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#### 87/R/SU/1

#### SUNFLOWERS

#### EARLY VARIETIES AND PLANT HEALTH

Object: To compare six varieties of sunflower with and without sprays to control pathogens - Hoosfield.

Sponsor: C.J. Rawlinson.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 12 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 4.5 x 10.0.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

1. VARIETY Varieties:

SUNBRED Sunbred 246
EX 10 Ex 10
EX 34 Ex 34
S 2004 S 2004
CERFLOR Cerflor
SUNWHEAT Sunwheat

2. PATHCONT Pathogen control:

NONE None

FULL Full: Carbendazim at 0.25 kg with vinclozolin at 0.50 kg in 220 l on 25 July, 1987, 5 Aug, 19 Aug, 2 Sept and 16 Sept

NOTES: (1) Varieties SUNBRED and CERFLOR were desiccated with diquat at 0.60 kg ion in 220 l on 12 Oct, 1987 but were not harvested for yield because of subsequent storm and bird damage.

(2) The remaining varieties were desiccated with diquat at 0.60 kg ion in 220 1 on 18 Sept and combine harvested on 25 Sept.

Basal applications: Manures: 'Nitram' at 200 kg. Weedkillers: Glyphosate at 1.4 kg in 200 l. Trifluralin at 0.84 kg in 200 l. Linuron at 0.75 kg in 500 l.

Seed: Varieties, sown at 80,000 seeds per hectare.

Cultivations, etc.:- Glyphosate applied: 6 Nov, 1986. Ploughed: 1 Dec. Spring-tine cultivated: 14 Apr, 1987. N applied, trifluralin applied, rotary harrowed twice: 15 Apr. Seed sown: 17 Apr. Linuron applied: 21 Apr. Previous crops: Sugar beet 1985, s. barley 1986.

NOTE: Disease assessments were made on five occasions from June until September. Growth stages and plant height were assessed on ten occasions thoughout the season. Oil contents of the grain were measured.

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GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

\*\*\*\* Tables of means \*\*\*\*

| PATHCONT | NONE | FULL | Mean |
|----------|------|------|------|
| VARIETY  |      |      |      |
| EX 10    | 1.79 | 1.71 | 1.75 |
| EX 34    | 0.52 | 0.78 | 0.65 |
| S 2004   | 2.71 | 2.38 | 2.55 |
| SUNWHEAT | 1.50 | 1.88 | 1.69 |
| Mean     | 1.63 | 1.69 | 1.66 |

\*\*\* Standard errors of differences of means \*\*\*

| Table  | VARIETY | PATHCONT | VARIETY |
|--------|---------|----------|---------|
| s.e.d. | 0.168   | 0.119    | 0.238   |

\*\*\*\*\* Stratum standard errors and coefficients of variation \*\*\*\*\*

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv% BLOCK.WP 14 0.291 17.6

GRAIN MEAN DM% 61.9

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00200