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BREAK CROPS AND WHEAT

Object: To study the effects of different break crops on yields and soil-borne pathogens of a following sequence of cereals -Fosters West Side.

The first year, barley, oats, beans, maize, clover, undersown trefoil.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 10 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 4.27 x 39.3. Area harvested: Barley: 0.01112, Oats: 0.00839, Beans: 0.01258, Clover: 0.00399.

Treatments: Crops:- Maize receiving N at 100 kg, 200 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk' in the seedbed, spring beans (2 plots per block), clover (2 plots per block) and all combinations of:-1. Crops: Barley, oats, each receiving N at 50 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk' in the seedbed. 2. Undersowing: None (0), trefoil (T).

Basal and standard applications: - 505 kg (0:20:20) across the plough furrow. Weedkillers: Paraquat at 0.56 kg ion in 225 l. Ioxynil octanoate, bromoxynil octanoate and the iso-octyl ester of dichlorprop ('Oxytril P' at 1.4 1 in 225 1) to barley and oats (not undersown). MCPB at 2.8 kg in 225 1 to undersown barley and oats. Insecticide: Demeton-s-methyl at 245 g in 438 l to beans.

Cultivations, etc.: Paraquat applied: 14 Oct, 1970. Ploughed: 13 Oct. PK applied: 24 Feb, 1971.

Barley: Seed drilled at 157 kg: 25 Feb, 1971. N applied: 24 Mar. Trefoil (variety English) undersown at 27 kg: 13 Apr. 'Oxytril P' applied: 18 May. Combine harvested: 11 Aug. Variety: Julia.

Oats: Seed drilled at 191 kg: 4 Mar, 1971. N applied: 24 Mar. Trefoil (variety English) undersown at 27 kg: 13 Apr. 'Oxytril P' applied: 18 May. Combine harvested: 16 Aug. Variety: Manod.

Spring beans: Seed drilled at 224 kg: 25 Feb, 1971. Insecticide applied: 1 July. Combine harvested: 2 Sept. Variety: Maris Bead. Maize: N applied, seed drilled at 7.8 kg: 6 May, 1971. Seed resown at 58 kg: 10 May. Cut twice: 30 Oct, 1 Nov. Variety: First

sowing - Kelvedon 59A, second - Pioneer 131,

Clover: Seed sown at 34 kg: 28 Apr, 1971. Topped and weeds carted of: 22 June. Topped second time: 19 July. Cut twice: 18 Aug, 29 Oct. Variety: Essex Broadleaf Red.

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Previous crops: Spring oilseed rape 1969, winter wheat 1970.

NOTE: Barley plots were sampled in summer for eyespot (Cercosporella herpotrichoides) and take-all (Ophiobolus graminis). Trefoil and clover were sampled before ploughing in and estimates made of the dry matter and N per acre.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

| 0 | T | Mean |
|-------|--------|------|
| | BARLEY | |
| (±0.0 | 078) | 1 |
| 5.04 | 4.88 | 4.96 |

Mean D.M. %: 79.9

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Mean D.M. %: 77.6

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BEANS

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

Mean

2.50

CLOVER

DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

| | Mean |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| 1st cut: 2nd cut: | 3.37 1.72 |
| Total of 2 cuts: | 5.09 |
| | |
| Mean D.M. % | |
| Beans | 79.5 |
| Clover, 1st cut: 2nd cut: | 12.6 18.8 |
| Total of 2 cuts: | 15.7 |