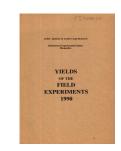
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#### 90/W/CS/346

#### SET-ASIDE STUDY

Object: To compare different treatments of land temporarily withdrawn from arable cropping and to study their effects on nitrate leaching and on subsequent wheat crops - Woburn, White Horse.

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The first year, w. wheat, forage rape, ryegrass, trefoil.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 7 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: 10.0 x 24.0.

#### Treatments:

1. LAND TRT	Land treatment, after w. wheat 1989:
CA WW	Cultivated in autumn, sown to w. wheat
CA RA	Cultivated in autumn, sown to ryegrass in autumn, topped in spring
SA CA FA	Straw chopped and spread in autumn, cultivated in autumn, sown to forage rape in autumn, topped in spring
CA CS	Cultivated in autumn, cultivated in spring
SA CS	Straw chopped and spread in autumn, cultivated in spring
WT	Weeds topped
WT CS TS	Weeds topped, cultivated in spring, trefoil sown in spring, topped

NOTE: Yields were taken only from CA WW.

## Standard applications, seed and cultivations, etc.:-

- CA WW: W. wheat straw baled and carted: 22 Aug, 1989. Ploughed: 29 Aug. Rolled: 1 Sept. Rotary harrowed with crumbler attached, Mercia wheat seed sown at 150 kg: 2 Oct. Weedkillers: Isoxaben at 75 g with isoproturon at 1.5 kg in 200 l applied: 11 Dec. Bromoxynil at 0.34 kg, clopyralid at 0.07 kg with fluroxypyr at 0.15 kg in 220 l applied: 28 Apr, 1990. Manures: N applied at 40 kg: 8 Mar and at 160 kg: 17 Apr as 'Nitram'. Fungicides: Propiconazole at 0.12 kg with chlorothalonil at 0.50 kg in 300 l applied: 22 May. Combine harvested: 7 Aug.
- CA RA: W. wheat straw baled and carted: 22 Aug, 1989. Ploughed: 29 Aug. Rolled: 1 Sept. Rotary cultivated with crumbler attached, Italian ryegrass seed sown at 25 kg and rolled: 7 Sept. Topped: 18 May, 1990, 5 July and 11 Sept.
- SA CA FA: W. wheat straw chopped: 22 Aug, 1989. Ploughed: 29 Aug. Rolled: 1 Sept. Rotary cultivated with crumbler attached, Giant forage rape seed sown at 10 kg and rolled: 7 Sept. Topped: 18 May, 1990, 5 July and 11 Sept.
- CA CS: W. wheat straw baled and carted: 22 Aug, 1989. Ploughed: 29 Aug. Weedkillers: Paraquat at 0.80 kg ion in 250 l applied: 12 Jan, 1990 and 15 Mar. Cultivated with 'thistle bar': 25 May and 17 July.

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#### Standard applications, seed and cultivations, etc.:-

SA CS: W. wheat straw chopped: 22 Aug, 1989. Shallow-tine cultivated: 30 Apr, 1990 and 11 June.

WT: W. wheat straw baled and carted: 22 Aug, 1989. Topped: 18 May, 1990, 5 July and 11 Sept.

WT CS TS: W. wheat straw baled and carted: 22 Aug, 1989. Topped, ploughed, rotary harrowed, Virgo Pajayere trefoil seed, inoculated with Rhizobium, sown at 10 kg: 15 May, 1990. Topped: 11 Sept. Previous crops: Potatoes 1988, w. wheat 1989.

NOTE: Soil nitrogen, dry matter and plant cover were assessed in autumn, spring and summer.

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE (CA WW PLOT ONLY) 4.91

MEAN DM% 89.4

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00528