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17/R/HB/2 HOOS BARLEY (Hoosfield)

**Object:** To study the effects of organic manures and inorganic fertilizers on continuous spring barley. From 1968 to 1978 a rotation of potatoes, beans and spring barley was practised on parts of the experiment. The rotation was discontinued in 1979 and the whole experiment reverted to continuous spring barley. The experiment was modified for 2003. The main plots continue as previously. The Silicate Test plots continue but are not split to test rates of N (basal N is applied). The remaining plots are to be used to study the effect on yield of P residues, (basal N applied).

The 166<sup>th</sup> year, spring barley.

For previous years see 'Details' 1967 and 1973, Station Report for 1966 and Yield Books for 74-16/R/HB/2.

**Main plots**

**Treatments:**

**Whole plots**

MANURE	Fertilizers and Organic Manures:-			
	Plot	Form of N	Additional treatments	Treatments since 2003
---	11	None	-	-
-P-	21	None	P	(P)
--K	31	None	K (Na) Mg	K(Mg)
-PK	41	None	PK (Na) Mg	(P) K (Mg)
A--	12	A	-	-
AP-	22	A	P	(P)
A-K	32	A	K (Na) Mg	K(Mg)
APK	42	A	PK (Na) Mg	(P) K (Mg)
D1852	72	None	D	D
(D)	71	None	(D)	(D)
(A)	62	None	(Ashes)	(Ashes)
-	61	None	-	-
D2001 <sup>(a)</sup>	73 <sup>(a)</sup>	-	D	D
P2KMg <sup>(a)</sup>	63 <sup>(a)</sup>	-	P2KMg	P2KMg

<sup>(a)</sup> Plots 63 and 73 started in 2001

- Form of N: A, sulphate of ammonia to supply 48kg N
- P: 35 kg P as triple superphosphate in 1974 and from 1988 to 2002, single superphosphate in other years
- (P): (none), P application to be reviewed for 2018
- P2: 44kg P as triple superphosphate
- K: 90 kg K as sulphate of potash
- (Na): (none), 16 kg Na as sulphate of soda until 1973
- Mg: 35kg Mg as kieserite every third year since 1974 (applied at 30 kg in 1992, 1995 and 1998) (sulphate of magnesia annually until 1973). Annually to new plot 63.
- (Mg): (none), Mg application to be reviewed for 2021

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D1852: Farmyard manure at 35t since 1852  
 D2001: Farmyard manure at 35t since 2001  
 (D): Farmyard manure 1852 – 1871 only  
 (Ashes): Weed ash 1852-1916, furnace ash 1917-1932, none since

### Sub-Plots

(2) N Nitrogen fertilizer (kg N), as 'Nitro-Chalk', since 1968 (cumulative N applications until 1973, on a cyclic system since 1974):  
 0  
 48  
 96  
 144

### Silicate Test plots

#### Treatments:

Whole plots

MANURE	Plot	Fertilizers:- Additional treatment 1852-1979	Changes since 1980	Treatments since 2003
N----	131	-	-	N3
NP---	231	P	-	N3 (P)
N-K--	331	K(Na)Mg	-	N3 K(Mg)
NPK--	431	PK(Na)Mg	-	N3(P)K(Mg)
N—S-	134	Si	Si omitted	N3 (Si)
NP-S-	234	P Si	Si omitted	N3(P) (Si)
N-KS-	334	K(Na)MgSi	Si omitted	N3 K(Mg)(Si)
NPKS-	434	PK(Na)MgSi	Si omitted	N3(P)K(Mg)(Si)
N---S	132	-	Si added	N3 Si
NP--S	232	P	Si added	N3(P) Si
N-K-S	332	K(Na)Mg	Si added	N3 K(Mg) Si
NPK-S	432	PK(Na)Mg	Si added	N3(P)K(Mg) Si
N--SS	133	Si	-	N3 Si
NP-SS	233	P Si	-	N3(P) Si
N-KSS	333	K(Na)MgSi	-	N3 K(Mg) Si
NPKSS	433	PK(Na)MgSi	-	N3(P)K(Mg) Si

N: From 1852-1966 whole plots received 48kg N as nitrate of soda. Between 1968-2002 whole plots were split to test 4 rates of N as "Nitro-chalk" (cumulative applications until 1973, on a cyclic system from 1974).

N3: Basal N, 144kg as "Nitro-chalk" since 2003

Si: Silicate of soda at 450kg (Note: S also refers to silicate of soda)

(Si): Silicate of soda omitted since 1980

P, (P), K, Mg, (Mg), (Na): as above

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### Phosphorus Test plots

#### Treatments:

Since 2003 the remaining plots [ex-Castor meal (plots 14, 24, 34 & 44) and those testing combinations of NPK with and without Mg (plots 55, 56, 57 & 58)] have been used to study the effect of P residues on yield. Previous treatments have resulted in different levels of available P in the soil. Large dressings of K were applied to some plots to increase levels of exchangeable K in the soil such that K should not limit yield; plots 141 and 241 were sacrificed and used as discard areas so that the K application did not encroach on adjacent no K plots on the Silicate Test. Other plots received the normal rate of K. The level of exchangeable Mg in the soil is such that Mg should not limit yield; the need to apply Mg was reviewed for 2017.

#### Whole plots

##### Manure

Plot	Treatment since
	2003
142	N3K*
143	N3K*
144	N3K*
242	N3K*
243	N3K*
244	N3K*
341	N3K
342	N3K
343	N3K
344	N3K
441	N3K
442	N3K
443	N3K
444	N3K
551	N3K
552	N3K
561	N3K
562	N3K
571	N3K*
572	N3K*
581	N3K*
582	N3K*

N3: Basal N, 144kg as "Nitro-chalk"

K: 90kg K as sulphate of potash

K\*: 450kg K as sulphate of potash

In 2005 the extra dressings of K (i.e. K\*) was stopped and all of the P test plots reverted to K

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**Experimental Diary**

Date		Application	Rate	Units
11/10/2016	a	Ploughed - thrown South	-	-
15/10/2016	p	Sprayed Buffalo Elite	1	lt/ha
15/10/2016	p	Sprayed Samurai	3	lt/ha
31/10/2016	f	Applied SOP to Plots 141 - 144, 241 - 244, 311 - 344, 411 - 444, 551 - 582, 631 - 634	217	kg/ha
31/10/2016	f	Applied Kieserite to Plots 631 - 634	233	kg/ha
31/10/2016	f	Applied TSP to Plots 631 - 634	215	kg/ha
08/11/2016	f	Applied Silicate of Soda to Plots 433, 333, 233, 133, 432, 332, 232 and 132	450	kg/ha
10/11/2016	f	Applied FYM to Plots 721 to 734	35	t/ha
07/03/2017	p	Sprayed Buffalo Elite	1	lt/ha
07/03/2017	p	Sprayed Samurai	3	lt/ha
12/03/2017	a	Cousin Combi Harrowed	-	-
15/03/2017	s	Drilled KWS Irina trt With Raxil Star	350	seeds/m <sup>2</sup>
17/03/2017	a	Ring Rolled	-	-
12/05/2017	a	Rotavated Paths	-	-
22/05/2017	p	Sprayed Hallmark	50	ml/ha
23/05/2017	f	Applied Nitrochalk (27% N) to Plots 113, 124, 211, 222, 313, 321, 412, 421, 611, 621, 631, 712, 721, 732	48	kg/ha
23/05/2017	f	Applied Nitrochalk (27% N) to Plots 112, 123, 212, 223, 314, 324, 414, 422, 613, 624, 634, 711, 722, 731	96	kg/ha
23/05/2017	f	Applied Nitrochalk (27% N) to Plots 114, 122, 213, 224, 312, 323, 411, 424, 612, 622, 632, 714, 723, 733	144	kg/ha
24/05/2017	a	Rotavated Paths	-	-
24/05/2017	f	Applied Nitram to Series AA (except 621 to 624, 721 to 724), C and Strip 5	417	kg/ha
30/05/2017	p	Sprayed Refine Max	75	g/ha
30/05/2017	p	Sprayed Kingdom	1.25	lt/ha
30/05/2017	p	Sprayed Hurler	700	ml/ha
14/07/2017	a	Cut Paths	-	-
28/07/2017	a	Pulled 7 Wild Oats from within plots	-	-
29/08/2017	a	Harvested plots for yield & baled all discard and remaining swaths.	-	-

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**Yields**

**Main Plots**

Grain Yield, tonnes/hectare

*Table of means*

	N	0	48	96	144	Mean
MANURE						
---		1.43	1.13	0.95	1.14	1.16
-P-		2.50	3.94	3.78	3.92	3.53
--K		1.45	1.45	1.76	1.49	1.54
-PK		2.41	3.47	3.80	4.81	3.62
A--		0.95	1.36	1.10	1.08	1.12
AP-		2.86	3.94	4.44	4.13	3.84
A-K		0.95	0.97	1.26	1.12	1.07
APK		2.51	3.56	4.01	4.88	3.74
FYM1852onwards		8.04	8.07	7.92	7.91	7.99
FYM1852-1871		2.87	2.99	3.11	5.61	3.64
(A)		1.66	2.03	3.38	1.98	2.26
-		1.27	1.40	1.52	1.41	1.40
FYM2001onwards		6.66	6.92	7.09	6.93	6.90
P2K		3.62	4.78	4.86	5.63	4.72
Mean		2.80	3.28	3.5	3.72	3.33
Grain mean DM%		85.9				

Straw Yield, tonnes/hectare

*Table of means*

	N	0	48	96	144	Mean
MANURE						
---		0.32	0.25	0.19	0.17	0.23
-P-		0.38	0.69	0.72	0.79	0.65
--K		0.25	0.25	0.29	0.28	0.27
-PK		0.39	0.73	1.00	1.30	0.86
A--		0.20	0.22	0.24	0.21	0.22
AP-		0.61	0.84	1.05	0.95	0.86
A-K		0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.18
APK		0.65	0.82	1.00	1.46	0.98

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FYM1852onwards	3.86	3.35	3.81	3.16	3.54
FYM1852-1871	0.64	0.70	0.63	1.73	0.92
(A)	0.26	0.41	0.61	0.13	0.35
-	0.32	0.27	0.20	0.36	0.29
FYM2001onwards	3.30	2.98	2.90	2.69	2.97
P2K	1.21	1.52	1.42	1.76	1.48
Mean	0.90	0.94	1.02	1.08	0.99

Grain mean DM%      85.8

**PHOSPHATE PLOTS**

**Grain Yield, tonnes/hectare**

*Tables of means*

PLOTS

142	3.66
143	3.57
144	3.27
242	5.13
243	4.82
244	4.84
341	3.50
342	4.12
343	4.23
344	4.68
441	4.55
442	5.23
443	5.04
444	5.08
551	5.24
552	4.81
561	4.77
562	4.46
571	4.19
572	4.69
581	0.99
582	1.08

Mean      4.18

Grain Mean DM%      86.7

Plot area Harvested      0.00244

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**SILICATE PLOTS**

Grain Yield, tonnes/hectare

*Tables of means*

	PK	N3--	N3P-	N3-K	N3PK	Mean
Silicate						
(-)-		1.34	4.26	1.24	4.99	2.96
(Si)-		1.89	4.99	2.63	5.11	3.65
(-)Si		2.54	5.11	2.34	5.14	3.78
(Si)Si		2.81	5.00	3.06	4.81	3.92
Mean		2.15	4.84	2.32	5.01	3.58
Grain Mean DM%		86.3				
Plot area harvested		0.00244				