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# Yields of the Field Experiments 1955



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# 55/R/CD/4 Potatoes - Control of Blight (Copper and Sulphuric Spray)

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#### POTATOES

The control of Blight by Copper and Sulphuric Sprays - Little Knott1 1955.

Design: 4 × 4 Latin square, plots being split into 2 for determination of the effect of tractor damage.

Area of each sub plot: 0.0140 acre.

#### Treatments:

Whole plots: No spray; Copper fungicide 5 lb in 45 gallons per acre sprayed twice; 100 gallons sulphuric acid, 20% B.O.V. sprayed to destroy haulm; Copper fungicide and sulphuric acid sprayed as above. The tractor used for spraying was driven over all the plots on each occasion.

Sub plots: 4 rows damaged by two passages of the tractor were compared with 4 undamaged rows.

Basal dressing per acre: 10 tons dung; 20 cwt compound granular fertilizer (7% N, 7%  $P_2O_5$ ,  $10\frac{1}{2}\%$   $K_2O$ ).

Cultivations, etc.: Ploughed: Sept 29, 1954. Dung applied and cultivated in: Mar 18, 1955. Potatoes planted by machine with placed fertilizer: Apr 27. Earthed up: July 4. Fungicide treatment applied: Aug 18 and Sept 7. Sulphuric acid treatment applied: Sept 13. Lifted: Oct 26. Variety: King Edward. Previous crop: Beans - N. end; Wheat - S. end.

Standard errors per plot: Total tubers.

Whole plot: 0.875 tons per acre or 12.8% (6 d.f.)

Sub plot: 0.291 tons per acre or 4.2% (12 d.f.)

Note: Blight Counts were made.

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## Summary of Results

	Spray				
		Copper	Sulphuric	Copper fungicide and Sulphuric	
	None	fungicide	acid	acid	Mean
Total tubers: tons per acre					
	(±0.449)*				
Undamaged rows Damaged rows	7.73 7.53	6.08 5.81	7.30 6.97	6.81 6.66	6.98 6.74
Mean (±0.438) Difference (±0.206)	7.63 -0.20	5.95 -0.27	7. 13 -0. 33	6.74 -0.15	6.86 -0.24 (±0.103)
Percentage ware (1½" riddle)					
Undamaged rows Damaged rows	78.5 78.5	72.5 64.4	79.2 73.9	73.2 73.9	75.9 72.7
Mean Difference	78.5	68.5 -8.1	76.6 -5.3	73.6 +0.7	74.3 -3.2

<sup>\*</sup>For use in comparisons other than vertical.