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POTATOES

POLYTHENE SHEET AND APHIDS

Object: To study the effects of protecting potatoes with a polythene sheet during early growth on the incidence of aphids and on the yield of potatoes - Highfield IV.

Sponsor: A. Cameron.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 4 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 15.6 x 15.2.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

PLANTDTE Dates of planting:

25 APRIL 21 JUNE

2. POLYTHNE

Polythene covering:

NONE COVE RED

NOTE: 'PLANTDTE 25 APRIL COVERED' plots covered on 17 May. The covers were removed between 9 and 21 June. 'PLANTDTE 21 JUNE COVERED' plots covered on 29 June. The covers were removed between 17 and 21 July.

Basal applications: Manures: (13:13:20) at 1500 kg. Weedkillers: Glyphosate at 1.5 l in 220 l. Linuron at 1.2 kg in 220 l. Paraquat at 0.42 kg ion in 220 l. Haulm desiccant: Undiluted BOV at 170 l.

Seed: Pentland Crown.

Cultivations, etc.:- Glyphosate applied: 18 Nov, 1977. Ploughed: 20 Dec. Heavy spring-tine cultivated: 6 Apr, 1978. NPK applied: 17 Apr. First planting date plots spike rotary cultivated and planted: 25 Apr. Linuron applied to these plots only: 8 May. Second planting date plots spike rotary cultivated and planted: 21 June. First planting date uncovered plots grubbed, all plots ridged: 26 June. Linuron and paraquat applied to second planting date plots: 28 June. Haulm pulverized: 23 Sept. BOV applied: 2 Oct. Lifted: 20 Oct. Previous crops: Barley 1976, W. oats 1977.

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TOTAL TUBERS TONNES/HECTARE

**** TABLES OF MEANS ****

POLYTHNE	NONE	COVERED	MEAN
PLANTDTE 25 APRIL 21 JUNE	40.9 26.5	35.9 25.9	38.4 26.2
MFAN	33.7	30.9	32.3

***** STANDARD ERRORS OF DIFFERENCES OF MEANS *****

		POLYTHNE
1 04	1.94	2.74
	1.94	PLANTDTE POLYTHNE 1.94 1.94

***** STRATUM STANDARD ERRORS AND COEFFICIENTS OF VARIATION *****

STRATUM	DF	SE		CV%	
BLOCK.WP	6	3.36	10.4		

PERCENTAGE WARE 3.81CM (1.5 INCH) RIDDLE

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

POLYTHNE	NONE	COVERED	MEAN
PLANTDTE 25 APRIL 21 JUNE	97.1 94.0	95.9 92.8	96.5 93.4
MEAN	95.6	94.3	94.9

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00434