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FERTILISER AND FYM

Object: To study the effects of a range of rates of NPK fertiliser, P and K being applied in autumn or spring, and FYM on the yields of potatoes - Rothamsted, Great Knott I (R) and Woburn, Warren Field I (W).

Sponsor: F.V. Widdowson.

The first year, potatoes.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 18 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 4.27 x 16.2. Area harvested: 0.00230.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

- 1. FYM: None (0), Great Knott I (R): 53 tonnes, Warren Field I (W): 73 tonnes (D).
- 2. N and PK fertilisers (F) to give rates of nitrogen*: 188 (1), 377 (2), 565 (3) kg N as 'Nitro-Chalk'.
- Times of applying PK: All in autumn (A), all in spring (S), half in autumn, half in spring (AS).

* The ratio of N:P205:K20 was 1:1.5:1.5 for all N treatments.

Basal applications:

Great Knott I (R): Weedkiller: Linuron at 0.84 kg with paraquat at 0.42 kg ion in 440 1. Fungicide: Mancozeb at 1.3 kg in 440 1. Fungicide with insecticide: Mancozeb at 1.3 kg plus demeton-s-methyl at 0.25 kg in 440 1.

Warren Field I (W): Ground chalk at 5 tonnes. Weedkiller: Linuron at 1.7 kg in 370 l. Fungicide: Mancozeb at 1.3 kg in 430 l. Fungicide with insecticide: Mancozeb at 1.3 kg plus demeton-s-methyl at 0.25 kg in 430 l.

Seed: Great Knott I (R): King Edward. Warren Field I (W): Maris Piper.

Cultivations, etc .:-

Great Knott I (R): Autumn PK applied: 1 Nov, 1971. FYM applied: 4 - 5 Nov. Ploughed: 5 Nov. Spring PK applied: 24 Apr, 1972. N applied: 25 apr. Rotary cultivated, potatoes planted: 26 Apr. Weedkiller applied: 18 May. Grubbed, rotary ridged: 15 June.

Fungicide applied on three occasions: 11 July, 24 July, 10 Aug. Insecticide applied with fungicide: 24 July. Sprayed with undiluted BOV at 200 1: 20 Sept. Haulm destroyed mechanically: 7 Oct. Lifted: 9 Oct. Previous crops: Barley 1970, fallow 1971. Warren Field I (W): Chalk applied: 6 Sept, 1971. Autumn PK applied: 28 Oct. FYM applied, ploughed: 1 Nov. Spring PK and N applied: 5 Apr, 1972. Rotary cultivated twice, potatoes planted: 24 Apr. Weedkiller applied: 11 May. Rotary ridged: 20 June. Fungicide applied: 6 July. Fungicide with insecticide applied: 28 July. Sprayed with undiluted BOV at 200 1: 5 Oct. Lifted: 17 - 18 Oct. Previous crops: Wheat 1970, barley 1971.

NOTES: (1) Leaf samples were taken in July for percentage of Mg and K.

(2) Tuber samples were taken at grading for percentage of N, P and K.

(3) Tuber samples were taken for cooking tests by N.I.A.B.

Standard errors per plot. Total tubers, tonnes/hectare:
Great Knott I (R): 3.69 or 8.0% (34 d.f.)
Warren Field I (W): 2.31 or 4.7% (34 d.f.)

TABLES OF MEANS

GREAT KNOTT I (R)

TOTAL TUBERS: TONNES/HECTARE

		F			TIME				
, agá	1	2	3	A	S	AS	Mean	ister :	
FYM	1 - 1	I land		2 11	102- to			at ly be	
O D	38.6 44.0	45.9 48.0	47.6 51.0	41.7 45.4	45.1 48.6	45.2 49.0	44.0 47.7		
			F	e dans					
			2 3	40.0 44.1 46.5	42.4 48.4 49.8	41.5 48.3 51.6	41.3 47.0 49.3		
Mean				43.5	46.9	47.1	45.8		
F	I A	1 5	AS	A	2	AS I	A	3	AS
FYM									
D	36.7 43.3	39.8 45.0	39.2 43.9	42.4 45.9	47.6 49.3	47.6 49.0	46.1 47.0	47.8 51.7	48.8 54.3
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GREAT KNOTT I (R)

PERCENTAGE WARE: 4.44 CM (1.75 INCH) RIDDLE

	1	F 2	3	A	TIME	AS	Mean			
FYM										
D D	73.7	80.1 79.7	78.4 80.1	78.6 80.4	77.4 77.4	76.3 79.2	77.4 79.0			
			1 2 3	77.5 80.8 80.3	74.2 79.2 78.7	74.6 79.8 78.8	75.4 79.9 79.3			
Mean			5,84	79.5	77.4	77.8	78.2			
F TIME	A	1 5	AS	A	2	AS	A	3	AS	
FYM	83	8	1	63	2 1	4	E8			M
O D	76.5 78.4	72.8 75.6	71.8 77.5			79.2 80.5	78.2 82.4	79.3 78.2	77.9 79.7	

WARREN FIELD I (W)

TOTAL TUBERS: TONNES/HECTARE

	F			TIME					
	1	F 2	3	A	S	AS	Mean		
FYM									
D D	39.1 45.8	47.9 52.9	54.5 55.1	46.4 50.1			47.2 51.3		
			F						
			2 3	42.8 48.5 53.4	40.9 51.7 56.1	43.7 51.0 54.9	42.5 50.4 54.8		
Mean				48.3	49.5	49.9	49.2	_	
F TIME	A	1 S	AS	A	2	AS	A	3 8	AS
FYM									
D D	40.1	37.6 44.1	39.6 47.8	45.3 51.8	49.5 53.8	48.9 53.1		56.5 55.6	53.1 56.7
STAND	ARD ERF	ORS OF	DIFFERE	ENCES					
FYM	F	TIME	FYM F	FYM TIME	F TIME	FYM F TIME			
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WARREN FIELD I (W)

PERCENTAGE WARE: 4.44 CM (1.75 INCH) RIDDLE

	1 1	F 2	3	A	TIME	AS	Mean	
	1		3	_ A		no	12011	•
FYM								
0 D	88.88	89.6	89.7	91.2	87.4	89.5	89.4	
ע	89.9	91.1	89.7	90.9	89.3	90.5	90.2	
	11/24		F					
			1	91.6	86.0	90.4	89.4	
		C.M.	2 3	90.6	90.0	90.4	90.3 89.7	
Mean	et K2O)	SLEETING SE EER		91.0	88.3	90.0	89.8	
F	85	1			2			3
PIME	A	S	AS	A	S	AS	A	S AS
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0	92.1	84.3	90.0	90.6	88.8	89.3	90.8	89.1 89.4
D	91.1	87.8	90.8	90.6	91.2	91.4		88.8 89.4