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66/Dd/3.1

#### POTATOES

(Two experiments - RP6/1 and RP17/1)

Effects of gaps - Little Hoos 1966.

Design: RP6/1 (variety Pentland Dell) - 4 randomised blocks of 3 plots split into 5.

RP17/1 (variety King Edward) - 6 randomised blocks of 2 plots split into 5.

Area of each plot: 0.0071. Area harvested: 0.0033.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

Whole plots: 1. Time of gapping: At emergence (E) - variety Pentland Dell only, at flowering (F), just before harvest (H).

Sub plots: 2. Amount of gapping: Normal plant population (GO), 4 (G4), 8 (G8), 12 (G12), 16% (G16) of plants removed.

Basal applications: 13.5 tons dung, 7.75 cwt (17:11:22).

Weedkiller: Linuron at 1 lb plus paraquat at 0.75 lb ion in 37 gals. Fungicide: Mancozeb at 1.2 lb in 35 gals on 4 occasions (King Edward) and on 2 occasions (Pentland Dell).

Cultivations, etc.: Dung applied: Jan 11, 1966. Ploughed:
Jan 12. Basal NPK applied: Mar 30. Rotary cultivated,
potatoes planted: King Edward - Apr 7, Pentland Dell - May 17.
Weedkiller applied: June 1. Rotary ridged (King Edward only):
June 15. Fungicide applied: King Edward - June 30, July 23,
Aug 8 and 18, Pentland Dell - July 23 and Aug 8. Sprayed with
undiluted BOV: King Edward - Sept 16, Pentland Dell - Sept 23.
Haulm destroyed mechanically: Sept 27. Lifted: King Edward Sept 28, Pentland Dell - Oct 10. Previous crops: Barley 1964,
fallow 1965.

NOTE: The Pentland Dell experiment suffered badly from unplanned gaps and poor growth. A second experiment was therefore started on King Edward potatoes already planted.

Standard errors per plot.

RP6/1. Pentland Dell.

Whole plot: 0.583 or 3.6% (6 d.f.)

Sub plot: 1.303 or 8.0% (36 d.f.)

Whole plot: 0.772 or 3.7% (5 d.f.)

Sub plot: 0.952 or 4.5% (40 d.f.)

66/Dd/3.2

19.63

18.82

19.23

19.18

20.14

21.21

19.99

21.00\*

#### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

#### TOTAL TUBERS

	GO	G <sup>4</sup>	G8	G12	G16	Mean
esofa E 30, alo	RP	6/1 Pen	tland De	11	(netzterl)	1/828 fig.
(1) and (2)						(±0.326)
E F H	EEC.	17.20 17.74 16.34	16.82 16.08 15.88	16.39 16.21 15.24	15.15 15.01 13.65	16.39 16.26 15.28
Mean (±0.376)	17.56	17.09	16.26	15.95	14.60	16.29*
	Longon tool	RP17/1 K	ing Edwa	rd		
	1	(	1) and (	2)		(±0,342)

Mean (±0.275)

F

H

RP6/1 RP17/1
(1) (±0.652) (±0.469) For use in vertical and diagonal comparisons
(2) (±0.652) (±0.389) For use in horizontal and interaction comparisons

20.69

22.61 22.35

<sup>\*</sup> General Mean

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	% WARE							
	GO	G4	<b>c</b> 8	G12	G16	Mean		
		RP6/1 P	entland	Dell				
E F H		98.9 98.7 98.2	99.0 98.2 98.6	98.2 98.8 98.3	98.5 98.7 98.0	98.6 98.6 98.3		
Mean	98.7	98.6	98.6	98.4	98.4	98.5		
		RP17/1	. King Ed	ward				
F H		96.6 97.1	96.5 96.7	96.0 96.4	97.0 96.6	96.5 96.7		
Mean	96.9	96.9	96.6	96.2	96.8	96.7		