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# Yields of the Field Experiments 1960



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# 60/R/CI/3 and 60/W/CI/3 Grass - K and Mg

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#### GRASS

K and Mg - Rothamsted (R) Sawyers I and Woburn (W) Stackyard Series C 1960.

Design: Sawyers I (R): 8 randomised blocks of 9 plots each.
Stackyard Series C (W): 4 randomised blocks of 9 plots each.

Area of each plot (acres):

Sawyers I (R):

O.0209

Stackyard Series C (W): 0.0011

Area harvested (acres):

0.0050

0.0005

Treatments (applied 1959 and 1960): All combinations of:Mg: None; 29; 58 lb Mg per acre applied
as sulphate of magnesia on Sawyers I (R) and
as kieserite (16.3% Mg) on Stackyard Series C (W).

K: None; 95; 190 lb K per acre (approximately 1; 2 cwt K<sub>2</sub>0 per acre) applied as sulphate of potash.

In addition in 1959 magnesium-free calcium carbonate was applied to blocks on Sawyers I (R) at 10; 40 cwt per acre (four blocks at each rate).

Basal dressings per acre:

Sawyers I (R): In seedbed 1959: 1.0 cwt P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> as triple superphosphate, 0.5 cwt N as sulphate of ammonia. In Spring 1960: 0.5 cwt N as sulphate of ammonia. After every cut except the last: 0.6 cwt N as sulphate of ammonia.

Stackyard Series C (W): In seedbed 1960: 1.0 cwt P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> as triple superphosphate, 0.5 cwt N as ammonium nitrate. Before 1st cut: 0.5 cwt N as ammonium nitrate. After every cut except the last: 1.0 cwt N as ammonium nitrate.

Cultivations, etc.:

Sawyers I (R) 1959: Part of ground chalk applied: Mar 25, 1959.

Ploughed: Apr 1. Remainder of ground chalk applied: Apr 10.

Sulphate of ammonia and triple superphosphate applied: Apr 29.

Sulphate of magnesia and sulphate of potash applied: May 1.

Seed drilled at 24 lb per acre: May 2. Sprayed with MCPA at 6 pints in 40 gallons per acre: June 17. Grass cut: July 16 and Sept 29. (There was insufficient grass in each case to weigh or cart off and therefore no sulphate of ammonia was applied.)

Sawyers I (R) 1960: Basal sulphate of ammonia applied: Mar 3, 1960. Sulphate of magnesia and sulphate of potash applied: Mar 4. Cut 3 times: May 13 - 20, July 4, Sept 26. Sulphate of ammonia applied: May 26 and July 14. Variety: S22 Italian ryegrass.

Previous crop: Barley.

Stackyard Series C (W): Ploughed: Oct 28, 1959. Rotavated twice, sulphate of potash, kieserite, triple superphosphate and ammonium nitrate applied, seed broadcast at 50 lb per acre:

Mar 24, 1960. Ammonium nitrate applied at 0.5 cwt per acre:

May 19. Cut 4 times: June 28, July 24, Sept 5, Oct 4.

Ammonium nitrate applied after every cut except the last.

Variety: S22 Italian ryegrass. Previous crop: Barley.

Standard errors per plot. Grass dry matter

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Sawyers I (R)

1st cut

1.38 cwt per acre or 4.6% (48 d.f.)

2nd cut

1.23 cwt per acre or 9.0% (48 d.f.)

3rd cut

1.21 cwt per acre or 5.0% (48 d.f.)

Total of 3 cuts

2.84 cwt per acre or 4.2% (48 d.f.)

Stackyard Series C (W)

1st cut

0.90 cwt per acre or 4.3% (24 d.f.)

2nd cut

0.86 cwt per acre or 3.7% (24 d.f.)

3rd cut

1.10 cwt per acre or 4.6% (24 d.f.)

4th cut

1.05 cwt per acre or 9.4% (24 d.f.)

Total of 4 cuts

1.99 cwt per acre or 2.5% (24 d.f.)
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## Summary of Results

Sawyers I (R)

Grass,	Dry	matter:	cwt	per	acre	

		b per a		Mg: 1b per acre			
	None	95	190	None	29	58	Mean
Calcium carbonate cwt per acre	1st cut (±0-40)**		(±0.40)*				
10 40	29.2 29.4	29.6 29.5	29.9 30.1	29.5 30.0	29.5		29.6 29.7
Diff.	+0.2	-0.1 +0.2 (±0.56)**  K: lb per acre		+0.5 +0.2 -0.3 (±0.56)			+0•1
				(±0.49)			(±0.28)
		None 95 190		29.3 29.6 30.4		29.7	29.3 29.6 30.0
	Mean 2nd cut		29.8 29.4 29.7 (±0.28)			29.6	
Calcium carbonate	(±0.35)*		(±0.35)*				
10 40	13.0 13.4	13.7 13.9		13.7 13.3	13.5		13.5 13.8
Diff.	+0•4	-0.2 (±0.50)		-0.4	+0.6 (±0.50	*****	+0.3
		K: 1b per acre None 95 190		(±0.43)			(±0.25)
				13.3 13.4 13.9		13.2 13.6	13.2 13.6 14.3
		Mean		13.5	13.8 (±0.25		13•7

For use in horizontal and interaction comparisons only.

For use only in testing the difference of 2 differences.

Mean dry matter % as cut: 1st cut 17.1 2nd cut 31.6

Sawyers I (R)
Grass, Dry matter: cwt per acre

	K: 1	b per ac	re	Mg: 1b per acre			
	None	95	190	None	29	58	Mean
Calcium carbonate owt per acre 10 40	22.7	3rd (±0.35) 24.4 24.7	25.0	23.7 23.8	(±0.35) 24.2 24.4	* 24.1 24.0	24.0 24.0
Diff.	-0.6	-0.6 (±0.49) *** 0.4 (±0.49) K: lb per		+0.1 +0.2 (±0.49)***0.1			0.0
			re	(±0.43)			(±0.25)
			ne 5 0	22.1 23.9 25.2	22.4 25.0 25.5	24.7	22.4 24.5 25.2
	Mean		23.7	24.3 (±0.25)	24.1	24.0	
		Total of 3 cuts					
Calcium carbonate cwt per acre	l	(±0.82)	*	ı	(±0.82)	*	1
10 40	64.9	67.6 67.7	68.8 70.1	67.0 67.1	67.1 67.9	67 <b>.</b> 3 67 <b>.</b> 6	67 <b>.</b> 1 67 <b>.</b> 5
Diff.	-0.1	+0.1 (±1.16)		+0.1	+0.8 (±1.16)	+0.3	+0.4
		K: 1b per acre		(±1.00)			(±0.58)
			ne 5 0	64.7 66.9 69.5	65.0 68.1 69.4	64.9 67.9 69.5	64.9 67.6 69.5
		Me	an	67.0	67.5 (±0.58)	67.5	67.3

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Mean dry matter % as cut: 3rd cut 27.8 Total of 3 cuts 25.5

# Stackyard Series C (W)

## Grass, Dry matter: cwt per acre

K: 1b. per acre	Mg: None	lb per a 29	.cre 58	Mean	Mg: None	lb per a	cre 58	Mean
		1st cut				2nd cut		
None 95 190	17.5 20.8 21.6	(±0.45) 18.1 22.1 23.2	18.6 21.6 23.0	(±0.25) 18.1 21.5 22.6	22.2 23.0 24.0		22.1 23.2 24.0	(±0.25) 22.2 23.0 24.0
Mean	20.0	21.1 (±0.25)	21.1	20.7	23.0	23.1 (±0.25)	23.1	23.0
		3rd cut						
None 95 190	22.1 23.8 26.2	(±0.55) 22.9 23.6 26.1	23.4 23.7 25.1	(±0.31) 22.8 23.7 25.8	9.4 10.3 12.2	(±0.53) 10.0 12.1 12.4	10.1 11.0 12.7	(±0.30) 9.8 11.1 12.4
Mean	24.0	24.2	24.0	24.0	10.6	11.5	11.3	11.1
		(±0.31)				(±0.30)		
Total of 4 cuts								
None 95 190	71.1 77.8 83.9	(±0.99) 73.4 80.6 85.8	74.2 79.4 84.8	(±0.58) 72.9 79.3 84.8				
Mean (±0.58)	77.6	79.9	79.4	78.9				

Mean dry matter % as cut: 1st cut 18.1 2nd cut 14.1 3rd cut 13.8 4th cut 12.3 Total of 4 cuts 14.6