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# Yields of the Field <br> Experiments 1987 

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## Table of Means

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## Harvest areas for cereals

On most of those cereal experiments at Rothamsted and Woburn which are harvested by combine the 'blank-row' technique is used to distinguish the areas taken for yield from the discard areas. For example when seed is drilled in rows 7 in . ( 18 cm ) apart appropriate coulters are prevented from sowing and 8 or 16 rows are left for yield according to the cutter-bar width of the combine to be used. If the row-spacing is other than 7 in . a similar arrangement is used but with a different number of rows.

The ends of plots are separated from each other or from headlands by $3 \mathrm{ft}(91 \mathrm{~cm})$ fallow paths made after the crop has established.

The 'Area harvested' in the 'Yields', when the blank-row technique is used, is the product:-
number of rows harvested $x$ distance between rows $x$ length of rows.
A series of experiments at Rothamsted showed that on average the yield of 16 rows ( $50 \mathrm{ft}(15 \mathrm{~m}$ ) long) was $7.8 \%$ greater with blank rows than without. (Experimental Husbandry 23 pp 16-20 (1972)).

If no rows are left blank and the plot is wider than the combine harvester so that discards are left uncut, the 'Area harvested' is the product:-
width of cutter bar $x$ length of rows.
If the plot is narrower than the combine so that the whole area between paths is cut, the 'Area harvested' is the product:-
number of rows $x$ distance between rows $x$ length of rows.
We do not apply the adjustment used by some workers who take the harvested areas as width $x$ length where each is measured to the centre of 'paths' up to a maximum of 18 in . ( 46 cm ).

Tables of means
Tables of means are presented directly from computer output. Both factor and level names are presented in upper case characters. Vertical and horizontal lines are omitted e.g.:-

| FACTOR C | LEVEL C1 | LEVEL C2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |$\quad$| LEVEL C3 |
| :--- |
| FACTOR B |$\quad$ LEVEL B1 LEVEL B2 $\quad$ LEVEL B1 LEVEL B2 | LEVEL B1 LEVEL B2 |
| :--- | :--- | FACTOR A LEVEL A1

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LEVEL A2

## Standard errors

NOTES: (1) This report gives standard errors of differences, not of means.
(2) Annotations (e.g. * min rep, max-min, $\max$ rep) to S.E.Ds are only explained the first time they occur in any experiment.

