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WINTER BARLEY

ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYING AND FOLIAR DISEASES

Object: To study the penetration of sprays and control of foliar diseases with a range of electrostatic sprayers - Black Horse II.

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Design: 4 randomised blocks of 8 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 3.0 x 15.0.

Treatments:

| SPRAYER | Sprayers applying propiconazole: |
|----------|--|
| NONE | None |
| CNVNTL 2 | Conventional hydraulic sprayer, at 125 g in 200 l |
| CNVNTL 1 | Conventional hydraulic sprayer, at 62.5 g in 200 l |
| EL APE | 'APE' electrostatic sprayer, at 62.5 g in 6 l (duplicated) |
| EL JUMBO | 'Jumbo' electrostatic sprayer, at 62.5 g in 10 l (duplicated) |
| EL MICRO | 'Micronex' electrostatic sprayer, at 62.5 g in 13 l |

- NOTES: (1) Propiconazole was applied on 3 November, 1983 and 14 March, 1984 by all sprayers except the 'Micronex' which was on 14 March only.
- (2) The 'APE' electrostatic sprayer had four spinning-disc nozzles mounted on a hand-held boom, the 'Jumbo' had spinning-cone nozzles. Both are charged at 30 kv.
- (3) The 'Micronex' is a commercial prototype, electrostatically-charged spinning-disc sprayer.
- (4) Chopped straw infected with *Rhynchosporium* was spread evenly over the whole of the experimental area on 9 September, 1983.

Basal applications: Manures: (5:14:30) at 340 kg. 'Nitro-Chalk' on two occasions, at 190 kg on the first and at 440 kg on the second.

Weedkillers: Methabenzthiazuron at 2.4 kg in 250 l. 3, 6-dichloropicolinic acid at 0.07 kg and bromoxynil at 0.34 kg with mecoprop (as 'CMPP' at 4.2 l) in 200 l. Desiccant: Diquat at 0.70 kg ion with 'Agral', a wetting agent, at 0.2 l, in 200 l.

Seed: Maris Otter, sown at 160 kg.

Cultivations, etc.: - Ploughed: 4 Aug, 1983. NPK applied: 23 Aug. Spring-tine cultivated: 7 Sept. Straw applied, rotary harrowed, seed sown: 9 Sept. Methabenzthiazuron applied: 13 Sept. First N applied: 9 Mar, 1984. Second N applied: 4 Apr. 3, 6-dichloropicolinic acid, bromoxynil and mecoprop applied: 13 Apr. Desiccant applied: 23 July. Combine harvested: 26 July. Previous crops: W. barley 1982 and 1983.

NOTE: Plant samples were taken immediately after spraying to assess weedkiller deposits. Mildew was assessed in November and *Rhynchosporium* in April.

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

| SPRAYER | NONE | CNVNTL 2 | CNVNTL 1 | EL APE | EL JUMBO | EL MICRO | MEAN |
|---------|------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|------|
| | 5.96 | 6.65 | 6.64 | 6.64 | 6.53 | 6.27 | 6.48 |

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

| TABLE | SPRAYER | |
|-------|---------|---------|
| ----- | | |
| SED | 0.238 | MIN REP |
| | 0.206 | MAX-MIN |
| | 0.168 | MAX REP |

| | SPRAYER |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| MAX REP | EL APE V EL JUMBO |
| MAX-MIN | EL APE OR EL JUMBO V ANY OF REMAINDER |
| MIN REP | ANY OF REMAINDER |

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

| STRATUM | DF | SE | CV% |
|----------|----|-------|-----|
| BLOCK.WP | 23 | 0.336 | 5.2 |

GRAIN MEAN DM% 78.6

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00306