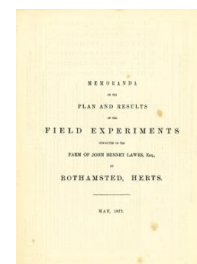


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HOOS FIELD.

EXPERIMENTS ON THE GROWTH OF BARLEY YEAR AFTER YEAR ON THE SAME LAND, WITHOUT MANURE, AND WITH DIFFERENT KINDS OF MANURE.

Previous Cropping—1847, Swedish Turnips, with Dung and Superphosphate of Lime, the Roots carted off; 1848, Barley; 1849, Clover; 1850, Wheat; 1851, Barley manured with Ammonia-salts.
 First Experimental Barley Crop in 1852. Barley every year since; and, unless stated to the contrary in the foot-notes, the same Manure has been applied year after year to the same Plot.

(Area under experiment, about 4½ acres.)

PLOTS.	Manures, per acre, per annum.	PRODUCE PER ACRE.					
		Average per Annum, over 20 Years, 1852-1871.		Twentieth Season, 1871.			
		Dressed Corn.	Total Straw.	Dressed Corn.	Total Straw.		
		Quantity.	Weight per Bushel.	Quantity.	Weight per Bushel.		
1 O.	Unmanured continuously	20	52½	16½	55	11	1 O.
2 O.	34 cwts Superphosphate of Lime (1)	25½	53½	18½	56	12½	2 O.
3 O.	200 lbs. (2) Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. (3) Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia	23½	53	19½	55½	11½	3 O.
4 O.	200 lbs. (4) Sulphate Potass, 100 lbs. (5) Sulphate Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate Magnesia, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	27½	53	27½	55½	14	4 O.
1 A.	200 lbs. Ammonia-salts (6)	32½	52½	18½	55½	23½	1 A.
2 A.	200 lbs. Ammonia-salts, and 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	47	53½	27½	55	28½	2 A.
3 A.	200 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 200 lbs. (7) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (8) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia	35	52½	20½	56½	25½	3 A.
4 A.	200 lbs. Ammonia-salts, 200 lbs. (9) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (10) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	46½	54	28½	56½	32½	4 A.
1 AA.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda	37	52	22½	54	26½	1 AA.
2 AA.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, and 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	49½	53	30½	56	32½	2 AA.
3 AA.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, 200 lbs. (11) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (12) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia	37½	52½	24½	53	25½	3 AA.
4 AA.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, 200 lbs. (13) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (14) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	48½	53½	32½	56½	32½	4 AA.
1 AAS.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, and 400 lbs. Silicate of Soda (15)	37	54½	21½	54½	29½	1 AAS.
2 AAS.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate (16) and 400 lbs. Silicate of Soda	47½	55½	29	55½	36½	2 AAS.
3 AAS.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, 200 lbs. (17) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (18) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia, and 400 lbs. Silicate Soda	48½	55	25½	53	31½	3 AAS.
4 AAS.	275 lbs. Nitrate Soda, 200 lbs. (19) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (20) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate, and 400 lbs. Silicate Soda	50	55½	31½	55½	38	4 AAS.
1 C.	1000 lbs. Rape-cake	45½	53	26½	56½	27½	1 C.
2 C.	1000 lbs. Rape-cake, and 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	46½	53½	28½	56½	27½	2 C.
3 C.	1000 lbs. Rape-cake, 200 lbs. (21) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (22) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia	45½	53	27½	56½	30½	3 C.
4 C.	1000 lbs. Rape-cake, 200 lbs. (23) Sulph. Potass, 100 lbs. (24) Sulph. Soda, 100 lbs. Sulph. Magnesia, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	47½	53	29½	56½	32	4 C.
1 N.	275 lbs. Nitrate of Soda	37½ (11)	53½ (11)	22½ (11)	54½	29½	1 N.
2 N.	275 lbs. Nitrate of Soda	41½	52½	26½ (11)	54½	31½	2 N.
5 O.	200 lbs. (25) Sulphate of Potass, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate (26)	22½ (11)	53½ (11)	12½ (11)	55½	13½	5 O.
5 A.	200 lbs. (27) Sulphate of Potass, 3½ cwts. Superphosphate, and 200 lbs. Ammonia-salts	44½ (11)	53½ (11)	28 (11)	55½	29½	5 A.
M.	200 lbs. Sulphate of Soda, 100 lbs. Sulphate of Magnesia, and 3½ cwts. Superphosphate	21½ (12)	52½ (12)	12½ (12)	55	14½	M.
6(1)	Unmanured continuously	22	52½	12½	55½	13½	1(1)
6(2)	Ashes (burnt soil, turf, and weeds)	22	53	12½	54½	13½	2(2)
7(1)	Farmyard Manure 14 tons, 20 years, 1852-1871; unmanured since	48½	54½	28½	56½	37½	7(1)
7(2)	Farmyard Manure 14 tons, every year	48½	54½	28½	56½	37½	7(2)

(1) The "Superphosphate of Lime" is, in all cases, made from 200 lbs. Bone-ash, 150 lbs. Sulphuric acid sp. gr. 1.7 (and water).
 (2) 300 lbs. per annum for the first six years, 1852-7.
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 (4) The "Ammonia-salts" — in all cases equal parts Sulphate and Nitrate of Ammonia of Commerce.
 (5) First 6 years, 1852-7, instead of Nitrate of Soda, 400 lbs. Ammonia-salts per annum; next 10 years, 1858-67, 200 lbs. Ammonia-salts per annum; 1868 and since 275 lbs. Nitrate of Soda per annum. 275 lbs. Nitrate of Soda is reckoned to contain the same amount of Nitrogen as 200 lbs. "Ammonia-salts."
 (6) The application of Silicates did not commence until 1864; in 1864-5-6 and 7, 200 lbs. Silicate of Soda and 200 lbs. Silicate of Lime were applied per acre, but in 1868, and since, 400 lbs. Silicate of Soda, and no Silicate of Lime. These plots ("AAS") comprise, respectively, one-half of the original "AA" plots, and, excepting the addition of the Silicates, have been, and are, in other respects, manured in the same way as the "AA" plots; and, for the sake of comparison with the latter, the average produce is given for the whole period of 20 years, 1852-1871.
 (7) 2000 lbs. Rape-cake per annum for the first six years, and 1000 lbs. only, each year since.
 (8) 300 lbs. Sulphate of Potass, and 3½ cwts. Superphosphate of Lime, without Nitrate of Soda, the first year (1852); Nitrate alone each year since.
 (9) 550 lbs. Nitrate of Soda for 1853-4-5-6, and 7; and 275 lbs. only, each year since.
 (10) Ammonia-salts also the first year, but not since.
 (11) Average of 19 years only.
 (12) Average of 14 years only.