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# Yields of the Field Experiments 1994



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# **Annuals - Winter and Spring Wheat**

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#### WINTER WHEAT

#### NITROGEN INDICATORS

Object: To relate chlorophyll concentrations in individual leaves of w. wheat to nitrogen supply and crop yield - Delharding.

Sponsor: P.B. Barraclough.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 8 plots.

Plot dimensions: 3.0 x 15.0.

#### Treatments:

```
Nitrogen in spring (kg N) applied as 34.5% N at first node
N
                    formation:
                 0
                 50
1
                 100
2
                 150
3
                 200
4
                 250
5
6
                 300
                  40 and, in addition, four subsequent dressings of 40,
                     applied at weekly intervals (total 200)
```

#### Experimental diary:

```
24-Aug-93: B: Ploughed and furrow pressed.
27-Aug-93 : B : Rolled.
15-Oct-93 : B : Triple superphosphate at 213 kg.
18-Oct-93 : B : Spring-tine cultivated.
23-Oct-93 : B : Rotary harrowed, Hereward, dressed Cerevax, drilled at
                   380 seeds per m2.
18-Apr-94 : T : N 1: 34.5% N at 145 kg.
          : T : N 2: 34.5% N at 290 kg.
          : T : N 3: 34.5% N at 435 kg.
          : T : N 4: 34.5% N at 580 kg.
          : T : N 5: 34.5% N at 725 kg.
          : T : N 6: 34.5% N at 870 kg.
          : T : N 7: 34.5% N at 116 kg.
25-Apr-94 : T : N 7: 34.5% N at 116 kg.
01-May-94 : B : Halo at 2.0 1 with Tripart Brevis at 2.5 1 in 200 1.
03-May-94 : T : N 7: 34.5% N at 116 kg.
09-May-94 : B : Ally at 30 g with Cheetah Super at 3.0 1 and Starane 2
                   at 0.75 1 in 200 1.
10-May-94 : T : N 7: 34.5% N at 116 kg.
18-May-94 : T : N 7: 34.5% N at 116 kg.
23-Jun-94 : B : Cyclone at 1.0 l with Mallard 750 EC at 0.5 l in 200 l.
22-Aug-94 : B : Combine harvested.
```

NOTES: (1) Leaf chlorophyll was measured at weekly intervals with a handheld meter.

- (2) Crop growth, leaf area index and N content of the crop were measured on four occasions in spring and summer.
- (3) Yield components and N content of straw and grain were measured at final harvest.

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

N 5.28 1 7.22 2 8.88 3 9.29 4 9.36 5 10.05 6 9.90 7 9.93 8.74 Mean

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

**N** 0.432

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

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv%
BLOCK.WP 14 0.529 6.0

GRAIN MEAN DM% 87.9

#### 94/W/WW/1

#### WINTER WHEAT

## SULPHUR AND WHEAT

Object: To measure the uptake of sulphur and the effect of fertilizer sulphur on the yield and quality of w. wheat grown on light soil - Woburn, Lansome II.

Sponsors: S.P. McGrath, F. Zhao.

Design: 5 blocks of 2 plots, systematically arranged.

Plot dimensions: 5.0 x 10.0.

#### Treatments:

SULPHUR Sulphur fertilizer (kg S), as potassium sulphate:

SO 0
S4 40

NOTE: The potassium was balanced by applying potassium chloride to the S0 plots.

#### Experimental diary:

20-Sep-93 : B : Ploughed.

16-Oct-93 : B : Rotary harrowed, Hereward, dressed Cerevax, drilled at 325 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.

10-Mar-94: T: SULPHUR SO: Potassium chloride at 186 kg.

: T : SULPHUR S4: Potassium sulphate at 217 kg.

13-Apr-94 : B : 27% N at 415 kg. 27-Apr-94 : B : 27% N at 415 kg.

01-May-94 : B : Oxytril CM at 1.5 l with Duplosan New System CMPP at 2.0 l and Halo at 1.5 l in 200 l.

30-May-94 : B : Cyclone at 1.0 l with Mistral at 0.5 l in 200 l.

14-Jun-94 : B : Hostathion at 0.84 1 in 200 1.

22-Aug-94 : B : Combine harvested.

Previous crops: W. rape 1992, s. barley 1993.

NOTE: Samples of grain and straw were taken for chemicals analysis and grain was tested for baking quality. Soil was also sampled for sulphur content.

#### 94/W/WW/1

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

SULPHUR

S0 5.08 S4 5.27

Mean 5.17

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

#### SULPHUR

0.255

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

Stratum

d.f.

s.e.

BLOCK.WP

4 0.403

7.8

GRAIN MEAN DM% 88.2

## STRAW TONNES/HECTARE

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

SULPHUR

S0

S4

3.80 4.46

Mean

4.13

STRAW MEAN DM% 86.1

#### WINTER WHEAT

#### HERBICIDE, WEED SPECIES AND DENSITY

Object: To study the effects of various densities of weeds and their suppression by the use of herbicides on the growth and yield of w. wheat - Fosters.

Sponsor: P.J.W. Lutman.

Design: 2 randomised blocks of 2 x 5 x 4 plots.

Plot dimensions: 3.0 x 14.0.

#### Treatments:

1. SPECIES	Weed species:				
CL	Cleavers (Galium aparine)				
CW	Chickweed (Stellaria media)				

WEED DEN Target weed densities, plants per m<sup>2</sup>:

	Cleavers	Chickweed		
D0	0	0		
D1	10	100		
D2	20	200		
D3	40	400		
D4	80	800		

3. HERB DSE Herbicide dosage, g active ingredient:

	Triasulfuron		Bromoxynil	Ioxynil	Mecoprop	
	29 Apr	2 Jun	29 Apr	29 Apr	29 Apr	
	0	0	0	0	0	
L1	1.0	4.0	0	0	0	
L2	1.5	6.0	0	0	0	
L3	1.5	6.0	140	140	1120	

#### Experimental diary:

10-Aug-93: B: Rotary cultivated with Bomford Dynadrive.

13-Aug-93 : B : Deep tine cultivated with vibrating tines 60 cm apart, 45 cm deep.

24-Aug-93 : B : Rolled. 15-Sep-93 : B : Ploughed.

18-Oct-93 : B : Rotary harrowed.

: T : SPECIES CL, CW: Weed seeds sown by hand.

19-Oct-93 : B : Rotary harrowed, Mercia, dressed Cerevax, drilled at 380

seeds per m2.

11-Apr-94 : B : 34.5% N at 448 kg.

#### Experimental diary:

29-Apr-94 : T : HERB DSE L1: Lo-gran 20 WG at 5.0 g in 220 1. : T : HERB DSE L2: Lo-gran 20 WG at 7.5 g in 220 1.

: T : HERB DSE L3: Lo-gran 20 WG at 7.5 g with Swipe 560 EC at 2.5 1 in 220 1.

01-May-94 : B : Halo at 2.0 l with Tripart Brevis at 2.5 l in 200 l.

31-May-94 : B : Cyclone at 1.0 l with Mallard 750 EC at 0.5 l in 200 l. 02-Jun-94 : T : HERB DSE Ll: Lo-gran 20 WG at 20.0 g in 220 l.

: T : HERB DSE L2, L3: Lo-gran 20 WG at 30.0 g in 220 1.

16-Jun-94 : B : Dursban 48E at 800 ml in 200 1.

15-Aug-94 : B : Combine harvested.

# NOTES: (1) Samples were taken in May, June and July to determine crop and weed dry weights.

(2) Yields, cleaned of weed seeds, are presented. The analysis has been adjusted for the presence of blackgrass, assessed on 17 June.

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

WEED DEN	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	Mean
SPECIES						
CL	8.95	8.91	8.27	8.24	7.79	8.43
CW	9.19	8.49	8.43	8.33	7.86	8.46
Mean	9.07	8.70	8.35	8.28	7.82	8.45
HERB DSE		L1	L2	L3	Mean	
SPECIES						
CL	7.74	8.70	8.55	8.73	8.43	
CW	7.74	8.74	8.67	8.68	8.46	
Mean	7.74	8.72	8.61	8.71	8.45	
HERB DSE WEED DEN	-	L1	L2	L3	Mean	
D0	8.87	9.21	9.14	9.07	9.07	
D1	7.98	8.78	9.06	8.97	8.70	
D2	7.87	8.69	8.42	8.42	8.35	
D3	7.54	8.73	8.10	8.76	8.28	
D4	6.44	8.19	8.34	8.32	7.82	
Mean	7.74	8.72	8.61	8.71	8.45	

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

	HERB	DSE	_	L1	L2	L3
SPECIES	WEED	DEN				
CL		D0	8.92	9.12	8.93	8.83
		D1	8.65	8.84	8.99	9.15
		D2	7.57	8.54	8.19	8.79
		D3	7.58	8.79	7.89	8.68
		D4	5.98	8.22	8.73	8.20
CW		D0	8.83	9.30	9.34	9.30
		D1	7.32	8.72	9.13	8.79
		D2	8.17	8.84	8.65	8.05
		D3	7.50	8.66	8.31	8.84
		D4	6.90	8.17	7.94	8.43

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

SPECIES	WEED DEN	HERB DSE	SPECIES
			WEED DEN
0.136	0.215	0.194	0.304
SPECIES	WEED DEN	SPECIES	
HERB DSE	HERB DSE	WEED DEN	
		HERB DSE	
0.272	0.429	0.605	

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

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv%

BLOCK.WP 38 0.597 7.1

GRAIN MEAN DM% 85.9

#### WINTER WHEAT

#### SOWING DATE AND N

Object: To study the effects of a range of amounts of nitrogen fertilizer applied in different ways to w. wheat sown on different dates - Hoosfield Old Four Course.

Sponsors: R.J. Darby, J. Hopkinson.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 2 x 8 plots.

Plot dimensions: 3.0 x 22.0.

#### Treatments:

1. SOW DATE	Date of sowing:
1 2	Second week in September Third week in October
2. SPRING N	Rate (kg N), form and timing of nitrogen fertilizer applied in spring and summer to achieve different green area indices (GAI):
-	None
A	Conventional: 60 in mid-March, 205 in late April, both as 27% N
В	GAI 3: 30 in mid-March, 70 in late April, both as 27% N
С	GAI 5: 60 in mid-March, 140 in late April, both as 27% N
D	GAI 5: as 'C' plus 40 as foliar urea at growth stage (GS) 34-35
E	GAI 5: as 'C' plus 40 as foliar urea at GS 39-45
F	GAI 5: as 'C' plus 40 as foliar urea at GS 68
G	GAI 5: as 'C' plus 40 as 27% N at GS 39-45

NOTE: Foliar urea contains 46.6% N.

#### Experimental diary:

- 10-Sep-93 : B : Ploughed.
- 23-Sep-93 : B : Spring-tine cultivated, twice.
- 24-Sep-93 : B : Rotary harrowed.
  - : T : SOW DATE 1: Rotary harrowed, Mercia, dressed Cerevax, drilled at 380 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.
- 19-Oct-93 : T : SOW DATE 2: Rotary harrowed, Mercia, dressed Cerevax, drilled at 380 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.
- 21-Dec-93 : B : Draza at 5.5 kg.
- 06-Apr-94 : T : SPRING N A C D E F and G: 27% N at 222 kg.
  - : T : SPRING N B: 27% N at 111 kg.
- 28-Apr-94 : T : SPRING N A: 27% N at 759 kg.
  - : T : SPRING N B: 27% N at 259 kg.
  - :  $\mathbf{T}$  : SPRING N C D E F and G: 27% N at 519 kg.

#### Experimental diary:

24-May-94 : T : SPRING N D: Foliar urea at 86.9 kg in 450 1.

: B : Ally at 30 g with Cheetah Super at 1.5 1 and Starane 2

at 0.75 l in 200 l.

08-Jun-94 : T : SPRING N E: Foliar urea at 86.9 kg in 450 1.

: T : SPRING N G: 27% N at 148 kg.

13-Jun-94 : B : Halo at 2.0 1 with Mallard 750 EC at 0.5 1 in 200 1.

17-Jun-94 : B : Hostathion at 840 ml in 200 1.

23-Jun-94 : T : SPRING N F: Foliar urea at 86.9 kg in 450 1.

16-Aug-94 : B : Combine harvested.

NOTE: Soil samples were taken in February and August to determine soil mineral N content. Plant samples were taken for growth analysis and N content at fortnightly intervals from March to August. After each foliar urea spray plant samples were taken to determine the degree of spray penetration and the crop N content. Components of yield were measured at harvest.

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

SPRING N SOW DATE	-	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Mean
		6.10 7.27							
Mean	1.31	6.68	4.21	5.91	6.06	5.89	6.20	6.32	5.33

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

SOW DATE	SPRING N	SOW DATE
		SPRING N
0.141	0.283	0.400

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

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv% BLOCK.WP 30 0.490 9.2

GRAIN MEAN DM% 86.7

#### STRAW TONNES/HECTARE

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

SPRING N SOW DATE	-	A	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Mean
1	0.18	3.73	2.46	3.41	2.99	3.09	3.01	3.34	2.77
					4.30				
Mean	0.39	4.17	2.65	3.68	3.64	3.50	3 41	3 58	3 13

STRAW MEAN DM% 88.5

#### 94/R/WS/1

#### SPRING WHEAT

#### WEED SOWING DATE AND DENSITY

Object: To measure the response of s. wheat to competition from white mustard (Sinapsis alba) sown on two different dates - Long Hoos I/II.

Sponsor: P.J.W. Lutman.

Design: 3 randomised blocks of (2 x 4) + 2 plots.

Plot dimensions: 3.0 x 10.0.

Treatments: All combinations of:-

1.	WEED SD	Time of sowing white mustard:	
	S1 S2	Same day as drilling wheat 10 days after drilling wheat	
2.	WEED DEN	Density of sown white mustard (plants pe	r m <sup>2</sup> ):
		S1 S2	
	D1	20 12	
	D2	56 19	
	D4	108 73	
	D8	215 90	

plus 2 extra treatments

3.	EXTRA	No	mustard	sown,	hand	weeding:

DO	Not hand weeded
OS	Hand weeded

NOTE: Target white mustard densities (plants per m2):

WEED DEN D1 D2 D4 WEED SD S1: 25 50 100 200 S2: 50 100 200 400

# Experimental Diary:

05-Nov-93 : B : Ploughed.

16-Mar-94 : B : Spring-tine cultivated.

: T : WEED SD S1: White mustard broadcast by hand.

: B : Rotary harrowed, Canon, dressed Rappor, drilled at 350 seeds per m2.

28-Mar-94 : T : WEED SD S2: White mustard broadcast by hand, raked in.

04-May-94 : B : 34.5% N at 348 kg. 22-Aug-94 : B : Combine harvested.

NOTE: Leaf area and ground cover of wheat and mustard were estimated on five occasions in April and May. Dry weights of wheat and mustard were estimated in May, June and August.

#### 94/R/WS/1

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

WEED DEN WEED SD	D1	D2	D8	D8	Mean
S1	4.29	2.16	0.96	0.22	1.91
S2	4.74	4.43	3.64	4.17	4.24
Mean	4.51	3.29	2.30	2.19	3.07
EXTRA					
D0	4.70				
os	4.77				
Mean	4.73				

GRAND MEAN 3.41

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

WEED SD	WEED DEN	WEED SD	
		WEED DEN	
		& EXTRA	
0.225	0.318	0.450	

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

Stratum d.f. s.e. cv%

BLOCK.WP 18 0.551 16.1

GRAIN MEAN DM% \*