



Rothamsted Long-term Liming Experiment lime and fertilizer treatments 1962-1996

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Description: Contains details of the lime applications, fertilizer treatments and basal fertilizer applied to the Long-term Liming Experiment at Rothamsted, 1962-1996.

- 1) Details of lime application dates and amounts applied, 1962-1996.
- 2) Details of fertilizer treatments (P, K, Mg, Mn and S), application amounts, dates and forms, 1962-1996.
- 3) Details of basal fertilizer (N, K and Mg), application amounts and forms, 1962-1996.

Site: R/CS/10. Sawyers field 1, Rothamsted Experimental Farm, Rothamsted Research, West Common, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ, UK. Latitude 51.8157, Longitude -0.3752

Related Resources:

- Rothamsted long-term liming experiment standard plans, 1962-1996 [10.23637/rcs10-Plans](https://doi.org/10.23637/rcs10-Plans)
- Refer to website for more details: <http://www.era.rothamsted.ac.uk/>

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**Rothamsted Long-term Liming experiment.
Lime application dates and amounts**

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1962-1996**

Rothamsted (Sawyers) total lime applied, 1962-1987: Ground chalk (CaCO₃) tha⁻¹

Harvest Year	1962	1963	1979	1982	1983	1987
Date applied	05/03/1962	04/12/1962 & 01/04/1963	29/11/1978	03-07/12/1981	26/11/1982	13/11/1986
Lime Treatment						
None (0)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Low (L)	5	0	2	2	5	1
Medium (M)	10	0	5	5	3	1.5
High (H)	15	2.5 + 2.5	10	10	10	2.5

Summary of total lime applied, 1962-1987, Ground chalk (CaCO₃) tha⁻¹:

Lime Treatment	Rothamsted	Woburn
0	0	0
L	15	9
M	24.5	25.5
H	52.5	45.5

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Fertilizer treatments

Year	P treatments kgP/ha		Date P, K and Mg applied	K treatment kgK/ha		Mg treatment kgMg/ha	
	0	P		0	K	0	Mg
1962	0	27.5	15/03/1962	0	104		
1963	0	27.5	03/04/1963	0	104		
1964	0	27.5	15/02/1964	0	104		
1965	0	27.5	01/03/1965	0	104		
1966	0	27.5	14/03/1966	0	104		
1967	0	27.5	22/02/1967	0	104		
1968	0	55	04/04/1968	0	156		
1969	0	0	-	0	0		
1970	0	27.5	26/03/1970	0	104		
1971	0	27.5	03/03/1971	0	104		
1972	0	27.5	20/03/1972	0	104		
1973	0	27.5	26/02/1973	0	104		
1974	0	55	24/04/1974	0	156	0	112
1975	0	27.5	11/03/1975	0	105	0	0
1976	0	27.5	24/03/1976	0	105	0	112
1977	0	27.5	29/03/1977	0	105	0	112
1978	0	27.5	19/04/1978	0	105	0	112
1979	0	0	-	0	0		
1980	0	0	-	0	0		

	Divided into 4 P treatments:				Date P applied	Mn treatment Foliar spray		S treatment kgS/ha	
	P0	P1	P2	P3		0	Mn	0	S
1981	0	25	25	75	08/12/1980				
1982 [§]	0	25	0	25	14/04/1982				
1983	0	0	50	50	11/05/1983				
1984	0	0	0	0	-				
1985	0	0	0	0	-				
1986	0	0	0	0	-				
1987	0	0	0	0	-	0	Mn		
1988	0	25	25	75	14/12/1987	0	Mn		
1989	0	0	0	0	-	0	Mn		
1990	0	0	0	0	-	0	Mn		
1991	0	0	0	0	-			0	30
1992	0	0	0	0	-			0	30
1993	0	0	0	0	-			0	30
1994	0	0	0	0	-			0	30
1995	0	0	0	0	-			0	30
1996	0	0	0	0	-			0	30

Phosphorus (P) treatments:

From 1962-1980 two P treatments (0, P)

1962-1978 Applied as superphosphate. Not applied to fallow (1969, 1979, 1980)

1968, 1974 55 kgP/ha to potatoes

From 1981 onwards divided into four P treatments (P0, P1, P2, P3):

1981-83, 1988 Applied as superphosphate

1982[§] Possibly 50kgP/ha. In most Yield Books P1 and P3 shown as 25kgP/ha, on Field Plans shown as 50kgP/ha

Potassium (K) treatment:

1962-1978 Applied potassium chloride

1981 onwards Basal application to all plots in some years

Magnesium (Mg) treatment:

1974, 1976-78 Applied as Epsom salts (1974, 1976-77) and kieserite (magnesium sulphate) (1978)

1981 onwards Basal application to all plots in some years

Manganese (Mn) treatment:

1987-1990 Applied liquid foliar fertilizer at fourth leaf stage and before flowering. Amounts vary

Sulphur (S) treatment:

1991-1996 Applied as calcium sulphate

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Basal Fertilizer
(applied to all plots, not a treatment factor)

Year	Fertilizer N			
	kgN/ha	Type	Potassium	Magnesium
	Rothamsted	Rothamsted	kgK/ha	kgMg/ha
1962	0			
1963	0			
1964	32	Nitrochalk		
1965	63	Nitrochalk		
1966	63	Nitrochalk		
1967	94	Nitrochalk		
1968	188	Nitrochalk		
1969	0			
1970	94	Nitrochalk		
1971	94	Nitrochalk		
1972	90	Nitrochalk		
1973	90	Nitrochalk		
1974	190	Nitrochalk		
1975	80	Nitrochalk		
1976	170	Nitrochalk		
1977	80	Nitrochalk		
1978	80	Nitrochalk		
1979	0			
1980	0			
1981	80	Nitrochalk	120	100
1982	80	Nitrochalk	120	40
1983	250	Nitrochalk	210	40
1984	0		0	0
1985	113	Compound	72	0
1986	170	Nitram	0	0
1987	0		0	0
1988	86	Nitram	80	41
1989	0		0	0
1990	0		0	0
1991	271	Compound & Nitram	32	26
1992	126	Compound & Nitram	32	26
1993	0		0	0
1994	0		0	0
1995	150	Nitram	0	0
1996	200	Nitram	0	0

Nitrogen (N) fertilizers:

Nitrochalk = calcium ammonium nitrate

Nitram = ammonium nitrate

Compound = 25:0:16 compound fertilizer (% N:P:K)

Potassium (K) fertilizer

1981 onwards, as potassium chloride or compound (1985, 1991, 1992)

Magnesium (Mg) fertilizer:

1981 onwards, as magnesium sulphate or liquid chelated magnesium (1991, 1992)

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