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WINTER OILSEED RAPE

STRAW TREATMENTS BEFORE SOWING

**Object:** To study the effects of a range of methods of treating cereal straw on the establishment and yield of w. oilseed rape sown on two dates, with and without seedbed N - Whittlocks.

**Sponsors:** R.J. Darby, D.P Yeoman.

**Design:** 2 randomised blocks of 6 plots split into 2 sub plots each split into 2 sub sub plots.

**Whole plot dimensions:** 6.0 x 31.0.

**Treatments:** All combinations of:-

Whole plots

1. **STR DISP** Disposal of straw:  
BURN Burnt 14 Aug, 1987  
CHOP Chopped 18 Aug  
BALE Baled 14 Aug and bales removed
2. **CULTIVTN** Method of primary cultivation:  
TINE CULT Tine cultivated, without inversion  
PLOUGH Ploughed 18 Aug, 1987

Sub plots

3. **SOW DATE** Dates of sowing:  
20 AUG 20 Aug, 1987  
11 SEPT 11 Sept

Sub sub plots

4. **SDBED N** Seedbed nitrogen (kg N) as 'Nitram' on 19 Aug, 1987:  
0  
50

- NOTES:**
- (1) All plots were rotary harrowed on 19 Aug, 1987.
  - (2) **STR DISP** BURN plots were disced on 15 Aug.
  - (3) **CULTIVTN** TINE CULT plots were cultivated by rotary grubber and **CULTIVTN** PLOUGH plots were disced on 19 Aug.
  - (4) All plots were harrowed before drilling. **SOW DATE** 11 SEPT plots were also rotary harrowed before drilling. All plots were harrowed in and rolled after drilling.
  - (5) **SOW DATE** 20 AUG plots were sprayed with metazachlor at 0.75 kg in 380 l on 21 Aug, 1987 and at 0.50 kg in 200 l on 1 Oct. **SOW DATE** 11 SEPT plots received metazachlor at 1.2 kg in 200 l on 1 Oct.

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**Basal applications:** Manures: 'Nitram' at 580 kg. Weedkiller: TCA at 16 kg in 200 l. Desiccant: Diquat at 0.60 kg ion with a wetting agent ('Enhance' at 0.50 l) in 520 l.

**Seed:** Bienvenu, dressed gamma HCH, thiram and fenpropimorph, sown at 8.0 kg.

**Cultivations, etc.:-** Weedkiller applied: 20 Aug, 1987. N applied: 18 Feb, 1988. Desiccant with wetting agent applied: 20 July. Combine harvested: 26 July. Previous crops: W. wheat 1986, w. barley 1987.

**NOTE:** Emergence counts were made in autumn and plant counts in mid-March. Percentages of oil in the grain were measured.

**GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE**

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

CULTIVTN	TINE CULT	PLOUGH	Mean
<b>STR DISP</b>			
BURN	3.05	3.20	3.12
CHOP	3.35	3.16	3.25
BALE	3.19	3.33	3.26
Mean	3.20	3.23	3.21
<b>SOW DATE</b> 20 AUG 11 SEPT Mean			
<b>STR DISP</b>			
BURN	2.79	3.45	3.12
CHOP	2.77	3.74	3.25
BALE	2.77	3.76	3.26
Mean	2.78	3.65	3.21
<b>SOW DATE</b> 20 AUG 11 SEPT Mean			
<b>CULTIVTN</b>			
TINE CULT	2.74	3.65	3.20
PLOUGH	2.82	3.64	3.23
Mean	2.78	3.65	3.21
<b>SDBED N</b> 0 50 Mean			
<b>STR DISP</b>			
BURN	3.19	3.06	3.12
CHOP	3.35	3.16	3.25
BALE	3.25	3.28	3.26
Mean	3.26	3.16	3.21
<b>SDBED N</b> 0 50 Mean			
<b>CULTIVTN</b>			
TINE CULT	3.21	3.18	3.20
PLOUGH	3.31	3.14	3.23
Mean	3.26	3.16	3.21

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GRAIN (AT 90% DRY MATTER) TONNES/HECTARE

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

SDBED N	0	50	Mean
SOW DATE			
20 AUG	2.84	2.72	2.78
11 SEPT	3.69	3.61	3.65
Mean	3.26	3.16	3.21

STR DISP	CULTIVTN	TINE CULT		PLOUGH	
		20 AUG	11 SEPT	20 AUG	11 SEPT
BURN		3.03	3.06	2.55	3.84
CHOP		2.53	4.17	3.01	3.31
BALE		2.66	3.73	2.88	3.78

STR DISP	CULTIVTN	TINE CULT		PLOUGH	
		0	50	0	50
BURN	SDBED N	3.13	2.96	3.25	3.15
CHOP		3.52	3.18	3.18	3.13
BALE		2.99	3.40	3.51	3.15

STR DISP	SDBED N	SOW DATE		20 AUG		11 SEPT	
		0	50	0	50	0	50
BURN		2.70	2.89	3.68	3.22		
CHOP		2.95	2.59	3.75	3.73		
BALE		2.86	2.68	3.64	3.87		

CULTIVTN	SDBED N	SOW DATE		20 AUG		11 SEPT	
		0	50	0	50	0	50
TINE CULT		2.79	2.70	3.64	3.67		
PLOUGH		2.89	2.74	3.74	3.55		

STR DISP	CULTIVTN	SDBED N	SOW DATE		20 AUG		11 SEPT	
			0	50	0	50	0	50
BURN	TINE CULT		2.86	3.20	3.39	2.73		
	PLOUGH		2.54	2.57	3.96	3.72		
CHOP	TINE CULT		2.87	2.20	4.17	4.17		
	PLOUGH		3.04	2.98	3.33	3.28		
BALE	TINE CULT		2.63	2.69	3.34	4.12		
	PLOUGH		3.09	2.67	3.93	3.63		

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

	STR DISP	CULTIVTN	SOW DATE	SDBED N
	0.044	0.036	0.252	0.093

	STR DISP	STR DISP	CULTIVTN	STR DISP
	CULTIVTN	SOW DATE	SOW DATE	SDBED N
	0.062	0.312	0.254	0.122

Except when comparing means with the same level(s) of

STR DISP	0.436		0.160
CULTIVTN		0.356	

	CULTIVTN	SOW DATE	STR DISP	STR DISP
	SDBED N	SDBED N	CULTIVTN	CULTIVTN
			SOW DATE	SDBED N
	0.099	0.268	0.441	0.172

Except when comparing means with the same level(s) of

CULTIVTN	0.131		
SOW DATE		0.131	
STR DISP.CULTIVTN			0.617
			0.227

	STR DISP	CULTIVTN	STR DISP
	SOW DATE	SOW DATE	CULTIVTN
	SDBED N	SDBED N	SOW DATE
			SDBED N
	0.351	0.286	0.496

Except when comparing means with the same level(s) of

STR DISP	0.465		
CULTIVTN		0.380	
STR DISP.CULTIVTN			0.658
STR DISP.SOW DATE			
	0.227		
CULTIVTN.SOW DATE		0.185	
STR DISP.SDBED N			
	0.465		
CULTIVTN.SDBED N		0.380	
STR DISP.CULTIVTN.SOW DATE			0.321
STR DISP.CULTIVTN.SDBED N			0.658

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

Stratum	d.f.	s.e.	cv%
BLOCK.WP	5	0.062	1.9
BLOCK.WP.SP1	6	0.617	19.2
BLOCK.WP.SP1.SP2	12	0.321	10.0

GRAIN MEAN DM% 79.7

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00345