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EFFECTS OF SUBSOILING & DEEP PK

Object: To study the effects of subsoiling and of incorporating a large dressing of PK in the subsoil on yields and nutrient uptakes of a sequence of crops - Rothamsted (R) Delharding and Woburn (W) Road Piece.

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The sixth year, s. barley.

For previous years see 78-82/R&W/CS/216.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 6 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 4.27 x 13.7.

Treatments:

TREATMNT	Machines and incorporation of extra P and K into the subsoil:
000 00	Not subsoiled, no P or K
F00 F0	Farm standard, unwinged, subsoiler, no P or K, autumn 1977 & autumn 1979
NOO NO	N.C.A.E. winged subsoiler, no P or K, autumn 1977 & autumn 1979
NPK NO	N.C.A.E. winged subsoiler, P and K applied autumn 1977, subsoiled only autumn 1979
W00 00	Wye double digger, no P or K, autumn 1977 only
WPK 00	Wye double digger, P and K applied, autumn 1977 only

NOTES: (1) The rates of P and K were 1930 kg P₂0₅, as triple superphosphate and 460 kg K₂0 as muriate of potash.

- (2) In autumn 1977 the Farm standard, unwinged, subsoiler was set to work at a depth of 38 cm at intervals of 50 cm Delharding (R) and at a depth of 50 cm at intervals of 70 cm Road Piece (W). In autumn 1979 it was set to work at a depth of 56 cm at intervals of 76 cm Delharding (R) and 142 cm Road Piece (W).
- (3) In autumn 1977 the N.C.A.E. winged subsoiler had a single tine set to work at a depth of 40 cm at intervals of 60 cm on plots not given P and K and at alternate depths of 30 cm and 40 cm spaced 30 cm apart on plots given P and K; fertilizer was applied behind the subsoiling points. In autumn 1979 the winged subsoiler had three tines, the centre tine preceding the others, all set to work at a depth of 40 cm spaced 40 cm apart.

(4) The Wye double digger turned a furrow with a conventional plough to a depth of 23 cm and at the same time rotary cultivated the bottom of the furrow to a further depth of 15 cm. When applying P & K this was distributed ahead of the rotary cultivator.

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Basal applications:-

Delharding (R): Manures: Ground chalk at 5.0 t. (20:10:10) at 560 kg. N at 70 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk'. Weedkillers: Dicamba with mecoprop and MCPA (as 'Herrisol' at 5.0 1) in 250 1.

Road Piece (W): Manures: (20:10:10) at 590 kg. N at 60 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk'. Weedkillers: Dicamba with mecoprop and MCPA (as 'Herrisol' at 5.0 1) in 250 1.

Seed: Both sites: Triumph, dressed with ethirimol, sown at 160 kg.

Cultivations, etc.:-

Delharding(R): Ploughed: 14 Sept, 1982. Chalk applied: 16 Sept.
Spring-tine cultivated: 14 Mar, 1983. NPK applied: 15 Mar. Rotary
harrowed: 17 Mar. Seed sown: 18 Mar. Weedkillers applied: 25 May.
N applied: 26 May. Combine harvested: 8 Aug.
Road Piece (W): Disced: 24 Aug, 1982. Ploughed: 6 Oct. Spring-tine
cultivated: 7 Mar, 1983. NPK applied: 8 Mar. Spring-tine
cultivated with crumbler attached, seed sown: 9 Mar. Weedkillers
applied: 26 May. N applied: 3 June. Combine harvested: 6 Aug.

applied: 26 May. N applied: 3 June. Combine harvested: 6 Aug.

83/R/CS/216 DELHARDING (R)

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

TREATMNT 000 00 F00 F0 N00 N0 NPK N0 W00 00 WPK 00 MEAN 4.41 5.29 4.71 4.70 4.32 5.25 4.78

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

TABLE TREATMNT

SED 0.423

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

STRATUM DF SE CV%

BLOCK.WP 10 0.518 10.8

GRAIN MEAN DM% 84.8

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00260

83/W/CS/216 ROAD PIECE (W)

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

TREATMNT 000 00 F00 F0 N00 N0 NPK N0 W00 00 WPK 00 MEAN 2.80 3.04 2.73 3.19 2.97 2.68 2.90

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

TABLE TREATMNT
SED 0.363

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

STRATUM DF SE CV%
BLOCK.WP 10 0.445 15.3

GRAIN MEAN DM% 84.3

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00251