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72/R/RN/1 and 72/R/RN/2

LEY/ARABLE

Object: To study the effects of three-year leys on the fertility of the soil as measured by a sequence of three arable test crops. Since 1968, continuous wheat has been grown after the three test crops to study the build-up and decline of take-all (*Gaeumannomyces graminis*, formerly *Ophiobolus graminis*) after the different cropping sequences - Highfield and Fosters.

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The 24th year, old grass, leys, sugar beet, wheat, barley.

Seeds: Sugar beet: Klein E sown at 5.6 kg.
Wheat: Joss Cambier sown at 200 kg.
Barley: Julia, seed dressed with ethirimol, sown at 160 kg.

Cultivations, etc. (Highfield and Fosters):

3rd year Treatment Crops:

All-grass ley: PK applied: 19 Nov, 1971. NK applied: 14 Mar, 1972.
Cut three times: 22 May, 19 July, 8 Sept. NK applied after first two cuts.

Clover-grass ley: PK applied: 19 Nov, 1971. K applied: 14 Mar, 1972.
Cut three times: 22 May, 19 July, 8 Sept. K applied after first two cuts.

Lucerne: PK applied: 19 Nov, 1971. Cut three times: 30 May, 1972, 20 July, 7 Sept.

Sugar beet: Ploughed: 9 - 10 Nov, 1971. K applied: 20 Jan, 1972.
NPK applied: 27 Mar. Power harrowed: 17 Apr. Seed drilled: 18 Apr. Singled: 31 May (Highfield), 7 and 19 June (Fosters).
Sprayed with menazon at 0.28 kg in 440 l: 30 June. Tractor and side hoed: 6 June. Lifted: 19 Oct.

3rd Test Crop. Barley:

Ground chalk applied (Highfield only): 3 Nov, 1971. Ploughed: 9 - 10 Nov. Power harrowed: 15 Mar, 1972. Seed combine drilled: 16 Mar. N applied: 7 Apr. Sprayed with bromoxynil, ioxynil, dichlorprop and MCPA ('Tetroxone' at 5.6 l in 220 l): 8 May. Combine harvested: 17 Aug.

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4th, 5th, 7th and 8th Test Crops. Wheat:

Ploughed: 4 - 6 Oct, 1971. Power harrowed: 25 - 26 Oct. Seed combine drilled: 26 Oct. N applied: 17 - 18 Apr, 1972. Sprayed with dicamba, mecoprop and MCPA ('Tetralix Plus' at 7 l in 220 l): 17 Apr. Combine harvested: 29 Aug.

Permanent Grasses:

The 24th experimental year. Ground chalk applied (Highfield Blocks 2 and 3 only): 3 Nov, 1971. PK applied: 19 Nov. NK applied to 'all-grass' half plots, K to 'clover-grass' half plots: 14 Mar, 1971. Cut three times: 22 May, 19 July, 8 Sept. NK applied to 'all-grass' half plots and K to 'clover-grass' half plots after each cut except the last.

NOTE: Samples were taken in summer from plots in winter wheat for observations on incidence of take-all (*Gaeumannomyces graminis*, formerly *Ophiobolus graminis*).

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Yields of LUCERNE, ALL-GRASS LEY and CLOVER-GRASS LEY should be doubled. Yields of RESEEDED GRASS given on the same page are correct.

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TABLES OF MEANS

BARLEY 3RD TEST CROP

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

HIGHFIELD

	1967 - 69					1949-63
	LU	ROTATION		AH	Mean	R*
	LC	LN				
Mean	6.31	6.39	6.53	6.07	6.32	6.50
N: KG/HA						
1972						
0	4.93	5.20	5.42	4.28	4.96	5.77
50	6.50	7.28	7.07	6.37	6.80	7.20
88	6.95	6.89	6.98	6.87	6.92	6.73
126	6.87	6.17	6.66	6.76	6.61	6.31
N: KG/HA						
1971						
0	5.88	6.25	6.52	5.85	6.12	6.52
50	6.30	6.39	6.49	5.87	6.26	6.15
100	6.30	6.11	6.49	6.23	6.28	6.46
150	6.77	6.79	6.62	6.33	6.63	6.88
MANURES						
1970						
F	6.08	6.17	6.39	5.96	6.15	6.42
D	6.54	6.61	6.67	6.18	6.50	6.59

* AH 1964 - 69

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BARLEY 3RD TEST CROP

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

FOSTERS

	1967 - 69					1949-63
	ROTATION					
	LU	LC	LN	AH	Mean	R*
Mean	6.54	6.88	6.74	6.30	6.62	6.72
N: KG/HA						
1972						
0	4.82	5.82	5.67	4.39	5.18	5.60
50	6.68	7.02	6.86	6.40	6.74	7.01
88	7.23	7.38	7.47	7.21	7.32	7.25
126	7.45	7.30	6.96	7.21	7.23	7.00
N: KG/HA						
1971						
0	6.53	6.79	6.61	6.08	6.50	6.74
50	6.32	6.67	6.67	6.11	6.44	6.66
100	6.72	6.92	6.63	6.66	6.73	6.60
150	6.60	7.14	7.07	6.36	6.79	6.87
MANURES						
1970						
F	6.17	6.80	6.73	6.18	6.47	6.55
D	6.92	6.96	6.75	6.42	6.76	6.88

* AH 1964 - 69

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WHEAT 4TH TEST CROP, 3RD CEREAL

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

HIGHFIELD

	1966 - 68			1951-62		1951-68		Mean
	LJ	LC	LN	Mean	R*	GC**	GN**	
N: KG/HA 1972								
75	3.54	6.00	6.28	5.26	5.97	5.54	5.35	5.71
126	4.01	5.38	5.68	5.08	5.69	4.82	5.15	5.34
176	4.23	5.52	5.10	5.00	5.42	4.91	4.52	5.07
226	4.00	5.12	4.96	4.62	4.80	4.11	4.83	4.63
Mean	3.95	5.50	5.51	4.99	5.47	4.84	4.96	5.19

* AH 1963 - 68

** C and N from 1962

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WHEAT 4TH TEST CROP, 3RD CEREAL

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

FOSTERS

	1966 - 68				Mean	1951-62 R*
	LU	ROTATION		AH		
		LC	LN			
N: KG/HA 1972						
75	5.03	6.13	6.15	5.63	5.73	5.91
126	5.19	5.43	5.28	5.55	5.36	5.79
176	4.73	4.78	4.98	5.27	4.94	4.86
226	4.21	4.46	4.20	4.55	4.36	4.55
Mean	4.79	5.20	5.15	5.25	5.10	5.28

* AH 1963 - 68

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WHEAT 5TH TEST CROP, 4TH CEREAL
GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

HIGHFIELD

1965 - 67				1950 - 67						
ROTATION				Mean	RC*	RN*	GC**	GN**	Mean	
LU	LC	LN	AH							
N: KG/HA										
1972										
75	4.86	4.29	4.42	4.20	4.44	5.14	3.47	4.61	3.32	4.13
126	5.28	4.03	4.72	4.85	4.72	5.05	3.71	4.66	3.87	4.32
176	4.69	4.35	3.89	4.83	4.44	4.54	3.68	3.97	4.32	4.13
226	4.45	3.81	4.04	3.97	4.07	3.88	3.97	3.76	3.68	3.82
Mean	4.82	4.12	4.27	4.46	4.42	4.65	3.71	4.25	3.80	4.10

* C and N from 1963

** C and N from 1962

72/R/RN/1 and 72/R/RN/2
WHEAT 5TH TEST CROP, 4TH CEREAL
GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

FOSTERS

N: KG/HA	1965 - 67				1950 - 67		Mean
	LU	IC	LN	AH	RC*	RN*	
1972							
75	5.25	5.61	5.78	5.19	5.60	4.71	5.15
126	5.25	5.29	5.37	5.28	5.32	4.84	5.08
176	4.65	4.68	4.81	4.82	4.18	4.05	4.11
226	3.91	4.17	4.29	4.13	4.03	3.58	3.81
Mean	4.77	4.94	5.06	4.86	4.78	4.29	4.54

* C and N from 1963

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WHEAT 7TH TEST CROP, 5TH CEREAL
GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

FOSTERS

	1963 - 65				1951 - 68		
	LU	IC	ROTATION LN	AH	Mean	FC*	RN*
N: KG/HA 1972							
75	4.58	4.98	5.04	4.67	4.82	5.04	4.30
126	4.97	5.13	5.59	5.43	5.28	4.90	4.49
176	4.76	4.74	4.94	5.18	4.90	4.48	3.95
226	4.41	4.22	4.27	4.39	4.32	4.58	3.74
Mean	4.68	4.77	4.96	4.92	4.83	4.75	4.12
							4.43

* C and N from 1963

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WHEAT 8TH TEST CROP, 6TH CEREAL
GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

HIGHFIELD

	1962 - 64				1950-64		1950 - 67	
	LU	LC	LN	AH	R	Mean	GC*	GN*
N: KG/HA 1972								
75	5.27	5.07	5.31	4.93	5.55	5.23	5.68	5.27
126	4.62	4.95	4.95	5.09	5.36	4.99	5.36	4.90
176	5.13	5.06	4.46	5.02	4.72	4.88	4.35	4.59
226	4.54	4.81	4.40	4.57	4.54	4.57	4.37	4.02
Mean	4.89	4.97	4.78	4.90	5.04	4.92	4.94	4.70

* C and N from 1962

72/R/RN/1 and 72/R/RN/2

WHEAT 8TH TEST CROP, 6TH CEREAL

GRAIN: TONNES/HECTARE

FOSTERS

	1962 - 64				1950 - 64	Mean
	LU	LC	LN	AH	R	
N: KG/HA						
1972						
75	5.47	5.12	5.18	4.92	5.47	5.23
126	5.45	5.16	5.37	5.44	5.05	5.29
176	5.04	4.67	4.75	4.92	4.77	4.83
226	4.08	4.51	3.98	4.54	4.17	4.26
Mean	5.01	4.87	4.82	4.96	4.87	4.91

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HIGHFIELD	FOSTERS
Mean	Mean

LUCERNE, DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

TOTAL OF 3 CUTS

3rd year	10.49	11.86
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ALL-GRASS LEY, DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

TOTAL OF 3 CUTS

3rd year	11.46	10.74
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CLOVER-GRASS LEY, DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

TOTAL OF 3 CUTS

3rd year	6.96	6.24
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RESEEDED GRASS, DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

TOTAL OF 3 CUTS

	HIGHFIELD			FOSTERS		
	Blocks	RC	RN	Blocks	RC	RN
24th Expt1 year	1 & 4	3.90	10.25	1 & 3	5.81	8.78

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PERMANENT GRASS, DRY MATTER: TONNES/HECTARE

TOTAL OF 3 CUTS

	GC		GN
	HIGHFIELD		

24th Exptl year

Blocks 1 & 4	2.66		10.30
Block 2	3.63		9.40

SUGAR BEET

HIGHFIELD		POSTERS
Mean		Mean

ROOTS (WASHED): TONNES/HECTARE

33.1		27.7
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SUGAR %

18.0		18.7
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TOTAL SUGAR: TONNES/HECTARE

5.95		5.17
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TOPS: TONNES/HECTARE

38.7		29.8
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