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## 76/S/RN/1 Rotation I - Grass, Lucerne

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ROTATION I

Object: To compare nutrient cycles, uptakes of nutrients and responses to fresh P and K of lucerne and grass leys. To obtain an estimate of the rate of release of nutrients, particularly K, from Saxmundham soil. The effects of lucerne and grass leys will be compared on subsequent arable crops - Saxmundham.

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The 78th year, grass and lucerne.

For previous years see 'Details' 1967, 68/A/9(t), 69/S/RN/1(t), 70/S/RN/1(t) and 71-75/S/RN/1.

Whole plot dimensions (new treatments): 5.49 x 17.1.

Treatments: From 1899 to 1969 the experiment followed a four-course rotation of wheat, roots, barley, legumes. Each phase of the rotation was present each year on a separate block. From 1966 each plot was divided, a small area at the south end continued under the original treatment (OLDTREAT), on the larger sub-plots modified treatments (NEWTREAT) were applied (see below).

In 1970 the rotation was stopped and each pair of blocks was divided for lucerne and grass (the OLDTREAT sub-plots form a part of the Grass area).

TREATMENT 1899-1965	OLDTREAT Grass	NEWTREAT Lucerne	NEWTREAT Grass
	MANURE (D)	MANURE (D)	MANURE (D)N
D	(D)	(D)	(D)N
B	B	B	BN
N	N	(N)P2	(N)P2N
P	P	(P)P1	(P)P1N
K	K	(K)P2K	(K)P2KN
-	-	(-)P2	(-)P2N
PK	PK	(PK)P1K	(PK)P1KN
NK	NK	(NK)P2K	(NK)P2KN
NP	NP	(NP)P1	(NP)P1N
NPK	NPK	(NPK)P1K	(NPK)P1KN

- D: Farmyard manure at 15 tonnes  
(D): Farmyard manure at 30 tonnes (1966-1969 15 tonnes on OLDTREAT), 60 tonnes in autumn 1969, none since  
B: Bone meal at 0.5 tonnes  
N: 1899-1965 - 33 kg N as nitrate of soda. Since 1970 - 100 kg N (33 kg N on OLDTREAT) per cut as 'Nitro-Chalk'  
P: 1899-1965 40 kg P2O5 as single superphosphate. Since 1966 50 kg P2O5 as triple superphosphate  
P1,P2: 50, 100 kg P2O5 as triple superphosphate (single superphosphate until 1965)  
K: 1899-1965 63 kg K2O as muriate of potash. Since 1966 - 126 kg K2O (75 kg K2O on OLDTREAT)

- NOTES: (1) For a fuller record of treatments see 'Details' etc.  
(2) On OLDTREAT grass, clover appeared naturally on some plots in 1975. To unify the plots white clover was sown on all at 33 kg.  
(3) Lucerne was resown in 1976.

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Seed: Lucerne: Sabalt, sown at 30 kg.

Cultivations, etc.:-

OLDTREAT Grass: P,K and bone meal applied: 15 Mar, 1976. Cut: 8 June and 1 Sept.

NEWTREAT Grass: P,K and bone meal applied: 15 Mar. N applied: 16 Mar and 16 June. Cut: 8 June and 1 Sept.

Lucerne: Ploughed: 21 Oct, 1975. P,K and bone meal applied, seed sown: 6 Apr, 1976. Cut: 18 Aug.

76/S/RN/1 GRASS OLDTREAT

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\*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

	1ST CUT (8/6/76)	2ND CUT (1/9/76)	TOTAL OF 2 CUTS
MANURE (D)	3.01	0.30	3.31
B	2.23	0.06	2.29
N	3.54	0.48	4.02
P	1.59	0.06	1.65
K	1.13	0.03	1.16
-	1.37	0.00	1.37
PK	2.06	0.16	2.22
NK	3.42	0.41	3.83
NP	3.57	0.63	4.20
NPK	3.69	0.53	4.22
MEAN	2.56	0.27	2.83

1ST CUT MEAN DM% 40.5

2ND CUT MEAN DM% 32.3

TOTAL OF 2 CUTS MEAN DM% 36.4

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00050



76/S/RN/1 GRASS NEWTREAT

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\*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

	1ST CUT (12/6/75)	2ND CUT (1/9/76)	TOTAL OF 2 CUTS
MANURE			
(D)N	7.36	0.85	8.21
BN	5.83	0.54	6.37
(N2)P2N	5.83	0.67	6.50
(N1)P1N	5.66	0.62	6.28
(N1)P2KN	6.65	0.85	7.50
(N1)P2N	5.75	0.63	6.38
(N1)P1KN	6.76	1.00	7.77
(N2)P2KN	6.73	0.87	7.60
(N2)P1N	5.87	0.75	6.62
(N2)P1KN	6.73	0.73	7.46
MEAN	6.32	0.75	7.07

1ST CUT MEAN DM% 39.8

2ND CUT MEAN DM% 42.2

TOTAL OF 2 CUTS MEAN DM% 41.0

1ST CUT PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00123

2ND CUT PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00138

76/S/RN/1 LUCERNE NEWTREAT

1ST AND ONLY CUT (18/8/76)

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\*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

MANURE	
(D)	3.63
B	2.42
(N)P2	2.47
(P)P1	2.32
(K)P2K	2.59
(-)P2	2.47
(PK)P1K	2.78
(NK)P2K	3.00
(NP)P1	2.47
(NPK)P1K	3.09
MEAN	2.72

MEAN DM% 31.1

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00134