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POTATOES

Time of burning off haulm - Great Knott III 1962.

Design: 4 randomised blocks of 10 plots each.

Area of each plot: 0.0565 acres. Area harvested: 0.0141 acres.

Treatments. All combinations of:-

Fungicide sprays: None (0); sprayed on 3 occasions (the first with maneb, the second and third with commercial copper oxychloride wettable powder)(Ou).

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Burning off haulm: None (0); haulm burnt off when 1 - 5% (A);

when 10 - 20% (B); when 50% (C) blighted on Cu plots.

In addition two plots per block (CuL C; MC) were sprayed as follows:-

Cul C: As "Cu" but all sprays applied later (1st and 2nd on dates of 2nd and 3rd sprayings of "Cu" plots).

MC: As "Cu", but all sprayings with maneb"; both were burnt off at date C.

- * At 11 lb active ingredient in 18 gallons per acre.
- ** At 2.3 lb Cu in 20 gallons per acre.
- *** With undiluted BOV A at 15 gallons, B and C at 18 gallons per acre each.
- Note: In fact the haulm was burnt off when 1% (A); when 7% (B); and when 55% (C) blighted on Cu plots.
- Basal dressing per acre: 20 tons of dung; 8 cwt compound fertiliser (10% N, 10% P₂O₅, 18% K₂O).
- Cultivations, etc.: Patches sprayed with dalapon at 8 lb in 40 gallons per acre: Sept 8, 1961 and again at 4 lb in 40 gallons per acre: Sept 27. Dung applied and ploughed in: Nov 21. Basal fertiliser applied, plots rotary cultivated, potatoes machine planted: Apr 16, 1962. Earthed up: July 3. Cu and MC plots sprayed with maneb: July 17. Cu plots sprayed with copper oxychloride, Culi C and MC plots with maneb: Aug 9. Cu and Cul C plots sprayed with copper oxychloride, MC rlots with maneb: Aug 29. A plots sprayed with BOV: Sept 7. Cul C plots sprayed with copper oxychloride, B plots with BOV: Sept 14. C plots sprayed with BOV: Sept 25. Haulm destroyed mechanically: Oct 9. Lifted: Oct 18. Variety: King Edward. Previous crops: Winter wheat 1960, spring beans 1961.
- Note: Periodic samples were taken for the weight of tops and tubers, and an assessment of blight on foliage and in tubers was made.
- Standard error per plot.

 Total tubers: 0.778 tons per acre or 5.1% (27 d.f.)

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Summary of Results

Date of burning off

| Spray | 0 | A | В | C | Mean |
|---------------|-------|-------------|------------|-------|-------------------|
| | Total | tubers: ton | s per acre | | |
| | | (±0.194) | | | |
| 0 | 14.70 | 13.85 | 13.87 | 14.74 | 14.29 |
| Cu | 17.09 | 14.34 | 15.78 | 16.02 | 15.81 |
| Mean (±0.275) | 15.90 | 14.10 | 14.82 | 15.38 | 15.05 (±0.138) |
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| | 16. | .43 16 | .85 | | |
| | | (±0.389) | | | |

General mean: 15.37

| | Percentage ware (12 riddle) | | | | | |
|------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|------|--|
| 0 | 92.9 | 92.7 | 92.9 | 92.5 | 92.8 | |
| Cu | 94.2 | 92.6 | 93.9 | 94.1 | 93•7 | |
| Mean | 93.6 | 92.6 | 93•4 | 93.3 | 93.2 | |
| | CuL C | | viC | | | |
| | 93. | 7 94 | +•3 | | | |

General mean: 93.4

Date of burning off

0 = None

A = Haulm burnt off when 1 - 5%

B = When 10 - 20%

C = Blighted on Cu plots.

Sprays

0 = None

Cu= Sprayed on 3 occasions (the first with maneb, the second and third with commercial copper oxychloride wettable powder)

Cul C = As "Cu" but all sprays applied later (1st and 2nd on dates of 2nd and 3rd sprayings of "Cu" plots).

MC = As "Cu", but all sprayings with manch; both were burnt off at date C.

* At 1½ lb active ingredient in 18 gallons per acre.

** At 2.3 lb Cu in 20 gallons per acre.

With undiluted BOV - A at 15 gallons, B and C at 18 gallons per acre each.