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POTATOES

Placement of nitrogen and potash - West Barnfield I 1956.

Design: 4 randomized blocks of 18 plots each.

Area of each plot: 0.0140 acres. Area harvested: 0.0057 acres.

Treatments: None (2 plots per block) and all combinations of:Nitrogen: 0.5; 1.0 cwt N per acre as sulphate of ammonia.
Potash: 0.75; 1.5 cwt K₂0 per acre as sulphate of potash.
Methods of placement: Broadcast on flat before planting; Fertilizer placed 3" to side and 1" below seed at planting.

Basal dressing: 1.0 cwt P205 per acre as superphosphate placement drilled.

Cultivations, etc.: Ploughed: Nov 1, 1955. Broadcast fertilizers applied: Apr 11, 1956. Potatoes machine planted with placed fortilizers: Apr 12. Earthed up: June 28. Sprayed with copper fungicide, 5 lb in 40 gallons per acre: July 24. Sprayed again at 5 lb in 90 gallons per acre: Aug 25. Sprayed with sulphuric acid, 20% B.O.V.: Sept 14. Lifted: Oct 16 - 20. Variety: King Edward. Previous crop: Wheat.

Standard error per plot:

Total tubers: 0.750 tons per acre or 6.4% (52 d.f.)

Summary of Results

Total tubers: tons per acre

K ₂ 0:	N: cwt per acre Broadcast Placed				
cwt per acre	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	Mean
Broadcast	(± 0.375)				(± 0.187)
0.75 1.5	10.28 12.06	12.55 14.34	9•94 11•82	10.81	10.90 12.77
Placed 0.75 1.5	11.68 12.77	12.98 14.48	12.23 13.48	12.43 14.32	12.33 13.76
Mean (±0.187) No N or K ₂ 0 General mean	11.70	13.59	11.87	12.61	12.44 (±0.094) 6.72 (±0.265) 11.80