

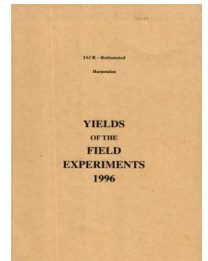
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LONG-TERM STRAW INCORPORATION

Object: To study the effects of rotational ploughing and time of sowing after the incorporation or burning of straw on soil conditions and pests, diseases, weeds and yield of w. wheat - Rothamsted (R) Great Knott III and Woburn (W) Far Field I.

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The twelfth year, w. wheat.

For previous years see 85-95/R & W/CS/309.

Design: 4 randomised blocks of 12 plots split into 2 sub-plots (R).
2 randomised blocks of 12 plots split into 2 sub-plots (W).

Whole plot dimensions: 9.0 x 28.0 (R).
9.0 x 30.0 (W).

Treatments: All combinations of:-

Whole plots

1. **STRAWCUL** Treatment of straw of previous crop and type of cultivation up to 1994 (before the space) and subsequently (after the space):

BT1 BTTT
BT1T2 CTTT
BP2 BPPP
BT1P2 CPPP
CT1 CTTT
CT1 CPTT
CT1T2 CTPT
CT1T2 CTPP
CP2 CPPP
CP2 CPTT
CT1P2 CTPT
CT1P2 CTPP

Sub-plots

2. **SOW DATE** Date of sowing:

E Early
L Late

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NOTES: (1) The following codes are used:

- B Straw burnt
- C Straw chopped and spread
- T1 Cultivated to 10 cm depth
- T1P2 Cultivated to 10 cm depth, ploughed to 20 cm
- T1T2 Cultivated to 10 cm depth and again to 20 cm
- P2 Ploughed to 20 cm depth

(2) From 1994 T plots were cultivated to 10 cm and P plots were ploughed to 20 cm depth.

(3) In the experimental diary only the code after the space is used. i.e. BTTT, CTTT, BPPP, CPPP, etc.

Experimental diary:

Great Knott III (R):

- 11-Aug-95 : T : STRAWCUL BTTT, BPPP: Straw burnt, ash incorporated with discs.
- 27-Sep-95 : T : STRAWCUL BTTT, CTTT, CPTT, CTPT: Heavy spring-tine cultivated.
- 29-Sep-95 : T : STRAWCUL BPPP, CPPP, CTPP: Ploughed.
- 05-Oct-95 : B : Heavy spring-tine cultivated.
- 06-Oct-95 : T : SOW DATE E: Rotary harrowed, Soissons, dressed Sibutol, drilled at 400 seeds per m².
- 26-Oct-95 : T : SOW DATE L: Rotary harrowed, Soissons, dressed Sibutol, drilled at 400 seeds per m².
- 30-Oct-95 : B : Avadex BW Granular at 22.5 kg.
- 14-Nov-95 : B : Draza at 5.5 kg.
- 07-Mar-96 : B : 34.5% N at 116 kg.
- 15-Apr-96 : B : 34.5% N at 463 kg.
- 25-Apr-96 : B : Ally at 30 g with Cheetah Super at 1.25 l in 200 l.
- 06-Jun-96 : B : Monicle at 1.0 l in 320 l.
- 07-Aug-96 : B : Combine harvested.

Far Field I (W):

- 10-Aug-95 : T : STRAWCUL BTTT, BPPP: Straw burnt, ash incorporated by spring-tine cultivator.
- 13-Sep-95 : T : STRAWCUL BPPP, CPPP, CTPP: Ploughed and rolled.
: T : STRAWCUL BTTT, CTTT, CPTT, CTPT: Heavy spring-tine cultivated twice.
- 02-Oct-95 : B : Harvest at 3.0 l in 300 l.
- 09-Oct-95 : B : Rotary harrowed.
: T : SOW DATE E: Soissons, dressed Sibutol, drilled at 400 seeds per m².
- 31-Oct-95 : T : SOW DATE L: Spring-tine cultivated, Soissons, dressed Sibutol, drilled at 450 seeds per m².
- 13-Nov-95 : B : Trump at 5.5 l in 200 l.
- 08-Mar-96 : B : 34.5% N at 116 kg.
- 25-Apr-96 : B : 34.5% N at 348 kg.
- 30-Apr-96 : B : Halo at 1.5 l in 200 l.
- 06-Jun-96 : B : Halo at 2.0 l in 300 l.
- 08-Aug-96 : B : Combine harvested.

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NOTES: Establishment counts were made in winter. Grass weeds were counted in April (R) and ears of grass weeds were counted in June (W) and July (R). Samples were taken in July to assess root and stem base diseases. At Rothamsted insect pitfall traps were placed in four plots and sampled between April and August.

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GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

***** Tables of means *****

SOW DATE	E	L	Mean
STRAWCUL			
BT1 BT1T	6.33	8.37	7.35
BT1T2 CT1T	6.26	6.91	6.58
BP2 BPPP	8.53	8.50	8.51
BT1P2 CPPP	9.03	8.62	8.82
CT1 CT1T	6.08	5.76	5.92
CT1 CPTT	7.31	7.51	7.41
CT1T2 CTPT	7.94	7.21	7.58
CT1T2 CTTP	9.21	8.91	9.06
CP2 CPPP	8.81	8.30	8.55
CP2 CPTT	7.35	7.70	7.52
CT1P2 CTPT	8.60	7.81	8.21
CT1P2 CTTP	8.84	8.74	8.79
Mean	7.86	7.86	7.86

*** Standard errors of differences of means ***

STRAWCUL	SOW DATE	STRAWCUL SOW DATE
0.404	0.090	0.460
Except when comparing means with the same level(s) of		
STRAWCUL		0.311

***** Stratum standard errors and coefficients of variation *****

Stratum	d.f.	s.e.	cv%
BLOCK.WP	33	0.571	7.3
BLOCK.WP.SP	36	0.440	5.6

GRAIN MEAN DM% 87.8

SUB-PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00644

96/W/CS/309 FAR FIELD I (W)

GRAIN TONNES/HECTARE

***** Tables of means *****

SOW DATE	E	L	Mean
STRAWCUL			
BT1 BTTT	7.79	6.09	6.94
BT1T2 CTTT	7.05	6.43	6.74
BP2 BPPP	8.35	7.28	7.81
BT1P2 CPPP	7.18	5.80	6.49
CT1 CTTT	7.98	7.28	7.63
CT1 CPTT	7.31	7.63	7.47
CT1T2 CTPT	7.54	6.68	7.11
CT1T2 CTTP	8.89	7.62	8.26
CP2 CPPP	7.28	6.43	6.86
CP2 CPTT	7.81	6.51	7.16
CT1P2 CTPT	6.08	5.42	5.75
CT1P2 CTTP	8.02	7.04	7.53
Mean	7.61	6.68	7.15

*** Standard errors of differences of means ***

STRAWCUL	SOW DATE	STRAWCUL SOW DATE
0.557	0.117	0.627
Except when comparing means with the same level(s) of		
STRAWCUL		0.406

***** Stratum standard errors and coefficients of variation *****

Stratum	d.f.	s.e.	cv%
BLOCK.WP	11	0.557	7.8
BLOCK.WP.SP	12	0.406	5.7

GRAIN MEAN DM% 86.9

SUB-PLOT AREA HARVESTED 0.00660