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POTATOES

FUNGICIDES WITH THE SEED

Object: To study the effects of fungicides applied with the seed at planting on the yield and tuber diseases of potatoes - Great Harpenden II.

Sponsors: R. Moffitt, G.A. Hide.

Design: 4 randomised blocks of 8 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 1.5 x 6.10.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

1. VARIETY Varieties:

DESIREE ESTIMA

2. SOILFUNG Fungicides, per t of seed, applied in the ridge at planting:

NONE None

THIA+IMA Thiabendazole at 30 g plus imazalil at 10 g

TOLC MET Tolclofos methyl at 250 g

plus two extra treatments with fungicides, applied to the seed of Estima only, before planting:

SD FN ES

THIA+IMA Thiabendazole at 30 g plus imazalil at 10 g per t of

seed

TOLC MET Tolclofos methyl at 125 g per t of seed

NOTES: (1) SOILFUNG applications were made with a powder applicator placing the fungicide alongside the potatoes at planting.

- (2) SD FN ES treatments were applied to tubers by electrostatic sprayer in 0.44 l of water per tonne of seed on 10 Apr, 1989.
- (3) Irrigation was applied on 14 June (12mm), 15 June (12mm), 22 June (25mm), 29 June (25mm).
- Basal applications: Manures: (0:18:36) at 920 kg. FYM at 60 t.
 (13:13:20) at 1510 kg. Weedkiller: Linuron at 1.6 kg in 400 l.
 Fungicides: Mancozeb at 1.4 kg in 200 l on three occasions and at
 1.0 kg in 200 l on a fourth occasion. Fentin hydroxide at 0.27 kg in
 260 l.
- Cultivations, etc.:- PK applied: 27 Sept, 1988. FYM applied: 23 Nov 7 Dec. Ploughed: 12 Dec. NPK applied: 31 Mar, 1989. Rotary harrowed, potatoes planted: 3 May. Ridged: 24 May. Linuron applied: 28 May. Mancozeb applied: 3 July, 17 July, 28 July, 14 Aug. Fentin hydroxide applied: 30 Aug. Haulm mechanically destroyed: 18 Sept. Lifted: 13 Oct. Previous crops: W. barley 1987 and 1988.

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NOTE: Tubers were examined at harvest for blemishing diseases and some were stored to observe disease development.

TOTAL TUBERS TONNES/HECTARE

**** Tables of means ****

SOILFUNG VARIETY	NONE	THIA+IMA	TOLC MET	Mean
DESIREE	56.0	56.9	51.8	54.9
ESTIMA	56.4	54.6	52.5	54.5
Mean	56.2	55.8	52.2	54.7

SD FN ES THIA+IMA TOLC MET Mean 44.3 46.0 45.2

GRAND MEAN 52.3

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

VARIETY	SOILFUNG	VARIETY				
			SOILFUNG			
		&	SD	FN	ES	
1.87	2.29			3	24	

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

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv% BLOCK.WP 21 4.58 8.8

PERCENTAGE WARE 3.81 CM (1.5 INCH) RIDDLE

**** Tables of means ****

SOILFUNG VARIETY	NONE	THIA+IMA	TOLC MET	Mean
DESIREE ESTIMA	97.0 95.9	96.6 96.6	96.8 96.9	96.8 96.5
Mean	96.4	96.6	96.9	96.7

SD FN ES THIA+IMA TOLC MET Mean 96.9 96.8 96.9

GRAND MEAN 96.7

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00091