

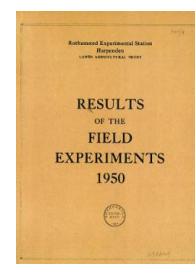
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50/Ba/4.1

SIX COURSE ROTATION EXPERIMENT

The 21st year

Seasonal effects of fertilizers - Rothamsted Long Hoos IV and Woburn Stackyard, 1950.

For details of rotation and treatments etc. see Appendix Z.

Area of each plot: Rothamsted - 0.0250 acre. Woburn - 0.0268 acre.

Cultivations, etc.:

Rothamsted

Sugar beet.

Ploughed: Aug 29 and again Jan 10-12. Cultivated: Mar 21.
Harrowed, fertilizers applied: Mar 27. Ring rolled: Mar 28.
Seed drilled and harrowed in: Mar 29. Rolled: Mar 30.
Hoed: May 17. Singled: May 31-June 1. Hoed: June 5 and 29, July 12 and 13. Lifted: Oct 31. Variety: Klein E.
Previous crop: Rye.

Barley.

Ploughed: Dec 7-8. Ground chalk applied: Jan 16. Springtined: Mar 8 and again Mar 10. Fertilizers applied and harrowed in, seed drilled and harrowed in: Mar 14. Rolled: Mar 15. Clover seed undersown and harrowed in: Mar 21. Ring rolled: Mar 22. Harvested: Aug 4. Variety: Plumage Archer. Previous crop: Sugar beet.

Clover.

Seed undersown in barley and harrowed in: Apr 13. Autumn fertilizers applied: Dec 6. Rolled: Mar 15. Sulphate of ammonia applied: Apr 17. Cut: July 20. Variety: Late flowering Montgomery Red. Previous crop: Barley.

Wheat.

Ploughed: July 2-4. Springtined, autumn fertilizers applied: Oct 14. Harrowed, seed drilled and harrowed in: Oct 28. Harrowed: Mar 16. Rolled: Apr 8. Sulphate of ammonia applied: Apr 17. Ring rolled: Apr 20. Harvested: Aug 3. Variety: Yeoman. Previous crop: Clover.

Potatoes.

Ploughed: Aug 30 and again Jan 7-9. Cultivated: Mar 31. Harrowed: Mar 27 and again Mar 28. Ring rolled: Mar 29. Ridged: Mar 31. Fertilizers applied, potatoes planted and covered in: Apr 1. Rolled down ridges: Apr 3. Chain harrowed: May 5. Grubbed: May 23. Hoed weeds: June 21. Earthed up: June 26. Sprayed with Perenox: July 25. Sprayed with Copper: Aug 18. Sprayed with 15% B.O.V. to kill off haulm: Sept 22. Lifted: Oct 11. Variety: Majestic. Previous crop: Wheat.

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Rye.

Ploughed: Sept 22. Springtined, autumn fertilizers applied: Oct 14. Ground chalk applied: Oct 27. Harrowed, seed drilled and harrowed in: Oct 28. Harrowed: Mar 16. Rolled: Apr 8. Sulphate of ammonia applied: Apr 14. Ring rolled: Apr 20. Harvested: Aug 3. Variety: King II. Previous crop: Potatoes.

Woburn

Sugar beet.

Ploughed: Aug 31. Springtined: Nov 2. Ploughed: Nov 15 and again Jan 23. Springtined: Mar 2. Harrowed and rolled: Mar 27. Fertilizers applied: Mar 29. Harrowed, rolled, seed drilled, harrowed and rolled in: Mar 30. Hoed: May 11. Singled: June 1-2. Hoed: June 8, 15, 29, 30, July 1 and 26. Weeded: Sept 11. Lifted: Sept 29. Variety: Klein E. Previous crop: Rye.

Barley.

Ploughed: Oct 5 and again Jan 24. Ground chalk applied: Feb 27. Springtined: Mar 7. Fertilizers applied: Mar 15. Seed drilled and harrowed in: Mar 16. Rolled: Mar 17. Clover undersown, harrowed and rolled: Mar 22. Harvested: Aug 4. Variety: Plumage Archer. Previous crop: Sugar beet.

Clover.

Seed undersown in barley: Mar 18. Rolled: Mar 28. Fertilizers applied: Apr 12. Cut: June 20. Variety: Late flowering Montgomery Red. Previous crop: Barley.

Wheat.

Ploughed: July 20. Harrowed: Aug 24. Ploughed: Aug 25 and again Oct 5. Springtined: Oct 31. Harrowed, seed drilled, autumn fertilizers applied, harrowed in: Nov 1. Tractor weeded: Mar 21. Sulphate of ammonia applied: Apr 12. Sprayed with D.N.O.C.: June 5. Harvested: Aug 8. Variety: Squarehead's Master 13/4. Previous crop: Clover.

Potatoes.

Ploughed: Aug 31, Nov 2-3 and Jan 23. Springtined: Mar 21. Harrowed: Mar 27. Rolled: Mar 30. Ridged, fertilizers applied: Apr 3. Potatoes planted and covered in: Apr 4. Rolled: Apr 12. Tractor weeded: May 11. Chain harrowed ridges: May 15. Reridged: May 16. Chain harrowed: May 24. Grubbed: June 7. Ridged: June 29. Hand weeded: July 14. Sprayed with Perenox: July 22 and again Aug 4. Sprayed with 15% B.O.V. to kill off haulm: Sept 18. Lifted: Oct 4. Variety: Majestic. Previous crop: Wheat.

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50/Ba/4.4

Summary of ResultsMean yields per acre and increments in yield per cwt of N, P₂O₅ and K₂O

	Rothamsted Response	Woburn Response	Rothamsted Response	Woburn Response
Sugar Beet, roots (washed): tons per acre			Clover, hay: dry matter cwt per acre	
Yield	15.34	10.72	44.2	38.4
N	6.39	10.23	-16.4	9.8
P	-2.25	1.41	4.8	1.5
K	-1.66	-1.36	-10.0	-13.8
Sugar Beet, tops: tons per acre			Wheat, grain: cwt per acre	
Yield	11.05	4.80	27.8	11.5
N	6.93	4.34	8.5	12.0
P	-3.55	0.02	-3.6	-1.6
K	-1.63	-0.56	-1.7	-0.5
Sugar Beet, Sugar percentage			Wheat, straw: cwt per acre	
Yield	18.52	19.25	45.4	20.9
N	-1.29	0.48	24.3	28.7
P	0.87	0.22	-3.9	2.7
K	0.25	-0.98	-6.8	-6.2
Sugar Beet, total sugar: cwt per acre			Potatoes, total tubers: tons per acre	
Yield	56.8	41.3	12.59	8.21
N	19.9	40.8	5.63	8.78
P	-5.7	6.1	-0.32	-0.15
K	-5.5	-7.5	0.97	-1.61
Sugar Beet, plant number: thousands per acre			Potatoes, percentage ware	
Yield	22.4		90.0	92.3
N	-3.0		0.1	2.1
P	-1.9		-12.5	-0.1
K	-0.1		4.2	-1.7

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	Rothamsted Response	Woburn Response	Rothamsted Response	Woburn Response
Barley, grain: cwt per acre			Rye, grain: cwt per acre	
Yield	28.3	20.7	34.9	26.0
N	10.7	28.0	14.3	22.1
P	2.1	3.1	1.3	3.6
K	-0.4	-3.1	-0.7	1.6
Barley, straw: cwt per acre			Rye, straw: cwt per acre	
Yield	37.3	25.9	44.5	33.1
N	4.2	14.7	23.4	26.9
P	-5.1	1.7	-4.2	3.1
K	1.9	2.4	-1.4	-0.3