	15 3	2 2
6	3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass	5 8	0 18	20 19	2 18	15 6	1 16	24 18	3 16	19 3	1 12
7	3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 36½ lbs. Am.-salts (?)	7 0	1 3	22 2	3 16	16 13	2 7	25 15	5 0	20 13	2 8
8	Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman., part Superphos.	3 19	1 3	9 17	5 4	7 4	3 10	11 9	4 11	10 3	3 3
9	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	13 17	4 0	..	..	..	..
THIRD SEASON, 1878. Seed dibbled, June 8-9 (Plot 9, June 11th). Crop taken up, Nov. 7-20.											
1	Farmyard Manure (14 tons)	13 5	2 16	18 15	4 4	20 11	5 6	22 4	6 3	17 1	3 13
2	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) ..	14 16	2 19	21 4	4 15	19 15	5 3	20 18	5 17	18 17	3 15
3	Without Manure (1846, and since)	3 10	1 4	10 2	2 16	4 7	2 11	6 11	3 7	6 3	2 17
4	{ 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 200 lbs. Chloride { Sodium (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	5 9	1 7	18 10	4 6	14 3	2 12	21 2	4 14	15 19	3 2
5	3½ cwt. Superphosphate	4 14	1 8	14 11	3 18	8 2	3 6	8 4	3 3	8 1	3 6
6	3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass	3 18	1 3	15 1	3 7	12 0	2 14	15 3	4 11	12 5	3 3
7	3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 36½ lbs. Am.-salts (?)	5 8	1 9	13 18	3 1	11 18	2 18	14 0	4 5	11 19	3 8
8	Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman., part Superphos.	2 13	1 4	11 19	4 7	6 13	3 5	6 12	4 10	6 4	3 5
9	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	15 17	5 9	..	..	..	..
FOURTH SEASON, 1879. Seed dibbled, May 13-15. Crop taken up, Nov. 11-20.											
1	Farmyard Manure (14 tons)	6 3	1 15	9 8	2 9	12 6	3 11	13 16	3 15	10 14	2 12
2	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) ..	6 13	1 16	11 11	2 18	11 12	3 9	14 1	3 17	9 18	2 11
3	Without Manure (1846, and since)	1 12	0 12	4 17	1 19	3 12	2 4	7 17	3 3	6 8	1 17
4	{ 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 200 lbs. Chloride { Sodium (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	2 2	0 14	8 13	2 8	7 10	1 15	12 10	2 19	7 7	1 14
5	3½ cwt. Superphosphate	1 18	0 14	8 5	2 9	5 0	1 16	9 13	3 5	6 11	1 12
6	3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass	1 15	0 13	7 16	2 7	6 9	1 12	11 11	3 5	7 17	1 13
7	3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 36½ lbs. Am.-salts (?)	1 18	0 14	8 2	2 6	6 7	1 14	11 2	3 6	8 4	2 0
8	Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman., part Superphos.	1 3	0 11	5 16	2 7	3 10	1 16	9 2	3 14	6 9	2 5
9	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	9 7	2 19	..	..	..	..
FIFTH SEASON, 1880. Seed dibbled, April 22-23 (Plot 9, April 24th). Crop taken up, Nov. 2-11.											
1	Farmyard Manure (14 tons)	18 11	2 14	26 8	3 5	25 4	5 10	27 3	6 1	27 5	4 1
2	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), and 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) ..	17 8	2 0	27 16	3 14	25 15	5 10	26 0	5 12	27 9	4 3
3	Without Manure (1846, and since)	4 10	0 18	14 0	2 13	9 17	2 11	11 4	3 0	12 6	2 9
4	{ 3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 200 lbs. Chloride { Sodium (common salt), 200 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	5 17	0 19	23 6	3 3	19 14	2 18	30 11	5 12	24 4	3 6
5	3½ cwt. Superphosphate	5 3	0 16	18 6	2 4	9 18	2 13	12 9	2 18	14 8	2 13
6	3½ cwt. Superphosphate, 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass	4 15	0 14	21 10	2 11	18 12	3 4	27 4	5 11	21 8	2 7
7	3½ cwt. Superphos., 500 lbs. Sulphate Potass, 36½ lbs. Am.-salts (?)	7 0	0 19	21 10	2 6	19 6	2 19	26 0	5 6	23 2	2 11
8	Unmanured, 1853, and since; previously part Unman., part Superphos.	4 0	0 17	11 14	3 5	5 19	2 17	12 4	3 1	12 1	2 15
9	Farmyard Manure (14 tons), 3½ cwt. Superphosphate (?) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	20 19	4 0	..	..	..	..

(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 MANGOLD WURZEL.—BARN FIELD—continued.

SUMMARY OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE MANGEL ROOTS.

As it will be some time before we shall be able to report fully the results obtained, or to be yet obtained, illustrating the influence of different manures, and of different seasons, on the composition of Mangels, an abstract of some of the analytical results, at present at command, is given below. The dry matter, ash, and nitrogen, are of course determined in the roots themselves. The sugar is determined in the expressed juice; and calculated into its percentage in the roots, on the assumption that they contain uniformly 96 per cent. of juice. But, with roots varying so much in character of growth, size, and ripeness, this will not be the case. Nevertheless, the results so calculated, approximately, and usefully, represent both the actual and relative amounts of sugar in the various roots. According to the recent experiments of Schiebler, and others, on Sugar-beet, the percentage of juice in the roots, reckoned from the determined percentage of dry matter in the juice, and in the roots, respectively, has been over-estimated. According to these new results, will be less (perhaps from $\frac{1}{5}$ to $\frac{1}{10}$ less) than given in the Table below. The amounts of dry matter, ash, and nitrogen, have also, in many cases, been determined in the expressed juice. In many cases also, the amount of the nitrogen existing as albuminoids has been determined (by Church's method); and in some cases the amount as amides and as nitric acid. It may be observed that by far the larger proportion of both the mineral matter and the nitrogen of the roots is found in the juice; and of the nitrogen in the juice a variable proportion, ranging from less than one-fifth to not more than one-third of the total, is found to exist as albuminoids. In interpreting the figures, it must be borne in mind, that, with forty different experiments each year, and, in each year four, or five, or more, times, as much produce on some plots as on others, it would be impossible to sample each at its best, and all in the same condition of ripeness. Each year the seed was sown on all the plots at the same time. The sample analysed was in each case a mixture of vertical sections of ten or fifteen roots, and all the samples were as a rule taken within a period of from one to two weeks; as far as practicable beginning with the ripest. It is obvious, however, that the smaller crops would be much riper than the larger ones.

For Manures and Produce, see facing page.	CROSS-DRESSED MANURES, PER ACRE, PER ANNUM.																			
	SERIES 1. No cross-dressing.				SERIES 2. As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 550 lbs. Nitrate Soda.				SERIES 3. As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts.				SERIES 4. As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake and 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts.				SERIES 5. As Series 1, and Cross-dressed with 2000 lbs. Rape-cake.			
Plots.	FIRST SEASON, 1876.																			
	Mean Per Cent. Total Dry Matter, Sugar, Mineral Matter (Crude Ash), and Nitrogen in the Roots.																			
	Dry Matter.	Sugar.	Ash.	Nitrogen.	Dry Matter.	Sugar.	Ash.	Nitrogen.	Dry Matter.	Sugar.	Ash.	Nitrogen.	Dry Matter.	Sugar.	Ash.	Nitrogen.	Dry Matter.	Sugar.	Ash.	Nitrogen.
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
1	12.14	7.14	0.969	0.124	10.54	..	1.031	0.103	10.65	8.95	1.080	0.108	8.98	5.72	1.065	0.106	11.30	..	1.089	0.110
2	12.41	7.19	0.943	0.124	9.35	4.85	1.020	0.102	9.64	5.72	1.018	0.101	8.92	..	1.034	0.103	10.51	..	1.005	0.100
3	15.14	..	0.828	0.151	11.94	..	0.903	0.119	12.16	..	0.904	0.121	11.60	..	0.811	0.116	12.42	..	0.751	0.121
4	13.99	8.98	0.905	0.139	11.36	6.32	1.013	0.113	12.23	7.03	0.989	0.122	9.91	5.62	1.067	0.106	11.28	6.94	1.003	0.103
5	13.51	9.48	0.818	0.135	10.99	6.36	0.917	0.110	11.73	7.93	0.735	0.117	10.93	6.05	0.816	0.108	10.65	6.84	0.744	0.104
6	13.67	8.74	0.923	0.136	11.23	7.67	0.929	0.112	11.02	7.41	0.933	0.110	10.56	5.40	1.036	0.103	11.55	7.30	0.911	0.111
7	13.63	..	0.882	0.136	11.61	..	0.922	0.116	10.62	..	0.969	0.106	10.66	..	1.015	0.105	11.58	..	0.936	0.111
8	13.06	..	0.900	0.130	11.23	..	0.945	0.112	11.43	..	0.905	0.114	10.20	..	0.856	0.102	11.61	..	0.757	0.111
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.53	7.80	0.876	0.115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SECOND SEASON, 1877.																				
1	14.48	9.04	0.988	0.144	12.01	8.21	1.122	0.120	12.95	8.95	1.097	0.129	12.44	7.97	1.114	0.124	13.34	7.79	1.010	0.133
2	13.85	10.02	0.961	0.138	12.91	8.22	1.107	0.122	13.24	7.84	1.089	0.123	11.78	7.68	1.126	0.126	14.08	8.51	1.000	0.130
3	16.58	11.19	0.827	0.165	14.06	8.76	1.072	0.140	17.11	10.16	0.888	0.171	14.44	9.80	0.834	0.144	16.41	10.21	0.819	0.161
4	15.42	10.92	0.948	0.154	12.25	7.26	1.121	0.122	13.11	9.35	1.085	0.131	12.69	7.51	1.221	0.126	13.45	9.81	1.046	0.131
5	15.84	11.62	0.797	0.158	12.90	8.54	0.889	0.129	15.63	10.00	0.838	0.156	14.36	8.24	0.786	0.143	15.35	10.66	0.784	0.153
6	16.15	11.31	0.891	0.161	12.53	9.10	1.135	0.125	15.05	9.45	1.095	0.151	14.27	8.90	1.061	0.142	14.10	9.94	0.978	0.151
7	15.88	..	0.943	0.158	12.74	..	1.034	0.127	13.96	..	1.098	0.139	12.58	..	1.136	0.125	13.83	..	1.036	0.136
8	16.23	..	0.938	0.162	14.01	..	1.023	0.162	14.95	..	0.932	0.149	14.51	..	0.811	0.145	14.87	..	0.807	0.157
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.84	10.01	1.011	0.148	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
THIRD SEASON, 1878.																				
1	12.26	7.32	0.995	0.122	11.47	6.36	1.036	0.218	11.17	6.27	1.013	0.206	10.83	5.65	1.046	0.241	11.98	6.90	0.985	0.186
2	11.51	6.97	0.981	0.182	10.05	5.21	1.072	0.216	11.00	6.08	1.034	0.206	10.50	5.94	0.987	0.217	10.66	6.14	0.948	0.175
3	15.25	10.20	0.824	0.186	12.02	7.08	0.908	0.211	13.47	8.09	0.811	0.261	12.86	7.61	0.802	0.247	14.10	8.82	0.846	0.240
4	13.56	9.01	0.928	0.129	11.03	6.24	1.084	0.188	11.90	7.27	0.975	0.144	10.33	5.88	1.027	0.181	11.22	6.53	1.044	0.171
5	13.91	9.17	0.810	0.144	11.61	6.90	0.873	0.188	13.00	8.14	0.845	0.187	12.69	7.68	0.739	0.244	13.87	8.66	0.786	0.211
6	14.23	9.12	0.989	0.173	11.04	6.23	0.986	0.193	13.35	8.67	0.938	0.184	12.09	6.96	1.016	0.235	12.18	7.36	0.940	0.197
7	13.42	..	0.976	0.173	11.26	..	0.982	0.193	11.92	..	0.932	0.184	12.03	..	0.986	0.214	12.05	..	0.977	0.197
8	14.50	..	0.903	0.173	11.10	..	0.937	0.193	12.81	..	0.869	0.193	11.93	..	0.879	0.214	12.52	..	0.863	0.197
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10.77	6.21	0.939	0.193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
FOURTH SEASON, 1879.																				
1	14.91	9.62	1.007	0.175	13.18	7.97	1.010	0.196	13.86	8.67	1.025	0.193	13.34	8.01	1.025	0.186	14.62	9.19	1.022	0.177
2	14.78	9.49	1.012	0.185	13.43	8.08	1.016	0.184	13.14	8.07	1.051	0.181	13.54	8.32	1.064	0.186	14.40	9.24	0.995	0.219
3	18.81	12.50	0.861	0.205	16.01	10.00	0.955	0.226	17.18	11.08	0.834	0.252	16.27	10.44	0.831	0.260	16.16	10.46	0.842	0.203
4	15.56	10.44	0.980	0.151	12.83	8.10	1.010	0.156	14.03	9.28	0.962	0.134	13.67	8.36	1.086	0.171	13.51	8.62	0.938	0.136
5	16.53	11.29	0.848	0.159	12.60	7.82	0.951	0.180	15.61	10.43	0.814	0.202	14.84	9.25	0.810	0.220	15.57	10.40	0.840	0.182
6	16.34	10.97	1.008	0.156	13.75	8.76	0.972	0.180	14.50	9.60	0.998	0.162	13.49	8.47	1.038	0.214	14.42	9.35	0.949	0.157
7	16.33	..	0.895	0.156	12.97	..	0.997	0.180	14.48	..	0.946	0.180	14.18	..	0.947	0.214	15.35	..	0.947	0.157
8	18.46	..	0.903	0.156	13.78	..	0.963	0.180	15.44	..	0.812	0.180	14.13	..	0.853	0.214	15.58	..	0.852	0.157
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.52	9.36	0.930	0.180	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
FIFTH SEASON, 1880.																				
1	12.65	8.30	0.841	0.126	10.72	6.00	0.942	0.186	11.23	6.82	0.871	0.172	11.26	6.77	0.877	0.212	12.08	7.17	0.877	0.176
2	12.87	8.06	0.850	0.136	10.44	5.88	0.986	0.188	11.68	7.03	0.891	0.189	10.47	6.33	0.948	0.220	11.66	7.13	0.855	0.171
3	17.02	11.78	0.739	0.142	12.18	7.36	0.874	0.217	14.48	9.21	0.746	0.272	11.75	7.10	0.716	0.225	12.95	8.32	0.800	0.203
4	14.05	9.87	0.756	0.082	12.36	8.11	0.847	0.136	12.23	8.23	0.849	0.119	10.77	6.53	0.883	0.151	11.18	7.19	0.869	0.123
5	13.72	9.44	0.709	0.100	11.50	6.90	0.819	0.173	12.84	8.47	0.709	0.158	10.72	6.61	0.679	0.192	12.27	7.84	0.676	0.165
6	14.04	9.59	0.781	0.097	11.86	7.47	0.807	0.153	12.40	7.96	0.878	0.123	12.16	7.47	0.837	0.188	13.17	8.68	0.745	0.151
7	13.63	..	0.798	0.100	11.64	..	0.862	0.154	12.14	..	0.863	0.154	11.68	..	0.906	0.188	12.79	..	0.742	0.151
8	14.26	..	0.776	0.100	12.61	..	0.863	0.154	14.08	..	0.772	0.154	11.29	..	0.693	0.188	12.91	..	0.672	0.151
9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11.32	7.15	0.801	0.154	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..