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#### 03/R/CS/477

#### CONTINUOUS MAIZE

**Object:** To monitor the fate of organic carbon in the soil organic matter - Hoosfield.

Sponsors: P.R. Poulton.

The sixth year, forage maize and s. barley.

For previous years see 97-02/R/CS/477

Design: 3 randomised blocks of 6 plots.

Plot dimensions:  $12.0 \times 25.0$ .

#### Treatments: -

CROP	Crop and straw treatments:
M	Continuous maize, stubble incorporated
(M)B	S. barley after five years maize, stubble incorporated
MT	Maize, stubble plus 10 t maize tops incorporated
(B)M	Maize, after three years of s. barley with straw removed
BT	Continuous spring barley, straw removed plus 10 t maize tops incorporated
В	Continuous spring barley, straw removed

#### Experimental diary:

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12-Sep-02: T: BT, MT: Maize tops at 300 kg per plot
16-Oct-02 : B : : Muriate of potash at 181 kg.
                    : Triple superphosphate at 170 kg.
          : B :
                   : Ploughed 25 cm wide furrows. : Springtined.
18-Oct-02 : B :
19-Mar-03 : B :
          : \mathbf{T} : (M)B, BT, B: Combination drilled, Optic, tr. Raxil S, at
                         350 \text{ seeds/m}^2 \text{ with the Accord 2 drill.}
          : T : (M)B, BT, B: Rolled.
11-Apr-03: T: (B)M, MT, M: Sting Eco at 4.0 1 in 200 1.
                    : Sulphur Gold (30% N, 7.6% S) at 317 kg.
14-Apr-03 : B :
23-Apr-03: T: (M)B, BT, B: tm)Ally at 30 g in 200 l.
          : \mathbf{T} : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Oxytril CM at 0.75 1 in 200 1.
30-Apr-03 : T : (B)M, MT, M: Springtined.
01-May-03 : T : (B)M, MT, M: Springtined.
07-May-03 : T : (B)M, MT, M: Power harrowed.
          : T : (B)M, MT, M: Drilled, Hudson, tr. Mesurol, at 10
                         seeds/m² with the Nodet Gougis drill.
11-May-03 : \mathbf{T} : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Opus at 0.25 l in 200 l.
          : T : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Unix at 0.4 kg in 200 l.
          : \mathbf{T} : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Amistar at 0.4 l in 200 l.
08-Jun-03 : T : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Opus at 0.25 1 in 200 1.
          : T : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Acanto at 0.4 1 in 200 1.
16-Jun-03 : T : (B)M, MT, M: tm)Gesaprim at 3.0 l in 200 l.
          : \mathbf{T} : (B)M, MT, M tm)Phase II at 2.0 l in 200 l.
28-Jul-03 : \mathbf{T} : (M)B, BT, B: tm)Touchdown at 4.0 l in 200 l.
04-Aug-03: T: (M)B, BT, B: Combine harvested plots for yield.
07-Aug-03 : T : (M)B, BT, B: Baled.
20-Aug-03 : \mathbf{T} : (B)M, MT, M: Cut sample areas by hand, weighed and
                         sampled.
29-Aug-03: T: (B)M, MT, M: Cut discards.
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 ${\tt NOTE:}$  Forage maize and barley grain samples were taken for N analysis.

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#### MAIZE

#### GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

CROP

M 8.16
(B)M 7.59
MT 8.06
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\*\*\* Standard errors of differences of means \*\*\*

7.94

**CROP** 1.198

Mean

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

 Stratum
 d.f.
 s.e.
 cv%

 Blocks.Plots
 4
 1.467
 18.5

GRAIN MEAN DM% 25.8

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00108

#### SPRING BARLEY

## GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

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

CROP

(M) B 6.63 BT 6.08 B 5.90 Mean 6.20

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

**CROP** 0.202

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

 Stratum
 d.f.
 s.e.
 cv%

 Blocks.Plots
 4
 0.248
 4.0

GRAIN MEAN DM% 89.6

PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00525