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MINIMUM CULTIVATION AND DEEP PK

Object: To study the effects of thorough subsoil disturbance and the incorporation of P and K into the subsoil on w. oilseed rape, w. wheat and w. barley either sown conventionally or direct drilled - Woburn Warren Field I and II.

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The fifth year, w. oilseed rape, w. wheat and w. barley.

For previous years see 80-84/W/CS/245.

Column plot dimensions: 4.27 x 57.6.

Design: 3 series each of 20 x 4 criss cross.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

Series:

1. SER CROP Series, crops and previous cropping:
- | | |
|----------|---|
| SER1 WOS | Series I, w. oilseed rape in rotation with two cereals |
| SER2 WW8 | Series II, w. wheat, eighth cereal after a break crop |
| SER3 WB8 | Series III, w. barley, eighth cereal after a break crop |

Column plots: All combinations (duplicated) of:

2. PK SUB Extra PK and subsoil treatments:
- | | |
|-----|---------------------------|
| --- | None, mouldboard ploughed |
| --S | None, subsoiled |
| PKS | PK to subsoil |
3. YEAR Years of applying PK SUB:
- | | |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1980 | In autumn 1979 |
| 1983 | In autumn 1979 and in autumn 1982 |
4. DRILL Drills and associated cultivations:
- | | |
|----------|---|
| CNVNTIAL | Mouldboard ploughed, conventionally drilled |
| DIRECT | Direct drilled (duplicated) (conventionally drilled in years when factor 2 involves autumn ploughing) |

Row plots:

5. N PATH Nitrogen fertilizer in spring, and pathogen control:
- | Rape | Cereals | Rape | Cereals | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------|
| 125 ENHD | 75 ENHD | 125 kg N | 75 kg N | enhanced pathogen control |
| 200 ENHD | 150 ENHD | 200 kg N | 150 kg N | enhanced pathogen control |
| 275 ENHD | 225 ENHD | 275 kg N | 225 kg N | enhanced pathogen control |
| 200 STND | 150 STND | 200 kg N | 150 kg N | standard pathogen control |

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plus two extra column plot treatments, in all combinations with row plots above:-

EXTRA

TPK 80 D PK applied to topsoil and mouldboard ploughed in autumn 1979, direct drilled since
TPK 80 C PK as above, mouldboard ploughed, conventionally drilled each year

- NOTES: (1) Rates of extra P and K were 500 kg P205, as superphosphate, 250 kg K20 as muriate of potash.
(2) Subsoiling was done with the Wye double-digger which turns a furrow with a conventional plough share, to a depth of 23 cm, and at the same time rotary cultivates the bottom of the adjacent furrow to a further depth of 15 cm. When applying P and K this was distributed ahead of the rotary cultivator.
(3) The topsoil PK dressing was equally divided before and after ploughing.
(4) N for treatments and basals to cereals and for basals to w. oilseed rape was applied as 'Nitro-Chalk' (26% N). N for treatments to w. oilseed rape was applied as 'Nitro-Chalk' (27.5% N).
(5) Standard pathogen control was conventional seed dressings. Enhanced pathogen control had in addition, (Series I, w. oilseed rape) prochloraz at 0.27 kg with carbendazim at 0.10 kg in 250 l on 10 Apr, 1985. (Series II, w. wheat) cypermethrin at 0.025 kg applied with the basal isoproturon on 2 Nov, 1984. Prochloraz at 0.40 kg in 250 l on 29 May, 1985. Propiconazole on two occasions, on the first occasion at 0.25 kg on 17 June, on the second occasion at 0.12 kg with carbendazim and maneb (as 'Septal' at 2.5 kg) in 250 l on 3 July. (Series III, w. barley) cypermethrin at 0.025 kg with the basal isoproturon on 2 Nov, 1984. Prochloraz at 0.40 kg with propiconazole at 0.25 kg in 250 l on 29 May, 1985.

Standard applications:

Series I: W. oilseed rape: Manures: (0:20:20) at 290 kg. N at 60 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk'. Weedkiller: Propyzamide at 0.82 kg in 300 l. Desiccant: Diquat at 0.60 kg ion in 250 l.

Series II: W. wheat, Series III: W. barley: Manures: (5:14:30) at 340 kg combine drilled. N at 25 kg as 'Nitro-Chalk'. Weedkillers: Paraquat at 0.30 kg ion in 250 l, isoproturon at 2.0 kg in 250 l, mecoprop at 2.0 kg with bromoxynil at 0.25 kg and ioxynil at 0.25 kg in 250 l. Growth regulator: Mepiquat chloride with 2-chloroethylphosphonic acid (as 'Terpal' at 1.5 l) with a wetting agent ('Citowett' at 0.04 l) in 250 l to w. barley only.

Seed: W. oilseed rape: Jet Neuf, sown at 9 kg.
W. wheat: Avalon, sown at 200 kg.
W. barley: Igri, sown at 170 kg.

Cultivations, etc.:-

All series: Straw burnt: 20 Aug, 1984. Disced: 21 Aug. Ploughed CNVNTIAL plots: 30 Aug.

Series I: W. oilseed rape: PK and N applied: 3 Sept, 1984. Disc CNVNTIAL plots, harrow, seed sown: 7 Sept. Weedkiller applied: 27 Jan, 1985. N treatments applied: 11 Mar. Desiccant applied:

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31 July. Combine harvested: 15 Aug.
 Series II: W. wheat, Series III: W. barley: N applied: 13 Sept, 1984.
 Disced CNVTIAL plots: 19 Sept. Paraquat applied: 24 Sept.
 Heavy spring-tine cultivated: 26 Sept. Disced, harrowed, seed
 sown: 27 Sept. Isoproturon applied: 2 Nov. Treatment N applied:
 10 Apr, 1985. Weedkillers applied: 19 Apr. Growth regulator
 applied to w. barley only: 16 May. Combine harvested, w. barley:
 13 Aug, w. wheat: 6 Sept.

WINTER OILSEED RAPE SERIES I

GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

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

PK SUB	---	--S	PKS	MEAN
N PATH				
125 ENHD	2.18	2.80	2.81	2.60
200 ENHD	2.39	3.32	3.17	2.96
275 ENHD	2.48	3.34	3.22	3.01
200 STND	2.12	2.74	2.82	2.56
MEAN	2.29	3.05	3.01	2.78
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
N PATH				
125 ENHD	2.41	2.79	2.60	
200 ENHD	2.95	2.97	2.96	
275 ENHD	3.02	3.01	3.01	
200 STND	2.34	2.79	2.56	
MEAN	2.68	2.89	2.78	
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	2.21	2.38	2.29	
--S	3.06	3.04	3.05	
PKS	2.77	3.24	3.01	
MEAN	2.68	2.89	2.78	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
N PATH				
125 ENHD	1.84	2.98	2.60	
200 ENHD	1.99	3.44	2.96	
275 ENHD	1.88	3.58	3.01	
200 STND	1.63	3.03	2.56	
MEAN	1.84	3.26	2.78	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	0.69	3.09	2.29	
--S	2.45	3.35	3.05	
PKS	2.36	3.33	3.01	
MEAN	1.84	3.26	2.78	

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GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

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

DRILL YEAR	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN			
1980	1.68	3.18	2.68			
1983	1.99	3.34	2.89			
MEAN	1.84	3.26	2.78			

PK SUB YEAR	1980	1983	--S 1980	1983	PKS 1980	1983
125 ENHD	2.17	2.20	2.61	2.99	2.45	3.18
200 ENHD	2.40	2.37	3.46	3.19	3.00	3.34
275 ENHD	2.41	2.55	3.48	3.20	3.16	3.28
200 STND	1.84	2.41	2.69	2.78	2.47	3.17

N PATH	PK SUB DRILL	1980 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT	--S CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT	PKS CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT
125 ENHD		0.87	2.84	2.21	3.09	2.43	3.01
200 ENHD		0.84	3.16	2.69	3.64	2.45	3.53
275 ENHD		0.77	3.34	2.45	3.79	2.44	3.61
200 STND		0.29	3.04	2.47	2.87	2.13	3.17

N PATH	YEAR DRILL	1980 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT	1983 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT
125 ENHD		1.63	2.80	2.05	3.16
200 ENHD		2.01	3.43	1.98	3.46
275 ENHD		1.90	3.58	1.87	3.58
200 STND		1.20	2.91	2.06	3.15

PK SUB	YEAR DRILL	1980 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT	1983 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT
---		1.14	2.74	0.24	3.45
--S		2.37	3.41	2.54	3.29
PKS		1.53	3.39	3.19	3.27

N PATH	PK SUB	YEAR DRILL	1980 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT	1983 CNVNTIAL	1983 DIRECT
125 ENHD	---		1.50	2.50	0.24	3.18
	--S		1.83	3.00	2.59	3.19
	PKS		1.54	2.91	3.32	3.10
200 ENHD	---		1.37	2.92	0.31	3.40
	--S		2.68	3.85	2.70	3.43
	PKS		1.97	3.52	2.93	3.55
275 ENHD	---		1.37	2.93	0.16	3.75
	--S		2.50	3.98	2.40	3.60
	PKS		1.82	3.83	3.05	3.39
200 STND	---		0.32	2.61	0.26	3.48
	--S		2.47	2.81	2.46	2.94
	PKS		0.80	3.31	3.46	3.03

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GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

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

N PATH EXTRA	125 ENHD	200 ENHD	275 ENHD	200 STND	MEAN
TPK 80 D	3.06	3.16	3.58	3.23	3.26
TPK 80 C	1.87	2.05	1.53	1.48	1.73
MEAN	2.47	2.61	2.55	2.36	2.50

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

TABLE	EXTRA	PK SUB	YEAR	DRILL	
SED	0.442	0.181	0.147	0.156	
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB	N PATH* YEAR	PK SUB YEAR	N PATH* DRILL	
SED	0.206	0.168	0.255	0.179	MAX-MIN
TABLE	PK SUB DRILL	YEAR DRILL	N PATH* EXTRA	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR	
SED	0.313	0.256			MIN REP
	0.271	0.222	0.505	0.292	MAX-MIN
	0.221	0.181			MAX REP
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB DRILL	N PATH* YEAR DRILL	PK SUB YEAR DRILL	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR DRILL	
SED	0.357	0.291	0.442	0.505	MIN REP
	0.309	0.252	0.383	0.437	MAX-MIN
	0.253	0.206	0.313	0.357	MAX REP

* WITHIN THE SAME LEVEL OF N PATH ONLY

DRILL
MIN-REP CNVNTIAL
MAX-REP DIRECT
MAX-MIN DIRECT V CNVNTIAL

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

STRATUM	DF	SE	CV%
WP1	6	0.313	11.4
WP1.WP2	18	0.199	7.2

GRAIN MEAN DM% 86.1

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

PK SUB	---	--S	PKS	MEAN
N PATH				
75 ENHD	6.67	6.59	6.92	6.73
150 ENHD	8.25	7.97	8.08	8.10
225 ENHD	8.97	8.97	9.01	8.98
150 STND	7.49	7.35	7.33	7.39
MEAN	7.85	7.72	7.84	7.80
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
N PATH				
75 ENHD	6.91	6.54	6.73	
150 ENHD	8.44	7.76	8.10	
225 ENHD	9.27	8.69	8.98	
150 STND	7.67	7.11	7.39	
MEAN	8.07	7.53	7.80	
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	8.06	7.63	7.85	
--S	8.06	7.38	7.72	
PKS	8.10	7.57	7.84	
MEAN	8.07	7.53	7.80	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
N PATH				
75 ENHD	6.14	7.02	6.73	
150 ENHD	7.29	8.50	8.10	
225 ENHD	8.09	9.43	8.98	
150 STND	6.53	7.82	7.39	
MEAN	7.01	8.19	7.80	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	6.99	8.27	7.85	
--S	6.97	8.09	7.72	
PKS	7.07	8.22	7.84	
MEAN	7.01	8.19	7.80	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
YEAR				
1980	7.31	8.45	8.07	
1983	6.71	7.93	7.53	
MEAN	7.01	8.19	7.80	

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

PK SUB	---		--S		PKS	
YEAR	1980	1983	1980	1983	1980	1983
N PATH						
75 ENHD	6.85	6.48	6.72	6.46	7.15	6.69
150 ENHD	8.58	7.92	8.34	7.60	8.40	7.76
225 ENHD	9.07	8.87	9.39	8.54	9.36	8.66
150 STND	7.75	7.23	7.77	6.92	7.48	7.17

	PK SUB	---		--S		PKS	
N PATH	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
75 ENHD		6.04	6.98	5.92	6.93	6.45	7.16
150 ENHD		7.34	8.71	7.17	8.36	7.37	8.44
225 ENHD		8.08	9.42	8.39	9.25	7.79	9.62
150 STND		6.52	7.98	6.40	7.82	6.67	7.66

	YEAR	1980		1983	
N PATH	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
75 ENHD		6.38	7.18	5.89	6.87
150 ENHD		7.47	8.93	7.11	8.08
225 ENHD		8.53	9.65	7.65	9.22
150 STND		6.87	8.07	6.19	7.57

	YEAR	1980		1983	
PK SUB	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
---		7.26	8.47	6.72	8.08
--S		7.25	8.46	6.69	7.72
PKS		7.43	8.44	6.71	8.00

	YEAR	1980		1983		
N PATH	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	
75 ENHD	PK SUB		6.26	7.15	5.82	6.81
	---		5.89	7.14	5.96	6.71
	--S		7.00	7.23	5.90	7.09
150 ENHD	PKS		7.44	9.15	7.24	8.27
	---		7.48	8.77	6.87	7.96
	--S		7.50	8.86	7.24	8.02
225 ENHD	PKS		8.50	9.35	7.65	9.49
	---		8.77	9.69	8.01	8.81
	--S		8.30	9.90	7.28	9.35
150 STND	PKS		6.83	8.21	6.20	7.75
	---		6.88	8.22	5.93	7.41
	--S		6.91	7.77	6.43	7.55

	75 ENHD	150 ENHD	225 ENHD	150 STND	MEAN
N PATH EXTRA					
TPK 80 D	7.39	9.12	9.32	7.95	8.44
TPK 80 C	6.59	7.77	8.37	6.81	7.39
MEAN	6.99	8.45	8.85	7.38	7.92

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

TABLE	EXTRA	PK SUB	YEAR	DRILL	
SED	0.438	0.179	0.146	0.155	
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB	N PATH* YEAR	PK SUB YEAR	N PATH* DRILL	
SED	0.253	0.206	0.253	0.219	
TABLE	PK SUB DRILL	YEAR DRILL	N PATH* EXTRA	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR	
SED	0.309	0.253			MIN REP
	0.268	0.219	0.619	0.357	MAX-MIN
	0.219	0.179			MAX REP
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB DRILL	N PATH* YEAR DRILL	PK SUB YEAR DRILL	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR DRILL	
SED	0.438	0.358	0.438	0.619	MIN REP
	0.379	0.310	0.379	0.536	MAX-MIN
	0.309	0.253	0.309	0.438	MAX REP

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

STRATUM	DF	SE	CV%
WP1	6	0.309	4.0
WP1.WP2	18	0.357	4.6

GRAIN MEAN DM% 80.1

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

PK SUB	---	--S	PKS	MEAN
N PATH				
75 ENHD	6.96	6.98	6.94	6.96
150 ENHD	8.07	8.44	8.14	8.22
225 ENHD	8.51	8.78	8.36	8.55
150 STND	7.76	8.01	7.62	7.80
MEAN	7.83	8.05	7.77	7.88
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
N PATH				
75 ENHD	7.00	6.92	6.96	
150 ENHD	8.55	7.89	8.22	
225 ENHD	8.73	8.37	8.55	
150 STND	8.00	7.59	7.80	
MEAN	8.07	7.69	7.88	
YEAR	1980	1983	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	8.05	7.60	7.83	
--S	8.18	7.93	8.05	
PKS	7.99	7.54	7.77	
MEAN	8.07	7.69	7.88	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
N PATH				
75 ENHD	6.82	7.03	6.96	
150 ENHD	7.96	8.35	8.22	
225 ENHD	8.17	8.74	8.55	
150 STND	7.20	8.10	7.80	
MEAN	7.53	8.05	7.88	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
PK SUB				
---	7.42	8.03	7.83	
--S	7.80	8.18	8.05	
PKS	7.39	7.95	7.77	
MEAN	7.53	8.05	7.88	
DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	MEAN	
YEAR				
1980	7.63	8.29	8.07	
1983	7.44	7.82	7.69	
MEAN	7.53	8.05	7.88	

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

PK SUB	---		--S		PKS	
YEAR	1980	1983	1980	1983	1980	1983
N PATH						
75 ENHD	7.02	6.90	6.91	7.06	7.06	6.81
150 ENHD	8.50	7.64	8.72	8.17	8.44	7.85
225 ENHD	8.57	8.45	8.98	8.58	8.65	8.07
150 STND	8.11	7.42	8.10	7.91	7.81	7.43

	PK SUB	---		--S		PKS	
N PATH	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
75 ENHD		6.98	6.95	6.82	7.06	6.65	7.08
150 ENHD		7.71	8.25	8.30	8.52	7.86	8.29
225 ENHD		7.77	8.88	8.62	8.85	8.10	8.49
150 STND		7.20	8.05	7.44	8.29	6.96	7.95

	YEAR	1980		1983	
N PATH	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
75 ENHD		6.83	7.08	6.80	6.98
150 ENHD		8.19	8.73	7.72	7.97
225 ENHD		8.13	9.03	8.21	8.45
150 STND		7.38	8.32	7.02	7.87

	YEAR	1980		1983	
PK SUB	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
---		7.34	8.40	7.49	7.66
--S		8.12	8.21	7.48	8.15
PKS		7.43	8.27	7.35	7.64

		YEAR	1980		1983	
N PATH	PK SUB	DRILL	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT	CNVNTIAL	DIRECT
75 ENHD	---		6.82	7.12	7.14	6.77
	--S		7.11	6.81	6.54	7.32
	PKS		6.57	7.31	6.73	6.85
150 ENHD	---		7.77	8.86	7.65	7.64
	--S		8.77	8.69	7.83	8.34
	PKS		8.03	8.64	7.69	7.93
225 ENHD	---		7.49	9.11	8.05	8.65
	--S		8.88	9.03	8.37	8.68
	PKS		8.01	8.96	8.19	8.01
150 STND	---		7.30	8.51	7.10	7.58
	--S		7.70	8.29	7.18	8.28
	PKS		7.13	8.15	6.79	7.75

N PATH	75 ENHD	150 ENHD	225 ENHD	150 STND	MEAN
EXTRA					
TPK 80 D	6.74	8.62	9.23	8.24	8.21
TPK 80 C	6.76	8.19	8.81	7.39	7.79
MEAN	6.75	8.40	9.02	7.81	8.00

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

TABLE	EXTRA	PK SUB	YEAR	DRILL	
SED	0.404	0.165	0.135	0.143	
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB	N PATH* YEAR	PK SUB YEAR	N PATH* DRILL	
SED	0.251	0.205	0.234	0.218	
TABLE	PK SUB DRILL	YEAR DRILL	N PATH* EXTRA	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR	
SED	0.286	0.233			MIN REP
	0.248	0.202	0.616	0.355	MAX-MIN
	0.202	0.165			MAX REP
TABLE	N PATH* PK SUB DRILL	N PATH* YEAR DRILL	PK SUB YEAR DRILL	N PATH* PK SUB YEAR DRILL	
SED	0.435	0.355	0.404	0.616	MIN REP
	0.377	0.307	0.350	0.533	MAX-MIN
	0.308	0.251	0.286	0.435	MAX REP

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

STRATUM	DF	SE	CV%
WP1	6	0.286	3.6
WP1.WP2	18	0.379	4.8

GRAIN MEAN DM% 82.3

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341