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BROADBALK

**Object:** To study the effects of organic and inorganic manures on continuous w. wheat. From 1968 two three-year rotations were included: potatoes, beans, w. wheat and fallow, w. wheat, w. wheat. In 1979 the first rotation was changed to fallow, potatoes, w. wheat. In 1980 the second rotation reverted to continuous w. wheat. Since 1985 part of the second rotation has been added to the first to extend the rotation to fallow, potatoes, w. wheat, w. wheat, w. wheat, in 1996 the fallow was replaced by w. oats and potatoes replaced by maize in 1997.

The 155th year, w. wheat, w. oats and forage maize.

For previous years see 'Details' 1967 and 1973, Station Report for 1966, pp. 229-231, Station Report for 1978, Part 2, Station Report for 1982, Part 2, pp. 5-44 and 74-97/R/BK/1.

**Areas harvested:**

Wheat:	Section	
	0	0.00351
	1	0.00645
	3,4,5 and 6	0.00533
	8 and 9	0.00561
Oats:	7	0.00533
Maize:	2	0.00162

**Treatments:**

Whole plots

**PLOT**

Fertilizers and organic manures:-

	Plot	Treatments until 1967	Treatments from 1968	Treatments from 1985
01DN4PK	01	-	D N2 P K	D N4 P K
21DN2	21	D	D N2	D N2
22D	22	D	D	D
030	03	None	None	None
05F	05	P K Na Mg	P K (Na) Mg	PK Mg
06N1F	06	N1 P K Na Mg	N1 P K (Na) Mg	N1 P K Mg
07N2F	07	N2 P K Na Mg	N2 P K (Na) Mg	N2 P K Mg
08N3F	08	N3 P K Na Mg	N3 P K (Na) Mg	N3 P K Mg
09N4F	09	N*1 P K Na Mg	N4 P K (Na) Mg	N4 P K Mg
10N2	10	N2	N2	N2
11N2P	11	N2 P	N2 P	N2 P
12N2PNA	12	N2 P Na	N2 P Na	N2 P Na
13N2PK	13	N2 P K	N2 P K	N2 P K
14N2PKMG	14	N2 P Mg	N2 P K Mg	N2 P K Mg
15N5F	15	N2 P K Na Mg	N3 P K (Na) Mg	N5 P K Mg
16N6F	16	N*2 P K Na Mg	N2 P K (Na) Mg	N6 P K Mg
17N1+3FH	17	N2(A)	N2 ½(P K (Na) Mg)	N1+3 ½(PK Mg)+
18N0+3FH	18	P K Na Mg(A)	N2 ½(P K (Na) Mg)	N0+3 ½(PK Mg)+
19(C)	19	C	C	(C) (since 1989)
20N2KMG	20	N2 K Na Mg	N2 K (Na) Mg	N2 K Mg

(A) Alternating each year

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+ This change since 1980. Treatments shown are those to w. wheat; autumn N alternates. Maize received N3 ½(PK Mg) on both plots 17 and 18.

W. oats; Nitrogen and dung were not applied.

N1,N2,N3,N4,N5,N6: 48, 96, 144, 192, 240, 288 kg N as sulphate of ammonia until 1977, except N\* which was nitrate of soda. All as 'Nitro-Chalk' in spring from 1978 to 1985, as 34.5% N since 1986.

N0+3; N1+3: None in autumn + 144 kg N in spring; 48 kg N in autumn + 144 kg N in spring

P: 35 kg P as triple superphosphate in 1974 and since 1988, single superphosphate in other years

K: 90 kg K as sulphate of potash

Na: 55 kg Na as sulphate of soda

(Na): 16 kg Na as sulphate of soda until 1973

Mg: 30 kg Mg annually to Plot 14, 35 kg Mg every third year to other plots since 1974. All as kieserite since 1974, previously as sulphate of magnesia annually

D: Farmyard manure at 35 t

(C): Castor meal to supply 96 kg N until 1988, none since

F: P K (Na) Mg H: Half rate

Strips of sub-plots: Until 1967 wheat alone was grown on the experiment, with some bare fallowing. From 1968, ten strips of sub-plots (sections) were started with the following cropping:-

SECTION	1/W32	9/W40	0/W47	8/W4	6/W21	5/W2	3/W1	7/O	4/W3	2/M
Section	1	9	0*	8+	6**	5	3	7	4	2
Year										
1968	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W	BE
1969	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P	W
1970	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P
1971	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W	BE
1972	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P	W
1973	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P
1974	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W	BE
1975	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P	W
1976	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P
1977	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W	BE
1978	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	BE	P	W
1979	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	P	F
1980	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	P
1981	W	W	W	F	W	W	W	P	F	W
1982	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	F
1983	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	P
1984	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	F	W
1985	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W
1986	W	W	W	W	W	P	F	W	W	W
1987	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	W	W	F
1988	W	W	W	F	W	W	W	F	W	P

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SECTION	1/W32	9/W40	0/W47	8/W4	6/W21	5/W2	3/W1	7/O	4/W3	2/M
Section	1	9	0*	8+	6**	5	3	7	4	2
Year										
1989	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	F	W
1990	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W
1991	W	W	W	W	W	P	F	W	W	W
1992	W	W	W	W	W	W	P	W	W	F
1993	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	P
1994	W	W	W	F	W	W	W	P	F	W
1995	W	W	W	W	W	F	W	W	P	W
1996	W	W	W	W	W	P	O	W	W	W
1997	W	W	W	W	W	W	M	W	W	O
1998	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	O	W	M

W = w. wheat, O = w. oats, P = potatoes, BE = s. beans, F = fallow,  
M = forage maize

\* Straw incorporated since autumn 1986. \*\* No sprays except weedkillers since 1985. + No weedkillers.

- NOTES:** (1) For a fuller record of treatments see 'Details' etc.  
(2) From autumn 1975 to autumn 1986, chalk was applied at 2.9 t each autumn to all plots in sets of Sections on a three-year cycle. Year 1: Sections 1,2,3. Year 2: Sections 6,7,8,9. Year 3: Sections 0,4,5. From autumn 1988 until autumn 1992 a five-year cycle was used. Year 1: Sections 1,3. Year 2: Sections 2,8. Year 3: Sections 7,9. Year 4: Sections 4,6. Year 5: Sections 0,5. None applied since autumn 1991.

**Experimental diary:**

All sections:

- 13-Oct-97 : T : P, K, Na and Mg applied.
- 15-Oct-97 : B : Ploughed and furrow pressed.
- 19-Oct-97 : B : Rotary harrowed.
- 07-Jul-98 : B : Hand rogued wild oats.

Cropped sections:

W. wheat:

- 01-Sep-97 : T : Straw chopped (section 0 only), straw baled (sections 1, 3,4,5,6,8 and 9).
- 14-Oct-97 : T : Farmyard manure and autumn N treatments applied.
- 15-Oct-97 : T : Rotary harrowed, Hereward, dressed Anchor and Fonofos Seed Treatment at 380 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.
- 22-Oct-97 : T : Rolled.
- 05-Feb-98 : T : Amazon at 1.0 l with Chiltern Cropoil at 1.0 l in 200 l (except section 8).
- 24-Mar-98 : T : Spring N treatments applied.
- 08-May-98 : T : Ally at 20 g with Starane 2 at 0.5 l in 200 l (except section 8).
- 08-May-98 : T : Opus at 0.7 l in 200 l (except section 6).
- 01-Jun-98 : T : Opus at 0.7 l in 200 l (except section 6).
- 17-Jun-98 : T : Bavistin DF at 0.5 kg with Opus at 0.4 l in 100 l (except section 6).
- 16-Aug-98 : T : Combine harvested.

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**Experimental diary:**

W. oats:

- 01-Sep-97 : T : Wheat straw baled.
- 21-Oct-97 : T : Rotary harrowed, Image dressed Anchor at 350 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.
- 23-Oct-97 : T : Rolled.
- 08-May-98 : T : Ally at 20 g with Starane 2 at 0.5 l in 200 l.
- 03-Jul-98 : T : Mistral at 1.0 l in 200 l.
- 06-Aug-98 : T : Combine harvested.

Forage maize:

- 20-Aug-97 : T : Oat straw baled.
- 14-Oct-97 : T : Farmyard manure applied.
- 23-Mar-98 : T : Gramoxone 100 at 3.0 l with Luxan Non-Ionic Wetter at 0.1 l in 260 l.
- 30-Apr-98 : T : Spring-tine cultivated.
- 06-May-98 : T : Heavy spring-tine cultivated.
- 07-May-98 : T : Spring N treatments applied, rotary harrowed, Hudson, dressed Mesurool at 11 seeds per m<sup>2</sup>.
- 12-Jun-98 : T : Barclay Mutiny at 2.4 l in 200 l.
- 16-Sep-98 : T : Hand harvested.

**NOTE:** Samples of wheat and oat; grain and straw and forage maize were taken for chemical analysis. Unground grain, straw and maize samples from selected treatments were archived.

**W. WHEAT**

**GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE**

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

SECTION PLOT	3/W1	5/W2	4/W3	8/W4	6/W21	1/W32	9/W40	0/W47
01DN4PK	9.25	9.84	9.65	*	7.23	*	*	*
21DN2	10.01	9.31	8.26	2.74	8.16	8.84	8.31	7.05
22D	7.80	5.41	4.35	1.74	5.09	5.53	4.65	3.88
030	1.42	1.08	1.21	1.33	1.40	1.64	1.28	1.65
05F	1.61	0.81	1.08	0.73	1.10	1.50	1.19	1.19
06N1F	3.93	2.21	2.99	1.37	2.54	3.15	2.34	2.90
07N2F	6.41	3.89	4.74	2.06	3.65	4.49	3.77	4.03
08N3F	7.92	4.24	6.27	2.25	4.58	5.61	4.96	5.50
09N4F	8.96	6.36	7.39	4.08	6.73	6.95	7.19	7.27
10N2	5.50	1.22	4.32	1.09	2.96	3.24	2.81	3.22
11N2P	5.50	3.66	4.10	2.28	3.95	4.76	3.36	4.38
12N2PNA	5.35	4.01	4.01	2.07	3.47	4.56	3.31	4.62
13N2PK	5.54	2.92	3.62	2.89	3.34	4.02	4.46	4.42
14N2PKMG	5.73	3.70	4.25	2.71	3.90	5.25	4.61	4.94
15N5F	9.84	7.48	8.32	3.98	6.59	7.59	8.02	7.52
16N6F	9.35	8.60	8.86	2.75	6.91	8.57	8.39	7.98
17N1+3FH	8.09	6.75	6.84	3.76	5.98	6.78	7.32	7.00
18N0+3FH	7.53	6.47	6.45	2.89	6.06	6.21	6.93	5.94
19C	2.08	1.22	1.77	1.97	1.58	1.97	2.45	1.79
20NKMG	*	*	*	*	*	2.68	*	3.06

GRAIN MEAN DM% 85.2

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STRAW TONNES/HECTARE

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

SECTION PLOT	3/W1	6/W21	1/W32	9/W40
01DN4PK	8.84	*	*	*
21DN2	8.61	6.20	7.50	5.80
22D	5.54	3.77	3.70	3.19
030	0.57	0.63	1.32	0.37
05F	0.60	0.39	0.92	0.52
06N1F	2.86	1.95	2.61	1.97
07N2F	4.24	3.08	3.99	3.24
08N3F	5.16	3.44	4.40	3.87
09N4F	5.79	4.53	5.40	4.97
10N2	3.21	*	2.30	*
11N2P	2.70	*	3.02	*
12N2PNA	3.22	*	3.06	*
13N2PK	3.71	*	3.12	*
14N2PKMG	3.82	*	4.38	*
15N5F	6.25	3.89	5.37	5.60
16N6F	6.93	4.88	6.19	5.75
17N1+3FH	5.68	*	5.03	*
18N0+3FH	5.05	*	4.53	*
19C	0.64	*	1.48	*
20NKMG	*	*	2.25	*

STRAW MEAN DM% 86.7

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

PLOT	GRAIN	STRAW
01DN4PK	6.22	5.22
21DN2	5.90	4.18
22D	5.67	3.92
030	1.42	0.52
05F	1.86	0.85
06N1F	1.66	0.69
07N2F	1.79	0.60
08N3F	2.00	0.82
09N4F	2.78	1.48
10N2	2.62	1.20
11N2P	2.28	0.89
12N2PNA	2.41	1.08
13N2PK	2.12	0.83
14N2PKMG	1.66	0.71
15N5F	3.62	2.03
16N6F	5.14	4.65
17N1+3FH	2.80	1.43
18N0+3FH	2.54	1.32
19C	1.55	0.68

GRAIN MEAN DM% 86.4

STRAW MEAN DM% 67.8

**NOTE:** Dung and nitrogen treatments are residual from previous wheat.

98/R/BK/1 MAIZE

WHOLE CROP (100% DM) TONNES/HECTARE

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

PLOT	WHOLE CROP
01DN4PK	15.38
21DN2	17.79
22D	14.91
030	3.08
05F	4.28
06N1F	9.52
07N2F	13.53
08N3F	11.83
09N4F	13.31
10N2	7.22
11N2P	3.86
12N2PNA	6.27
13N2PK	10.46
14N2PKMG	8.22
15N5F	11.02
16N6F	11.13
17N1+3FH	11.28
18N0+3FH	11.08
19C	2.68

CROP MEAN DM% 24.4