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Summary of Results

Total tubers: tons per acre

	Form of K				
	0	G	S	M	Mean
	Rothamsted				
Mean (±0.430)	7.23	10.75	10.65	10.26	9.72
K: cwt per acre 1.25 (±0.608) 2.50	-	10.55	9.86 11.44	9.12 11.40	9.84 (±0.351)
Diff. (±0.859)	-	+0.40	+1.58	+2.28	+1.42 (±0.496)
N: cwt per acre 0.75 (±0.608) 1.50 Diff. (±0.859)	7.33 7.12 -0.21	10.46 11.04 +0.58	11.01 10.28 -0.73	10.47 10.05 -0.42	9.82 9.62 -0.20
DIII. (2000)//					(±0,430)
Woburn					
Mean (±0.380)	6.29	6.69	6.58	6.72	6.57
K: cwt per acre 1.25 (±0.538) 2.50	-	6.05 7.34	6.93 6.16	5•34 8•10	6.11 (±0.334)
Diff. (±0.818)	-	+1.29	-0.77	+2.76	+1.09 (±0.472)
N: cwt per acre 0.75 (±0.538) 1.50	6.07 6.50	6.43 6.97	6.92 6.19	7.28 6.16	6.68 6.46
Diff. (±0.818)	+ 0.43	+0.54	-0.73	-1.12	-0.22 (±0.409)

Forms of K

^{0 =} No potash
C = Potassium bi-carbonate, KHCO₃
S = Potassium sulphate, K₂SO₄
M = Potassium chloride, KCl.⁴

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POTATOES

Concentrated fertilizers - Rothamsted (R) Great Field I and Woburn (W)
Lansome Field 1959.

Design (each field): 4 randomized blocks of 5 plots each.

Area of each plot (each field): 0.0212 acres. Area harvested: 0.0141 acres.

Treatments: None and all combinations of:
Types of fertilizer: A mixture of sulphate of ammonia, superphosphate and muriate of potash (A); concentrated compound fertilizer (15% N, 10% P₂O₅, 20% K₂O) (B).

Rates of application: cwt per acre

(1) 0.75 N; 0.5 P₂0₅; 1.0 K₂0. (2) 1.5 N; 1.0 P₂0₅; 2.0 K₂0.

Basal dressing: None.

Cultivations, etc.:

Great Field I (R): Ploughed: Oct 23, 1958. Ridged: Apr 14, 1959.

Fertilizers applied in the furrows, potatoes hand planted: Apr 20.

Earthed up: June 30. Sprayed with copper fungicide at 5 lb in

40 gallons per acre: Aug 15. Sprayed with sulphuric acid, 15%

BOV in 100 gallons per acre: Sept 21. Lifted: Oct 8. Variety:

Ulster Supreme. Previous crop: Wheat.

Lansome Field (W): Sprayed with dalapon at 10 lb in 40 gallons per acre: Nov 8, 1958, and at 5 lb in 40 gallons per acre: Nov 22.

Ploughed: Jan 23, 1959. Ridged, fertilizers applied in the furrows, potatoes hand planted: Apr 9. Earthed up: June 22.

Sprayed with zineb at 2 lb and demeton methyl at 12 fluid oz (50% active ingredients) in 40 gallons per acre: Aug 15. Haulm destroyed mechanically: Sept 22. Lifted: Sept 29. Variety: Majestic, Previous crop: Barley.

Note: At Woburn the plant was poor and irregular. There was no evidence of association between yield and plant number and the yields were not adjusted.

Standard errors per plot. Total tubers:

Great Field I (R): 0.839 tons per acre or 7.2% (12 d.f.)

Lansome Field (W): 0.683 tons per acre or 10.5% (12 d.f.)