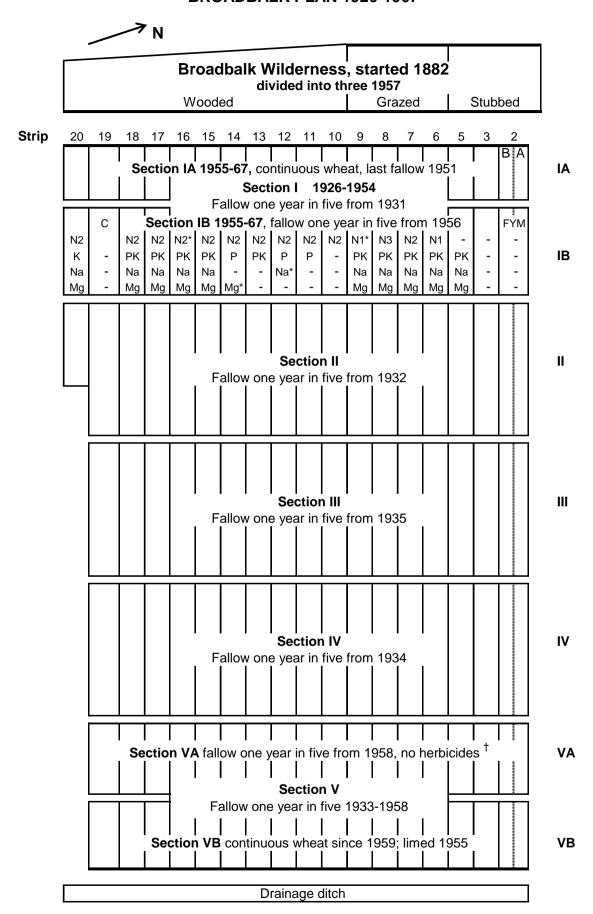
# **BROADBALK PLAN 1926-1967**



# Fertilizer, organic manure and herbicide treatments 1926-1967

## Strip Treatments applied each year (since 1852 unless shown otherwise)

- 2A FYM since 1885
- 2B FYM
- 3 No fertilizer or manure
- 5 PKNaMg
- 6 N1 PKNaMg
- 7 N2 PKNaMg
- 8 N3 PKNaMa
- 9 N1\* PKNaMg since 1894; 9A and 9B received different treatments 1852-93
- 10 N2
- 11 N2 P
- 12 N2 P Na\*
- 13 N2 PK
- 14 N2 P Mg\*
- 15 N2 PKNaMg (timing of N application different to other plots, see below)
- 16 N4 PKNaMg 1852-64; unmanured 1865-83; N2\*PKNaMg since 1884

Plots 17 and 18 treatments alternate each year:

- 17 N2 applied in even years; PKNaMg applied in odd years
- 18 N2 applied in odd years: PKNaMg applied in even years
- 19 Rape cake and N1.5 P 1852-78: rape cake 1879-1940; castor bean meal since 1941
- 20 N2 KNaMg since 1906, previously no manure or fertilizer

### Annual treatment per hectare:

FYM: Farmyard manure at 35t

C: Rape cake 1926-1940, supplying approx. 96kgN (N2).

Castor bean meal 1941-1967, supplying approx. 96 kgN (N2)

- P: 35 kgP as superphosphate
- K: 90 kgK as potassium sulphate
- Na: 16 kgNa as sodium sulphate
- Na\* 57 kgNa as sodium sulphate
- Mg: 11 kgMg as magnesium sulphate
- Mg\* 31 kgMg as magnesium sulphate

# Nitrogen: Annual treatment per hectare

- N1: 48 kgN as ammonium sulphate
- N1.5 72 kgN as ammonium sulphate
- N2: 96 kgN as ammonium sulphate
- N3: 144 kgN as ammonium sulphate
- N4: 192 kgN as ammonuim sulphate
- N1\*: 48 kgN as sodium nitrate
- N2\*: 96 kgN as sodium nitrate

### Timing of Nitrogen applications:

Ammonium sulphate:

- 1852-72 All applied in autumn
- 1873-77 All applied in autumn, except plot 15 in spring
- 1878-83 All applied in spring, except plot 15 in autumn

1884-1967 24 kgN applied in autumn, remainder in spring (except plot 15 all in autumn)

Sodium nitrate:

1867-1967 All applied in spring, as one application 1867-98, as two equal

amounts since 1899, applied from six days to six weeks apart

# <sup>†</sup>Herbicides applied:

Section 1A 1957 onwards; Section VB 1963 onwards; all other sections except VA have received herbicides since 1964

#### Lime:

Section VB received a single application of lime in autumn 1954.

Lime has been applied intermittently since the 1950s as required.

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