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FORMS OF MAGNESIUM

(WCU)

Effects of forms of magnesium fertiliser on sugar beet - Woburn Stackyard C, 1st year.

Design: 4 randomised blocks of 8 plots.

Area of each plot: 0.0072. Area harvested: 0.0039.

Treatments:

Without limestone (Magnesium free): None (0), 200 lb Mg as dolomitic limestone (D2), 100 lb Mg as Epsom salts (E), 100 lb Mg as calcined magnesite (C1), 200 lb Mg as calcined magnesite (C2). With limestone (Magnesium free): 100 lb Mg as dolomitic limestone plus 7.5 cwt limestone (D111), 15 cwt limestone (I2),

Basal applications: 745 lb (15:15:15). Insecticide: Demeton-s-methyl at 3.5 oz in 37 gals.

100 lb Mg as Epsom salts plus 15 cwt limestone (EI2).

Cultivations, etc.: Subsoiled twice: 7 July, 1967. Deep-tine cultivated: 11 July. Ploughed: 13 Nov. Mg and limestone treatments applied: 15 Feb, 1968. NPK applied: 20 Mar. Seed drilled at 8 lb: 25 Mar. Singled: 15 - 31 May. Insecticide applied: 17 June. Lifted: 9 Dec. Variety: Klein E. Previous crops: Fallow 1966 and 1967.

Standard errors per plot.

Roots (washed): 1.184 or 9.9% (21 d.f.) Total sugar: 3.97 or 10.7% (21 d.f.) Tops: 1.000 or 14.3% (21 d.f.)

68/c/35.2 SUMMARY OF RESULTS 0 De Cl C2 DILL 12 EI2 ROOTS (WASHED) (±0.592) 7.77 14.01 10.39 10.61 12.76 13.47 12.30 SUGAR % 15.3 15.7 15.4 15.5 15.7 15.7 15.6 TOTAL SUGAR (±1.99) 38.3 43.6 37.2 32.1 32.9 40.2 42.4 TOPS

(±0.500)

7.35

7.84 6.66 6.42 6.89

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