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WHEAT AFTER FALLOW - HOOSFIELD 1957

Without manure 1851 and since

For history, treatments, etc. see "Details of the Classical and Long Term Experiments" 1956. In 1957 the original plots were reduced in size to 0.0337 acres to provide additional land for the study of Wheat Bulb Fly.

Cultivations, etc.:

Cropped plots. Ploughed: Sept 26, 1956. Seed sown at 3 bushels per acre: Oct 27. Combine harvested: Aug 26, 1957. Variety: Squareheads Master 13/4.

Fallowed plots. Ploughed: Sept 26, 1956.

Summary of Results

Grain (at 85% dry matter): cwt per acre

| Plot | B ₁ | B ₄ | B ₂ | Mean |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| No. of years of fallow | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| | 11.6 | 11.2 | 14.1 | 12.3 |

Mean dry matter % as harvested: 82.7

POTATOES - AGDELL 1957

For history, treatments, etc. see "Details of the Classical and Long Term Experiments" 1956. In 1957 a crop of potatoes was grown, manured with sulphate of ammonia only.

Area harvested: Plots 1 - 4, 0.0922 acres; 5 and 6, 0.0764 acres.

Basal dressing: 5 cwt sulphate of ammonia per acre.

Cultivations, etc.: Ploughed: Oct 15, 1956. Sulphate of ammonia applied: Apr 25, 1957. Ridged, potatoes machine planted: Apr 30. Earthed up: July 9. Sprayed with copper fungicide, 5 lb in 40 gallons per acre: July 31, Aug 21 and Sept 3. Sprayed with sulphuric acid, 20% BOV at 100 gallons per acre: Oct 3 and repeated on part area Oct 7. Lifted: Oct 16 - 22. Variety: Ulster Supreme.

Summary of Results

| Manure to turnips 1948 Plot rotation | None since 1848 | | Mineral manure | | Complete mineral & nitrogenous manure | | Mean |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|------|
| | 5 Fallow | 6 Clover | 3 Fallow | 4 Clover | 1 Fallow | 2 Clover | |
| Total tubers: tons per acre | 4.41 | 2.95 | 14.39 | 8.56 | 15.50 | 14.14 | 9.99 |
| Percentage Were (1 1/2" riddle) | 91.3 | 70.4 | 95.3 | 91.7 | 93.6 | 91.8 | 89.0 |