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WINTER WHEAT

ALL PURPOSE ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYING

Object: To compare the efficiency of a range of sprays when applied with electrostatic or hydraulic sprayers - Bylands.

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Design: 4 randomised blocks of 5 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 8.0 x 30.0.

Treatments:

| SPRAYER | Sprayers: |
|----------|---|
| CNVNTL A | Conventional hydraulic sprayer for all sprays |
| CNVNTL W | Conventional hydraulic sprayer, only weedkillers applied |
| ELECT CA | Electrostatic sprayer, charged particles, for all sprays |
| ELECT UA | Electrostatic sprayer, uncharged particles, for all sprays |
| EL UW CR | Electrostatic sprayer, uncharged particles to spray weedkillers, charged particles, for all remaining sprays. |

NOTE: Details of treatments are shown below:

| Date | Chemical | kg per ha | Volume, 1 p Electrostatic | er ha Hydraulic |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Oct, 1982 | Isoproturon +) Trifluralin) | 1.4 | 7.0 | 380 |
| 20 Nov | Permethrin | 0.05 | 5.6 | 380 |
| 9 Apr, 1983 | Mecoprop +) Ioxynil +) Benazolin) | 1.68 0.2 0.2 | 6.25 | 380 |
| 15 Apr | Prochloraz +) Carbendazim) | 0.4 0.15 | 6.25 | 380 |
| 29 Apr | Chlormequat chloride | 1.68 | 6.25 | 380 |
| 16 June | Propiconazole | 0.12 | 8.33 | 380 |
| 7 July | Dimethoate | 0.44 | 8.33 | 380 |

Basal applications: Manures: (5:14:30) at 340 kg. 'Nitro-Chalk' at 280 kg followed by 630 kg.

Seed: Aquila, sown at 200 kg.

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Cultivations, etc.:- Disced: 9 Sept, 1982. Heavy spring-tine cultivated: 14 Sept. NPK applied: 18 Sept. Seed sown: 24 Sept. First N applied: 15 Mar, 1983. Second N applied: 13 Apr. Combine harvested: 14 Aug. Previous crops: S. barley 1981, w. wheat 1982.

NOTE: Weed counts were made in December, February and July. Straw length, percentage eyespot infection and aphids were assessed in July. Samples for chemical analysis were taken immediately after each spray application.

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

**** TABLES OF MEANS ****

SPRAYER CNVNTL A CNVNTL W ELECT CA ELECT UA EL UW CR 7.96 6.74 7.72 7.65 7.93 7.60

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

TABLE SPRAYER
SED 0.373

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

STRATUM DF SE CV%

BLOCK.WP 12 0.528 6.9

GRAIN MEAN DM% 87.0

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00828