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# MINIMUM CULTIVATION AND DEEP PK

Object: To study the effects of thorough subsoil disturbance and the incorporation of P and K into the subsoil on w. wheat and w. barley either sown conventionally or direct drilled - Woburn Warren Field I and II.

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The third year, w. oilseed rape, w. wheat and w. barley.

For previous year see 80-81/W/CS/245.

Column plot dimensions: 4.27 x 57.6.

Design: 3 series each of 20 x 4 criss cross

Treatments: All combinations of:-

Series:

1. SER CROP Series, crops and previous cropping:

|          |                                                        |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| SER1 WOS | Series I, w. oilseed rape in rotation with two cereals |
| SER2 WW5 | Series II, w. wheat, fifth cereal after a break crop   |
| SER3 WB5 | Series III, w. barley, fifth cereal after a break crop |

Column plots: All combinations (duplicated) of:

2. PK SUB Extra PK and subsoil treatments (applied autumn 1979 only):

|     |                           |
|-----|---------------------------|
| --- | None, mouldboard ploughed |
| --S | None, subsoiled           |
| PKS | PK to subsoil             |

3. DRILL Drills:

|          |                                            |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| DIRECT   | Direct drilled (duplicated)                |
| CNVNTIAL | Mouldboard ploughed conventionally drilled |

Row plots:

4. N PATH Nitrogen fertilizer in spring, and pathogen control:

| Rape     | w. wheat<br>& barley | Rape     | w. wheat<br>& barley |                           |
|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 125 ENHD | 75 ENHD              | 125 kg N | 75 kg N              | enhanced pathogen control |
| 200 ENHD | 150 ENHD             | 200 kg N | 150 kg N             | enhanced pathogen control |
| 260 ENHD | 225 ENHD             | 260 kg N | 225 kg N             | enhanced pathogen control |
| 200 STND | 150 STND             | 200 kg N | 150 kg N             | standard pathogen control |

plus two extra column plot treatments, in all combinations with row plots above:-

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EXTRA

TPK D PK applied to topsoil and mouldboard ploughed in 1979,  
direct drilled since  
TPK C PK as above, mouldboard ploughed, conventionally drilled  
each year

- NOTES: (1) Rates of extra P and K were 500 kg P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, as superphosphate,  
250 kg K<sub>2</sub>O as muriate of potash.  
(2) Subsoiling was done with the Wye double-digger which turns a  
furrow with a conventional plough share, to a depth of 23 cm,  
and at the same time rotary cultivates the bottom of the  
adjacent furrow to a further depth of 15 cm. When applying  
P and K this was distributed ahead of the rotary cultivator.  
(3) The topsoil PK dressing was equally divided before and after  
ploughing.  
(4) Standard pathogen control was conventional seed dressings and  
methiocarb pellets at sowing. Enhanced pathogen control had in  
addition prochloraz at 0.4 l in 280 l on 3 Apr to all crops and,  
to w. wheat and w. barley only, propiconazole at 0.12 kg with  
maneb at 1.6 kg plus zineb at 0.18 kg in 280 l on 7 June.

#### Basal applications:

Series I, w. oilseed rape: Manures: (0:20:20) at 290 kg, N at 56 kg as  
'Nitro-Chalk' to the seedbed. Molluscicide: Methiocarb (as 'Draza'  
pellets at 5.6 kg). Weedkiller: TCA at 10 kg in 280 l. Fungicide:  
Iprodione at 0.98 kg in 280 l (applied as basal in error intended for  
ENHD only). Desiccant: Diquat at 0.42 kg ion in 280 l.

Series II and III, w. wheat and w. barley: Manures: (10:23:23) at  
300 kg, combine drilled. Weedkillers: Paraquat at 0.42 kg ion in  
280 l, chlortoluron at 5.6 l in 280 l. Growth regulators:  
Chlormequat at 1.4 kg in 280 l to series II, w. wheat, mepiquat  
chloride and ethephon (as 'Terpal' at 2.5 l) in 280 l to series III,  
w. barley.

Seed: W. oilseed rape: Jet Neuf, sown at 9.0 kg.  
W. wheat: Flanders with methiocarb pellets, sown at 200 kg.  
W. barley: Igri with methiocarb pellets, sown at 170 kg.

#### Cultivations, etc.:-

Series I, w. oilseed rape: Barley straw spread and burnt: 5 Aug, 1981.  
Spring-tine cultivated, DIRECT plots: 10 Aug. Ploughed, CNVNTIAL  
plots. PK and N applied: 11 Aug. Spike rotary cultivated with  
crumbler attached, two strokes, CNVNTIAL plots: 12 Aug. Methiocarb  
applied: 13 Aug. TCA applied: 14 Aug. Seed sown: 19 Aug. N  
treatments applied: 23 Feb, 1982. Iprodione applied: 9 June. Diquat  
applied: 14 July. Combine harvested: 22 July.

Series II, w. wheat: Wheat straw spread and burnt: 25 Aug, 1981.  
Shallow disc cultivated: 27 Aug, 1 Sept. Ploughed, CNVNTIAL plots:  
7 Sept. Spike rotary cultivated, with crumbler attached, CNVNTIAL  
plots: 8 Sept. Rotary cultivated, CNVNTIAL plots: 9 Sept. Paraquat  
applied: 23 Sept. Seed sown: 24 Sept. Chlortoluron applied: 23 Oct.  
Chlormequat applied: 12 Apr, 1982. N treatments applied: 13 Apr.  
Combine harvested: 19 Aug.

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Series III, w. barley: Barley straw spread and burnt: 3 Aug, 1981.  
Spring-tine cultivated: 10 Aug. Shallow disc cultivated: 27 Aug,  
1 Sept. Ploughed, CNVNTIAL plots: 7 Sept. Spike rotary cultivated  
with crumbler attached, CNVNTIAL plots: 8 Sept. Rotary cultivated,  
CNVNTIAL plots: 9 Sept. Paraquat applied: 23 Sept. Seed sown:  
25-28 Sept. Chlortoluron applied: 23 Oct. 'Terpal' applied: 12 Apr,  
1982. N treatments applied: 13 Apr. Combine harvested: 27 July.

NOTE: Plant establishment counts were made. Observations on diseases were  
made during the season.

# OILSEED RAPE SERIES I

## GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

### \*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| PK SUB   | ---  | --S  | PKS  | MEAN |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| N PATH   |      |      |      |      |
| 125 ENHD | 3.63 | 3.57 | 3.53 | 3.57 |
| 200 ENHD | 4.00 | 4.07 | 4.06 | 4.04 |
| 260 ENHD | 4.23 | 4.11 | 4.20 | 4.18 |
| 200 STND | 3.56 | 3.35 | 3.97 | 3.63 |
| MEAN     | 3.85 | 3.77 | 3.94 | 3.86 |

| DRILL    | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|----------|--------|----------|------|
| N PATH   |        |          |      |
| 125 ENHD | 3.49   | 3.73     | 3.57 |
| 200 ENHD | 4.04   | 4.05     | 4.04 |
| 260 ENHD | 4.20   | 4.13     | 4.18 |
| 200 STND | 3.57   | 3.74     | 4.63 |
| MEAN     | 3.83   | 3.91     | 3.86 |

| DRILL  | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|--------|--------|----------|------|
| PK SUB |        |          |      |
| ---    | 3.89   | 3.79     | 3.85 |
| --S    | 3.67   | 3.98     | 3.77 |
| PKS    | 3.93   | 3.96     | 3.94 |
| MEAN   | 3.83   | 3.91     | 3.86 |

| N PATH | 125 ENHD | 200 ENHD | 260 ENHD | 200 STND | MEAN |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| EXTRA  |          |          |          |          |      |
| TPK D  | 3.68     | 4.54     | 4.72     | 4.68     | 4.40 |
| TPK C  | 3.51     | 4.34     | 3.94     | 3.41     | 3.80 |
| MEAN   | 3.60     | 4.44     | 4.33     | 4.05     | 4.10 |

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OILSEED RAPE SERIES I

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

\*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

|          | PK SUB<br>DRILL<br>N PATH | ---<br>DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | --S<br>DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | PKS<br>DIRECT | CNVNTIAL |
|----------|---------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 125 ENHD |                           | 3.56          | 3.75     | 3.43          | 3.83     | 3.49          | 3.60     |
| 200 ENHD |                           | 3.97          | 4.06     | 4.01          | 4.19     | 4.14          | 3.90     |
| 260 ENHD |                           | 4.25          | 4.19     | 4.13          | 4.05     | 4.21          | 4.16     |
| 200 STND |                           | 3.76          | 3.15     | 3.09          | 3.87     | 3.87          | 4.19     |

GRAND MEAN 3.88

\*\*\*\*\* STANDARD ERRORS OF DIFFERENCES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| TABLE | EXTRA | PK SUB | DRILL | N PATH*<br>PK SUB |
|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| SED   | 0.472 | 0.193  | 0.167 | 0.235             |

  

| TABLE | N PATH*<br>DRILL | PK SUB<br>DRILL | N PATH*<br>EXTRA | N PATH*<br>PK SUB<br>DRILL |         |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| SED   | 0.235            | 0.334           |                  | 0.406                      | MIN REP |
|       | 0.203            | 0.289           | 0.574            | 0.352                      | MAX-MIN |
|       | 0.166            | 0.236           |                  | 0.287                      | MAX REP |

\* WITHIN THE SAME LEVEL OF N PATH ONLY

DRILL  
MIN REP CNVNTIAL  
MAX REP DIRECT  
MAX-MIN DIRECT V CNVNTIAL

\*\*\*\*\* STRATUM STANDARD ERRORS AND COEFFICIENTS OF VARIATION \*\*\*\*\*

| STRATUM | DF | SE    | CV% |
|---------|----|-------|-----|
| WP1     | 12 | 0.334 | 8.6 |
| WP1.WP2 | 36 | 0.267 | 6.9 |

GRAIN MEAN DM% 74.6

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341

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## WINTER WHEAT SERIES II

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

## \*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| PK SUB   | ---  | --S  | PKS  | MEAN |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| N PATH   |      |      |      |      |
| 75 ENHD  | 5.83 | 6.02 | 6.16 | 6.00 |
| 150 ENHD | 7.17 | 7.04 | 7.11 | 7.11 |
| 225 ENHD | 6.86 | 7.53 | 6.94 | 7.11 |
| 150 STND | 6.74 | 6.93 | 6.96 | 6.88 |
| MEAN     | 6.65 | 6.88 | 6.79 | 6.77 |

| DRILL    | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|----------|--------|----------|------|
| N PATH   |        |          |      |
| 75 ENHD  | 6.26   | 5.49     | 6.00 |
| 150 ENHD | 7.50   | 6.31     | 7.11 |
| 225 ENHD | 7.63   | 6.06     | 7.11 |
| 150 STND | 7.26   | 6.12     | 6.88 |
| MEAN     | 7.16   | 5.99     | 6.77 |

| DRILL  | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|--------|--------|----------|------|
| PK SUB |        |          |      |
| ---    | 6.97   | 6.00     | 6.65 |
| --S    | 7.21   | 6.22     | 6.88 |
| PKS    | 7.31   | 5.75     | 6.79 |
| MEAN   | 7.16   | 5.99     | 6.77 |

| N PATH | 75 ENHD | 150 ENHD | 225 ENHD | 150 STND | MEAN |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| EXTRA  |         |          |          |          |      |
| TPK D  | 6.32    | 7.59     | 6.68     | 7.15     | 6.94 |
| TPK C  | 5.36    | 5.89     | 6.13     | 5.99     | 5.84 |
| MEAN   | 5.84    | 6.74     | 6.41     | 6.57     | 6.39 |

| PK SUB   | ---    |          | --S    |          | PKS    |          |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| DRILL    | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL |
| N PATH   |        |          |        |          |        |          |
| 75 ENHD  | 6.05   | 5.38     | 6.32   | 5.42     | 6.41   | 5.65     |
| 150 ENHD | 7.51   | 6.49     | 7.30   | 6.51     | 7.70   | 5.93     |
| 225 ENHD | 7.27   | 6.02     | 7.99   | 6.59     | 7.62   | 5.57     |
| 150 STND | 7.05   | 6.13     | 7.21   | 6.36     | 7.51   | 5.87     |

GRAND MEAN 6.73

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WINTER WHEAT SERIES II

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

\*\*\*\*\* STANDARD ERRORS OF DIFFERENCES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| TABLE | EXTRA            | PK SUB          | DRILL            | N PATH*<br>PK SUB          |         |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| SED   | 0.188            | 0.077           | 0.066            | 0.182                      |         |
| TABLE | N PATH*<br>DRILL | PK SUB<br>DRILL | N PATH*<br>EXTRA | N PATH*<br>PK SUB<br>DRILL |         |
| SED   | 0.182            | 0.133           |                  | 0.315                      | MIN REP |
|       | 0.157            | 0.115           | 0.574            | 0.272                      | MAX-MIN |
|       | 0.128            | 0.094           |                  | 0.222                      | MAX REP |

\*\*\*\*\* STRATUM STANDARD ERRORS AND COEFFICIENTS OF VARIATION \*\*\*\*\*

| STRATUM | DF | SE    | CV% |
|---------|----|-------|-----|
| WP1     | 12 | 0.133 | 2.0 |
| WP1.WP2 | 36 | 0.329 | 4.9 |

GRAIN MEAN DM% 83.0

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341

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WINTER BARLEY SERIES III

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

\*\*\*\*\* TABLES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| PK SUB   | ---  | --S  | PKS  | MEAN |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| N PATH   |      |      |      |      |
| 75 ENHD  | 5.65 | 6.29 | 7.30 | 6.42 |
| 150 ENHD | 7.23 | 7.31 | 7.37 | 7.30 |
| 225 ENHD | 7.60 | 7.78 | 7.76 | 7.71 |
| 150 STND | 6.95 | 6.93 | 7.21 | 7.03 |
| MEAN     | 6.86 | 7.08 | 7.41 | 7.12 |

| DRILL    | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|----------|--------|----------|------|
| N PATH   |        |          |      |
| 75 ENHD  | 6.58   | 6.09     | 6.42 |
| 150 ENHD | 7.59   | 6.72     | 7.30 |
| 225 ENHD | 7.93   | 7.28     | 7.71 |
| 150 STND | 7.21   | 6.68     | 7.03 |
| MEAN     | 7.33   | 6.70     | 7.12 |

| DRILL  | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | MEAN |
|--------|--------|----------|------|
| PK SUB |        |          |      |
| ---    | 7.16   | 6.26     | 6.86 |
| --S    | 7.37   | 6.50     | 7.08 |
| PKS    | 7.45   | 7.33     | 7.41 |
| MEAN   | 7.33   | 6.70     | 7.12 |

| N PATH | 75 ENHD | 150 ENHD | 225 ENHD | 150 STND | MEAN |
|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|------|
| EXTRA  |         |          |          |          |      |
| TPK D  | 6.49    | 7.64     | 7.93     | 6.99     | 7.26 |
| TPK C  | 6.89    | 6.67     | 7.56     | 6.32     | 6.86 |
| MEAN   | 6.69    | 7.15     | 7.74     | 6.66     | 7.06 |

| PK SUB   | ---    |          | --S    |          | PKS    |          |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| DRILL    | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL | DIRECT | CNVNTIAL |
| N PATH   |        |          |        |          |        |          |
| 75 ENHD  | 6.00   | 4.95     | 6.56   | 5.75     | 7.16   | 7.58     |
| 150 ENHD | 7.69   | 6.32     | 7.62   | 6.68     | 7.46   | 7.17     |
| 225 ENHD | 7.95   | 6.90     | 8.11   | 7.12     | 7.73   | 7.82     |
| 150 STND | 7.00   | 6.86     | 7.17   | 6.45     | 7.45   | 6.75     |

GRAND MEAN 7.11

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WINTER BARLEY SERIES III

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

\*\*\*\*\* STANDARD ERRORS OF DIFFERENCES OF MEANS \*\*\*\*\*

| TABLE | EXTRA            | PK SUB          | DRILL            | N PATH*<br>PK SUB          |
|-------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| SED   | 0.537            | 0.219           | 0.190            | 0.386                      |
| TABLE | N PATH*<br>DRILL | PK SUB<br>DRILL | N PATH*<br>EXTRA | N PATH*<br>PK SUB<br>DRILL |
| SED   | 0.386            | 0.380           |                  | 0.669                      |
|       | 0.334            | 0.329           | 0.946            | 0.579                      |
|       | 0.273            | 0.268           |                  | 0.473                      |
|       |                  |                 |                  | MIN REP                    |
|       |                  |                 |                  | MAX-MIN                    |
|       |                  |                 |                  | MAX REP                    |

\*\*\*\*\* STRATUM STANDARD ERRORS AND COEFFICIENTS OF VARIATION \*\*\*\*\*

| STRATUM | DF | SE    | CV% |
|---------|----|-------|-----|
| WP1     | 12 | 0.380 | 5.3 |
| WP1.WP2 | 36 | 0.635 | 8.9 |

GRAIN MEAN DM% 85.2

SUB PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00341