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### ARABLE REFERENCE PLOTS

(69/R/RN/5)

Rothamsted Great Field IV 1969.

For details of previous years' results and for rates of fertilisers etc., see 'Results' 58/Bc/1, 59/Bc/1, 60/B/3, 61/B/2, 62/B/2, 63/B/2, 64/B/2, 65/B/2, 66/B/2, 67/B/2, 68/B/3.

NOTE: The barley seed used was dressed with the fungicide ethirimol (Trade names - 'PP 149' or 'Milstem').

#### Cultivations, etc.:-

Winter wheat: Balancing Mg applied to half plots, plots dug by hand, P, K, Mg, Ca and S applied: 2 Oct, 1968. Seed drilled: 4 Oct. First N dressing applied (excluding additional plots): 8 Apr, 1969. Second half: 25 Apr. All N applied to additional plots: 28 Apr. Trace element spray applied: 12 May. Harvested: 11 Aug.

Kale: FYM applied, plots dug by hand: 4 Nov, 1968. P, K, Mg, Ca and S applied: 4 Mar, 1969. First half N applied to additional plots, all N to remainder, plots rotary cultivated, seed drilled: 8 Apr. Second N dressing applied to additional plots: 10 June. Trace element spray applied: 27 June. Sprayed with dimethoate ('Rogor 20 W' at 1.5 lb in 40 gals): 2 July. Sprayed with dimethoate ('Rogor E' at 15 fl oz in 40 gals): 16 July. Sprayed with DDT at 5 oz in 40 gals: 19 Sept. Harvested: 27 Oct.

Barley: Dug by hand: 5 Nov, 1968. P, K, Mg, Ca and S applied: 4 Mar, 1969. N applied, plots rotary cultivated, seed drilled: 28 Mar. Trace element spray applied: 22 May. Harvested: Additional plots - 11 Aug, remainder - 19 Aug.

Grass - clover ley: Undersown in barley: 4 Apr, 1968. P, K, Mg, Ca and S applied: 4 Mar, 1969. N applied: 11 Mar. Trace element spray applied: 25 Apr. Cut four times: 25 Oct, 1968, 5 June, 1969, 25 July, 25 Sept.

Potatoes: FYM applied, plots dug by hand: 6 Nov, 1968. P, K, Mg, Ca and S applied: 4 Mar, 1969. First N dressing applied to additional plots, all N to remaining plots, all plots rotary cultivated, Mg applied to half plots, potatoes planted: 17 Apr. Second N dressing applied to additional plots: 10 June. Earthed up: 10 June, additional plots: 13 June. Original plots sprayed with malathion at 12 oz in 50 gals, additional plots with dimethoate plus fentin hydroxide and maneb ('Rogor 20 W' at 1.5 lb

plus 'Fennite' at 1 lb in 40 gals): 12 June. Trace element spray applied: 27 June. Original plots sprayed with dimethoate plus fentin hydroxide and maneb ('Rogor 20 W' at 1.5 lb plus 'Fennite' at 1 lb in 40 gals): 2 July. All plots sprayed with dimethoate plus fentin hydroxide and maneb ('Rogor 20 W' at 1.5 lb plus 'Fennite' at 1 lb in 40 gals): 16 July. All plots sprayed with fentin hydroxide and maneb ('Fennite' at 1.5 lb in 40 gals): 21 Aug. Lifted: Plots of main experiment with neither K nor FYM and no fertiliser plots of additional plots: 3 Sept, remainder: 19 Sept.

Permanent grass: FYM, P and K applied: 4 Mar, 1969. N applied: 11 Mar, 21 May, 8 Aug. Cut three times: 21 May, 8 Aug, 23 Oct.

- NOTES: (1) Yields of dry matter were obtained for each crop.  
(2) The percentages of N, P and K and, on additional plots of N, P, K, Mg, Ca and S were measured for each crop.  
(3) The percentage of Mg was measured in potato tubers on the main experiment.  
(4) The percentage of K in potato leaves was measured.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS  
GREAT FIELD IV (R): ORIGINAL PLOTS

Treatment	WINTER GRAIN		WHEAT STRAW		KALE: TOTAL WEIGHT		BARLEY: GRAIN STRAW		LEY: DRY MATTER				POTATOES: TOTAL TUBERS			PERMANENT GRASS: DRY MATTER			
	GRAIN	STRAW	GRAIN	STRAW	1st cut	2nd cut	3rd cut	4th cut	1st cut	2nd cut	3rd cut	4th cut	Total of 4 cuts	1st cut	2nd cut	3rd cut	Total of 3 cuts		
0	33.9	42.4	8.34	28.9	3.7	22.1	13.1	12.1	51.0	4.35	8.6	14.9	3.5	27.0	3.5	27.0	3.5		
N1	36.1	53.8	9.55	33.1	3.9	31.3	9.9	5.2	50.3	6.16	10.6	16.9	7.5	35.0	7.5	35.0	7.5		
P	33.4	46.1	14.76	36.4	4.4	25.4	14.2	6.7	50.7	9.30	10.2	12.5	4.0	26.7	4.0	26.7	4.0		
N1P	26.2	44.5	14.76	44.7	4.7	28.6	7.9	2.2	43.4	5.35	24.1	20.9	6.3	51.3	6.3	51.3	6.3		
K	31.2	49.4	6.94	37.9	7.7	16.7	23.6	7.3	55.3	10.42	13.5	15.1	4.7	33.3	4.7	33.3	4.7		
N1K	39.2	54.5	9.38	39.8	6.4	25.3	22.9	8.0	62.6	14.32	21.0	22.5	8.2	51.7	8.2	51.7	8.2		
PK	35.6	57.8	11.11	39.8	10.3	16.9	39.6	14.1	80.9	13.45	13.0	19.9	3.5	36.4	3.5	36.4	3.5		
N1PK	46.4	78.6	14.93	51.8	6.0	42.1	27.3	20.4	95.8	17.00	23.5	24.1	6.8	54.4	6.8	54.4	6.8		
N2PK	51.3	81.5	21.18	60.7	3.8	52.6	21.5	19.5	97.4	20.72	30.8	31.5	9.6	71.9	9.6	71.9	9.6		
D	41.2	62.1	13.54	46.6	11.5	32.3	46.9	21.2	111.9	16.85	32.2	19.0	4.0	55.2	4.0	55.2	4.0		
N1PKD	52.8	87.4	17.88	61.2	4.6	43.8	20.2	21.6	90.2	21.72	35.3	27.5	8.2	71.0	8.2	71.0	8.2		
N2PKD	58.4	87.9	24.31	57.4	2.9	53.7	18.9	14.7	90.2	22.92	36.8	36.4	11.5	84.7	11.5	84.7	11.5		
Mean D.M. %	85.7	77.7	80.6	59.2	14.9	21.3	28.0	22.6	21.7	19.5	30.1	35.9	28.5						

GREAT FIELD IV (R): ADDITIONAL PLOTS

Treatment	WINTER WHEAT:		KALE:		BARLEY:		LEY: DRY MATTER				Total of 4 cuts	POTATOES: TOTAL TUBERS
	GRAIN	STRAW	TOTAL WEIGHT	GRAIN	STRAW	1st cut	2nd cut	3rd cut	4th cut			
None	42.4	48.8	10.24	22.9	18.2	5.9	28.4	14.5	9.5	58.3	5.17	
N2PK	61.6	81.6	21.70	63.9	63.5	3.2	45.0	18.1	14.7	81.0	17.02	
N2 PK Mg Ca	54.0	74.8	21.18	57.6	54.9	2.6	49.8	16.5	12.3	81.2	15.19	
N2 PK Mg S	59.8	76.2	24.31	60.4	58.6	2.6	47.8	16.5	11.9	78.8	16.24	
N2 PK Ca S	57.6	78.5	22.22	56.1	53.9	2.0	50.2	18.3	22.1	92.6	16.32	
N2 PK Mg Ca S	53.6	76.9	21.18	61.4	58.8	3.4	52.6	16.9	16.5	89.4	16.50	
N2 PK Mg Ca S TE	55.4	70.8	21.53	59.1	59.3	3.0	47.4	21.7	18.9	91.0	14.93	
Mean D.M. %:	86.0	82.6		84.5	74.0	14.8	21.3	27.0	21.8	21.2		