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#### 87/R/SU/7

#### SUNFLOWERS

## SOWING DATES

Object: To study the effects of sowing dates on the rates of vegetative and floral devolpment, seed growth, dates of maturity and yield of sunflowers - Garden Plot X.

Sponsor: G.F.J. Milford.

Design: 2 randomised blocks of 6 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 2.5 x 3.0.

#### Treatments:

SOWDATE	Sowing dates:
18 MAR 2 APR 15 APR 6 MAY 19 MAY 3 JUNE	18 March, 1987 2 April 15 April 6 May 19 May 3 June

NOTE: Yields were not taken for SOWDATE 3 JUNE.

Basal applications: Manures: 'Nitro-Chalk' at 255 kg. Weedkillers: Trifluralin at 1.1 kg in 220 l. Linuron at 0.50 kg in 220 l.

Seed: Asmer 3 sown at 260,000 seeds per hectare and thinned to 86,000 plants per hectare.

Cultivations, etc.:- Ploughed: 16 Dec, 1986. N and trifluralin applied, rotary cultivated: 16 Mar, 1987. Linuron applied to each successive sowing date: 19 Mar, 6 Apr, 15 Apr, 6 May, 19 May, 3 June. First two sowings harvested by hand: 7 Oct. Remaining sowings harvested by hand: 13 Oct. Previous crops: Lupins 1985, s. barley 1986.

NOTES: (1) Phenological development was monitored during the season.
(2) Dry matters of stems and heads, heights, head diameter and

oil content were measured at harvest.

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GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

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

SOWDATE 18 MAR 2 APR 15 APR 6 MAY 19 MAY 1.45 1.70 1.26 2.39 2.26 Mean 1.81

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

Table

SOWDATE

s.e.d.

0.277

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

Stratum

d.f.

s.e.

CV%

BLOCK . WP

4

0.277 15.2

GRAIN MEAN DM% NOT RECORDED

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00030