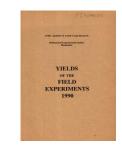
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### 90/R/SU/2

#### SUNFLOWERS

#### ROW SPACINGS AND SEED RATES

Object: To study the effects of three row spacings and three seed rates on growth, disease and yield of sunflowers - Great Harpenden I.

Sponsors: V.J. Church, C.J. Rawlinson.

Design: 4 randomised blocks of 9 plots.

Whole plot dimensions: Wide and narrow rows: 3.0 x 10.0

Medium rows:  $3.04 \times 10.0$ .

Treatments: All combinations of:-

ROW SPAC Spacing between rows:

NARROW 25 cm MEDIUM 38 cm WIDE 50 cm

POPULATN Seeds sown per hectare:

80 80,000 120 120,000 160 160,000

NOTE: Plants were netted against birds from sowing until harvest.

Basal applications: Manures: (13:13:21) at 380 kg. Weedkillers: Trifluralin at 1.1 kg in 200 l. Linuron at 0.50 kg in 200 l. Desiccant: Diquat at 0.60 kg ion applied with a wetting agent, 'Vassgrow' at 0.22 l, in 220 l. Irrigation: 22 mm on each of two occasions.

Seed: Vincent.

Cultivations, etc.:- Ploughed: 1 Sept, 1989. Rolled: 4 Sept. Deep-tine cultivated: 24 Nov. Spring-tine cultivated, NPK applied: 12 Mar, 1990. Trifluralin applied, spring-tine cultivated twice: 24 Apr. Seed sown: 26 Apr. Linuron applied: 1 May. Irrigation applied: 3 and 25 May. Desiccant applied: 5 Sept. Hand harvested: 12 Sept. Previous crops: W. wheat 1988 and 1989.

NOTE: Plant heights and head diameters were measured and plants counted at maturity. Botrytis was assessed in late summer.

#### 90/R/SU/2

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

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

POPULATN	80	120	160	Mean
ROW SPAC				
NARROW	3.17	3.55	3.03	3.25
MEDIUM	3.25	3.28	2.85	3.13
WIDE	3.43	3.26	3.18	3.29
Mean	3.28	3.37	3.02	3.22

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

ROW SPAC	POPULATN	ROW SPAC
		POPULATN
0.127	0.127	0.220

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

 Stratum
 d.f.
 s.e.
 cv%

 BLOCK.WP
 24
 0.311
 9.7

GRAIN MEAN DM% 76.3

PLOT AREA HARVESTED NARROW 0.00125 PLOT AREA HARVESTED MEDIUM 0.00114 PLOT AREA HARVESTED WIDE 0.00150