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SPRING BEANS

Flower drop - Hormone sprays - Fosters 1955.

Design: 4 randomized blocks of 7 plots each.

Area of each plot: 0.00550 acre. Area harvested: 0.00458 acre.

Treatments: Hormone sprays.

- None (3 plots per block). (0)
- 2; 3 applications of 4 chlorophenoxyacetic acid. (1) & (2)
- 2; 3 applications of α (2:4:5 trichlorophenoxy) propionic acid. (3) & (4)

The sprays, at a concentration of 5 p.p.m., were applied during the flowering period in successive doses at the following rates per acre:-

Treatments (1), (2), (3) and (4): 120 gallons and later an additional 200 gallons.

Treatments (2) and (4): an additional 320 gallons as a final application.

Basal dressing: 9 cwt compound granular fertilizer (10% P₂O₅, 20% K₂O) per acre.

Cultivations, etc.: Ploughed: Oct 19, 1954. Basal fertilizer applied, seed sown at 190 lb per acre: Mar 30, 1955. Sprayed with hormone sprays: June 24, July 1, July 9. Combine harvested: Aug 27. Variety: Gartons' Tick. Previous crop: Barley.

Standard error per plot:

Grain: 2.41 cwt per acre or 20.4% (20 d.f.)

N.B. Counts of numbers of pods were made. Damage by Aphids was severe and irregular.

Summary of Results

Grain: cwt per acre

	0	1	2	3	4	Mean
Mean (± 1.21)	12.0 ⁽¹⁾	13.9	12.0	9.7	11.0	11.8
Increase (± 1.39)		+1.9	0.0	-2.3	-1.0	

(1) ± 0.70 .

Mean dry matter % as harvested: 84.8

- Treatments: 0 No spray
- 1 2 spray applications } 4 chlorophenoxyacetic acid.
- 2 3 spray applications }
- 3 2 spray applications } α (2:4:5 trichlorophenoxy)
- 4 3 spray applications } propionic acid.